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# LA MESA TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY COMMISSION

## AGENDA

A Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, March 4, 2020**

**9:00 a.m.**

**City Council Chambers**

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## **AGENDA**

**March 4, 2020**

**9:00 A.M.**

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

**INVOCATION – COMMISSIONER JUSTICE**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- 1. TRAFFIC ACTION ITEMS SINCE PREVIOUS TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY COMMISSION MEETING (ATTACHMENT)**
- 2. TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE (ATTACHMENT)**
- 3. DISABLED PERSONS PARKING POLICY (ATTACHMENT)**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)**

#### **NEW BUSINESS (ACTION)**

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 5, 2020 TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY COMMISSION MEETING (ATTACHMENT)**

#### **COMMISSION INITIATED ITEMS**

#### **STAFF COMMENTS**

#### **FUTURE ITEMS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IS APRIL 1, 2020**

**TRAFFIC WORK ORDER LOG 2019-2020**

Approved or completed since last Traffic Commission Meeting, February 5, 2020

| WORK ORDER | PROJECT ACTION/DESCRIPTION | LOCATION                        |
|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 20-01      | Striping & Signage         | Jackson Dr. and Grossmont Blvd. |

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| <b>Traffic Calming Status: Update 02/26/2020</b> |
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| <b>Street</b> | <b>Status</b>                     | <b>Neighborhood Meeting Date/Status</b> | <b>Conceptual Design Date</b> | <b>Final Design Date</b> | <b>Neighborhood Design Notification and Survey</b> |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Howell Dr     | Phase III Construction            | Completed                               | 04/18/2018                    | 07/18/2018               | July 18th Meeting                                  |
| Stanford Ave  | Phase III Construction            | Completed                               | 07/05/2018                    | 09/13/2018               | Sept 13th Meeting                                  |
| Olive Ave     | Phase II Design                   | Ballots due 3/31/2020                   | 09/19/2019                    | 12/12/2019               | Dec 11th Meeting                                   |
| El Paso St    | Phase II Design                   | In Conceptual Design                    |                               |                          |  |
| Lois St       | Phase I Design and Implementation | Completed                               | 09/19/2019                    | 10/30/2019               | N/A  |
| Severin Dr    | Phase I Design and Implementation | Completed                               | 09/19/2019                    | 10/30/2019               | N/A  |




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**STAFF REPORT**

REPORT to the LA MESA TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY COMMISSION  
From DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/CITY ENGINEER

DATE: February 28, 2020

SUBJECT: Informational Item No. 3, Disabled Persons Parking Policy, of the March 4, 2020 Traffic and Mobility Commission Agenda

ISSUING DEPT: Public Works

BACKGROUND:

Since 2003, the City of La Mesa has maintained a policy regarding the designation of disabled parking stalls on public streets, entitled "Guidelines for Designation of Disabled Persons Parking Spaces within the Public Right of Way for Residential Uses". In May 2018, a new "Handicapped/Disabled Parking (Blue Zones)" parking policy was issued by the Director of Public Works as part of a larger overall on-street parking policy.

This revised Director's policy will update and merge the previous disabled parking policies to clarify the criteria for granting on-street disabled parking requests, and to expedite the decision-making and administration processes for on-street disabled parking in residential areas.

This updated policy below will supersede the previous "Guidelines for Designation of Disabled Persons Parking Spaces within the Public Right of Way for Residential Uses" dated April 8, 2003 and the "Handicapped/Disabled Parking (Blue Zones)" portion of the parking policy dated May 16, 2018.

**POLICY FOR DESIGNATION OF DISABLED PERSONS PARKING SPACES WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR RESIDENTIAL USES**

The purpose of a disabled persons parking zone is to provide designated parking spaces in residential areas for the exclusive use of physically disabled persons whose vehicle displays a distinguishing license plate or placard, as authorized by the California Department of Motor Vehicles. **All on-street parking is considered public parking and it is not the intention of the City to provide personal reserved parking within the public right-of-way.**

The City Council may, upon recommendation of the Traffic and Mobility Commission, designate an on-street parking space(s) for disabled persons on residential streets if adequate off-street parking is not available and cannot be made available. Designation

of each on-street disabled parking stall requires an amendment to Section 12.44.130 of the La Mesa Municipal Code, which in turn requires City Council approval. Similarly, City Council approval is also required to remove designated on-street disabled parking stalls when no longer needed or appropriate. If granted, on-street disabled parking stalls may not be applied towards any onsite parking requirements, disabled or otherwise, that may be required by development conditions or regulations.

### General Requirements

- a. Each disabled persons parking space shall be indicated by blue paint and a sign and/or logo (white on blue) showing the International Symbol of Accessibility (ISA).
- b. Where installed under the above criteria the total number of disabled persons curb parking spaces will be limited to 3% of the total number of on-street parking spaces available in the immediate area and shall be distributed uniformly within the area.
- c. Disabled persons parking will not be installed at locations with a full-time parking prohibition (i.e. red curb or "No Parking" signs).
- d. When a disabled persons parking space is installed where a part-time parking prohibition is in effect, the disabled persons parking space will be exempt from any time restriction per Section 22511.5 "Disabled Persons Exemption" and Section 9105 "Disabled or Blind Veterans" of the California Vehicle Code.
- e. The cost of installing and maintaining disabled persons parking will be borne by the City on public streets and public off-street parking facilities.
- f. Typically the City will install only the pavement/curb markings and a disabled parking sign. The City will not normally be installing a parallel access aisle or curb ramp in accordance with Section R309.2.2 of the *Proposed Accessibility Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right of Way* dated July 26, 2011 and as published by the United States Access Board. The parallel access aisle and curb ramp are required only when the public parkway adjacent to the stall is a minimum of 14 feet wide.
- g. In establishing on-street parking facilities for the disabled there shall be a reasonable determination made that the need is of an on-going nature. The intent is to prevent the proliferation of restricted parking stalls that may be installed for short-term purposes but later are seldom used. Unjustified installation of such parking stalls unnecessarily increases the City's maintenance and operations costs, reduces available on-street parking for the general public, and detracts from the overall effectiveness of the disabled person parking program.

### On-Street Disabled Parking Criteria

All on-street parking is considered public parking. It is not the intention of the City to provide personal reserved parking within the public right-of-way, particularly in residential areas where there may be a high demand for on-street parking at certain

times of day. However, exceptions may be made in special hardship cases provided all of the following conditions exist:

- a. Applicant (or guardian) must be in possession of a valid license plate or placard for disabled persons or disabled veterans issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles
- b. The proposed disabled parking space must be located within or adjacent to the frontage of the disabled person's place of residence, and should meet basic accessible parking requirements (dimensions, slope, etc.). On-street disabled parking stalls within commercial or industrial zones will not be permitted under this policy.
- c. The subject residence must ***not*** have useable off-street parking available that could serve as onsite disabled parking. Generally, two onsite parking stalls that meet basic accessibility requirements for size, slope and unloading access will be consider as available to meet the need for disabled parking, without an additional on-street disabled parking stall. Paved onsite private parking stalls meeting the basic accessibility requirements but used to accommodate storage, recreational vehicles, trailers, non-running vehicles, collector vehicles and other uses will be considered as available to provide onsite disabled parking.
- d. Applicant (or guardian) must submit an application to the Director of Public Works/City Engineer including verification of the need. The Director of Public Works/City Engineer is authorized to remove these signs and curb markings when they are no longer valid according to the terms of the on-street disabled parking policy.
- e. New on-street disabled parking stalls will require the submittal of an application, