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**TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA
AUGUST 4, 2025
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. IN WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
AT 3031 TORRANCE BOULEVARD**

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM
LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commissioners: Endo-Roberts, Gibson, Nichols, Schwartz, Suruki, Vice-Chair Thoma, Chair Sharma.

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. REPORT OF THE STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on Thursday, July 31, 2025.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited up to a 15-minute period)

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for comment on items on the Consent Calendar or not on the agenda. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Commission cannot act on items raised during public comment, but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. **No longer than 1 minute per speaker.** If presenting handout material to Commission, please provide 10 copies to staff before speaking.*

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. Approve Commission Minutes: June 2, 2025

6B. Accept and File the FY2024-2025 Traffic Commission Annual Report

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. Appointments of Traffic Commission Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

7B. Potential Relinquishment of Hawthorne Blvd (SR-107) to the City of Torrance

8. COMMISSION AND STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of Traffic Commission Meeting to Monday, October 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Traffic Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2025, in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room, 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Endo-Roberts, Schwartz, Suruki, Nichols,
Vice-Chair Thoma and Chair Sharma

Absent: Commissioner Gibson

Also Present: Engineering Manager Helen Shi
Deputy Public Works Director Shin Furukawa,
Torrance Police Sergeant Koenig

MOTION: Commissioner Endo-Roberts moved to excuse Commissioner Gibson's absence from today's meeting. Commissioner Suruki seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Gibson absent).

MOTION: Chair Sharma moved to excuse Commissioner Schwartz's absence from the meeting of May 5, 2025. Commissioner Suruki seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval (Commissioner Gibson absent and Commissioners Endo-Roberts and Schwartz abstained).

2. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Nichols.

3. REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Engineering Manager Shi reported that the agenda for the Traffic Commission was posted on the Public Notice Board and on the City's website on Wednesday, May 28, 2025.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

None.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2025

MOTION: Vice Chair Thoma moved to approve the meeting minutes May 5, 2025. Commissioner Nichols seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval (Commissioner Gibson absent and Commissioners Endo-Roberts and Schwartz abstained).

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. HAWTHORNE BLVD RIGHT-TURN LANES AT LOMITA BOULEVARD AND 182ND STREET, T-196

Engineering Manager Shi provided a report regarding the proposed Hawthorne Boulevard Right-Turn Lanes at Lomita Boulevard and 182nd Street, T-196.

Over the years, the City has conducted several traffic studies to find ways to reduce congestion on Hawthorne Blvd. The studies showed that significant delays happen at Lomita Boulevard and at 182nd Street. One key recommendation was to add right-turn lanes at these intersections to help traffic flow more smoothly.

To support this improvement, the City applied for and received \$1 million in Measure M grant funding. This funding will go toward building dedicated right-turn lanes at the identified intersections.

In addition, to the new turn lanes, the project will include important upgrades such as rebuilding sidewalks and improving traffic signals to keep everything running safely and efficiently.

8. COMMISSION AND STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the Commission and staff spoke.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 07:57 p.m., Commissioner Suruki adjourned the meeting to Monday, August 4, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room, 3031 Torrance Boulevard. Chair Sharma seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Gibson absent).

Traffic Commission Meeting
August 4, 2025

Agenda Item No. 6b

TO: Traffic Commission
FROM: Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Accept and File the FY2024-2025 Traffic Commission Annual Report

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director recommends that the Traffic Commission accept and file the Traffic Commission Annual Report for fiscal year 2024-25, and request staff present it to the City Council.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS


The Traffic Commission functions as an advisory body to the City Council for issues pertaining to traffic engineering and conditions throughout the City. Traffic Engineering includes items related to vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, traffic signals, signs, colored curb markings, pavement markings and striping, and on-street parking for all City streets. Traffic Commission meetings are held on the first Monday of the month, excluding holidays, and a total of 8 meetings were held during fiscal year 2024-25.

Section 13.10.7(d) of the Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) states that "The Commission shall make an annual report to the City Council of its activities for the previous year and shall make such other reports as it shall deem necessary or proper."

The Traffic Commission Annual Report for July 2024 through June 2025 (Attachment 1) summarizes the activities of the Commission during fiscal year 2024-25. The annual report will be provided to the City Council in September 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

By 
Shin Furukawa
Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer

Attachment 1: Traffic Commission Annual Report

CITY OF TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FY 2024-25

Purpose of the Commission

The Traffic Commission is a seven-member advisory body to the Torrance City Council. The Commission makes recommendations regarding street and traffic improvements and means of improving traffic conditions, operations, and safety.

The Traffic Commission is regularly scheduled to meet on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. All meetings are open to the public. The meetings are held in the West Annex. City staff in attendance generally include Helen Shi, Public Works Engineering Manager; Shin Furukawa, Deputy Public Works Director/ City Engineer; David Koenig, Torrance Police Sergeant; and John Newman, Police Services Supervisor.

Membership of the Commission

The following Commission members served on the Traffic Commission between July 2024 to June 2025:

MEMBER	OFFICE	APPOINTMENT OR REAPPOINTMENT
Arohi Sharma	Chair	2022
Lucas Thoma	Vice Chair	2022
Kathryn Endo-Roberts	Member	2023
Michael Gibson	Member	2021
Schwartz Isabel	Member	2024
William Nichols	Member	2024
Ginny Suruki	Member	2023

Meetings

In FY2024-25, the Traffic Commission met on the following dates:

August 5, 2024	October 7, 2024	November 4, 2024	December 2, 2024
February 3, 2025	March 3, 2025	May 5, 2025	June 2, 2025

Summary of Annual Activities

The major topics discussed by the Traffic Commission were as follows:

Discussion of Potential Dissolution of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District

At the August 5, 2024 meeting, staff introduced the potential dissolution of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District. The Commission received public input to better understand the concerns and experiences of affected residents for staff to prepare a future item requesting that the City Council amend Torrance Municipal Code Section 61.6.32 to remove the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District.

At the October 7, 2024 meeting, the discussion continued to gather additional public input. Options presented for consideration included: maintaining the existing boundaries with no changes, modifying the district boundaries, or reducing the size of the district. The Commission did not support modifying the existing district boundaries.

Discussion of Proposed Traffic Calming Measures Adjacent to Edison Elementary School on 182nd Street

At the November 4, 2024 meeting, staff presented observations of traffic conditions along 182nd Street adjacent to Edison Elementary School. The Commission heard public input to gain a better understanding of community concerns. Proposed traffic calming measures included repainting crosswalks with high-visibility markings, replacing faded parking restriction signs, and installing additional turning restriction signs at the school driveways. The Commission supported staff's recommendation to proceed with the traffic calming measures.

Discussion of Proposed Traffic Calming Measures adjacent to Calle Mayor Middle School on Calle Mayor, Mayor Drive, and Juan Avenue

At the December 2, 2024 meeting, staff presented observations of traffic conditions near Calle Mayor Middle School and introduced proposed traffic calming measures. The Commission received public input to better understand the concerns and experiences of affected residents. The Commission supported most traffic calming measures except turning restrictions and parking restrictions along Mayor Drive, and recommended staff present the proposed plan to the school for feedback, including exploring options to extend timeframes and educate parents on existing traffic control measures.

Madrona Avenue Traffic Signal Synchronization Presentation

At the February 3, 2025 meeting, staff presented traffic signal coordination along Madrona Avenue, between Del Amo Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard. A time-space diagram was shared to illustrate the traffic signal timing and coordination between intersections, with the goal of minimizing delays and improving traffic flow by clearing vehicle queues efficiently.

Residential and Arterial Pavement Improvement Program, I-159/I-139

At the March 3, 2025 meeting, staff presented the Residential (I-159) and Arterial (I-139) Pavement Improvement Program. These are separate capital improvement projects aimed at rehabilitating asphalt roadways—Program I-159 focuses on residential streets, while Program I-139 addresses arterial roadways. For cost efficiency and streamlined construction management, the two programs are being combined into a single project package.

Installation of All-Way STOP Signs at Intersection of Maple Avenue and Monterey Street

At the May 5, 2025 meeting, staff presented a proposal for the installation of All-Way STOP signs at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Monterey Street. The Commission heard public input to better understand residents' concerns and experiences, and supported staff's recommendation to proceed with the installation.

Hawthorne Boulevard Right-Turn Lanes at Lomita Boulevard and 182nd Street, T-196

At the June 2, 2025 meeting, staff reported that the City had successfully secured Measure M grant funding for the design of new northbound right-turn lanes on Hawthorne Boulevard at its intersections with Lomita Boulevard and 182nd Street. The project scope includes roadway widening, utility relocations, and the reconstruction of sidewalks, curbs, and gutters. Planned upgrades to the traffic signal infrastructure include new signal heads, poles, mast arms, pedestrian push buttons, detection systems, battery backup systems, and other related components. The project is expected to enter the design phase in Fall 2025.

Traffic Commission Meeting
August 4, 2025

Agenda Item No. 7A

TO: Traffic Commission
FROM: Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Appointments of Traffic Commission Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director recommends that the Traffic Commission:

1. Appoint a Chairperson for the term beginning immediately (August 4, 2025) and ending upon appointment of a Chair at the first meeting of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026; and,
2. Appoint a Vice-Chairperson for the term beginning immediately (August 4, 2025) and ending upon appointment of a Vice-Chairperson at the first meeting of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

BACKGROUND/ ANALYSIS

Below is the Torrance Municipal Code Section governing the appointment of Chair.

Torrance Municipal Code Section 13.9.5 APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIRMAN

At the first meeting of the Commission in every fiscal year, the members shall appoint one (1) of their number as Chairman who shall hold office for one (1) year and until his successor is appointed.

On August 5, 2024, the Traffic Commission appointed Commissioner Sharma as Chairperson and Commissioner Thoma as Vice-Chairperson for the term beginning on August 5, 2024 and ending upon appointment of a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson at the first meeting of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.

It is recommended that the Traffic Commission appoint a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the term beginning immediately (August 4, 2025) and ending upon appointment of a Chair and Vice-Chairperson at the first meeting of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

Provided below are the Commissioner current term dates sorted by last name in alphabetical order:

Commissioner	Current Term
Kathryn Endo-Roberts	07/01/2023 – 06/30/2027
Michael Gibson	07/01/2025 – 06/30/2029
William Nichols	07/01/2024 – 06/30/2028
Isabel Schwartz	07/01/2024 – 06/30/2028
Arohi Sharma	08/09/2022 – 06/30/2026
Ginny Suruki	07/01/2023 – 06/30/2027
Lucas Thoma	08/09/2022 – 06/30/2026

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

By  _____
Shin Furukawa
Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer

Agenda Item No. 7B

TO: Traffic Commission

FROM: Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Potential Relinquishment of Hawthorne Blvd (SR-107) to the City of Torrance

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director recommends that the Traffic Commission receive and file an update on the potential relinquishment of Hawthorne Blvd (SR-107) between Pacific Coast Highway and Redondo Beach Blvd from the State of California to the City of Torrance.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Hawthorne Blvd, from Pacific Coast Highway (Post Mile 0.0) to Redondo Beach Blvd (Post Mile 4.8), is currently a State Route (SR-107) owned by the State of California (Attachment 1). Hawthorne Blvd south of this segment is owned by the City of Torrance, and Hawthorne Blvd north of this segment is owned by the City of Lawndale, following a prior relinquishment process. Both the State of California and the City of Torrance have an interest to relinquish the State-owned segment of Hawthorne Blvd in Torrance to the City.

Relinquishment of Hawthorne Blvd benefits the City by providing local control of the roadway. Key benefits of local control include: full control of permitting for private development and utility projects; the ability to independently coordinate the traffic signals on Hawthorne Blvd with other traffic signals in the City's network; improved responses to maintenance requests; and the ability for the City to make improvements to the corridor. Primary drawbacks for local control would include additional labor, materials, equipment costs and/or contract support costs required for ongoing maintenance.

Assembly Bill 2326, passed in September 2008, granted legislative approval for the potential relinquishment of this corridor to the City of Torrance. In 2014, the corridor was identified as a "high priority" on Caltrans' District Relinquishment Priority List. This designation was reaffirmed in the 2017 District System Management Plan, which recommended the corridor for relinquishment. Subsequently, Caltrans completed a Relinquishment Assessment Report in 2020.

On February 2, 2025, City staff submitted a formal letter to Caltrans requesting the initiation of relinquishment discussions for this segment of Hawthorne Blvd. Included with the letter was a preliminary inventory of damages and deficiencies within the State right-of-way along the corridor.

In order for the City to accept the relinquishment of the roadway, the roadway must be brought to a state of good repair to minimize any operational and liability issues. The City has identified certain existing infrastructure deficiencies that would need to be addressed to bring the corridor to a state of good repair prior to formal relinquishment. These include:


- Replacement and/or upgrading of traffic signal poles
- Replacement of deficient signal and luminaire arms
- Addition of yellow backplates to traffic signal heads for improved visibility
- Repair or replacement of damaged and/or non-ADA compliant sidewalks, curbs, gutters, ramps, and driveways
- Rehabilitation of asphalt pavement including restriping utility access points
- Replacement of outdated or deficient street name and traffic signs
- Upgrade of all signposts to breakaway safety standards
- Replacement of missing or non-compliant curb ramps
- Installation of compliant detectable warning panels for ADA accessibility

Rather than making these improvements, Caltrans local staff has verbally indicated support to provide funding to the City to construct the improvements. The total estimated cost will be determined to address the deficiencies on Hawthorne Blvd, including a 15% contingency, 15% for engineering design and 15% for construction management and inspection.

City staff will continue working with Caltrans to advance relinquishment discussions and evaluate terms and responsibilities associated with the transfer. Once a cost is negotiated, there are reports and agreements that must be prepared before the matter is taken to the California Transportation Commission for formal vote. The entire process from this point forward is estimated to take approximately 36 months. The City Council will be the final decision-making Body for this matter and will provide formal direction to staff at each critical decision point.

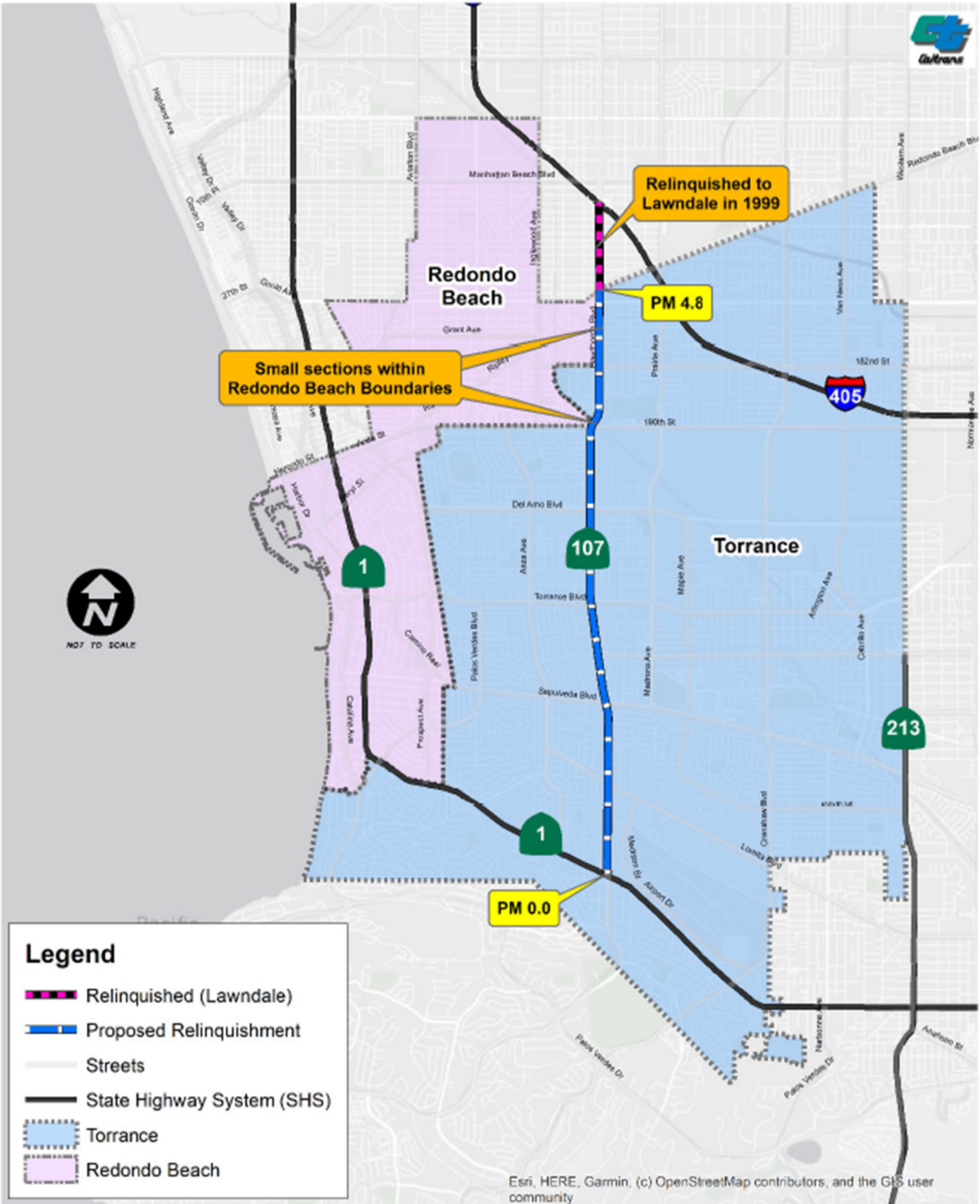
Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

By  _____
Shin Furukawa
Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer

Attachment 1: Hawthorne Blvd (SR-107) Relinquishment Exhibit

Attachment 1: Limit of Hawthorne Blvd (SR-107) Relinquishment Map



Source: Esri

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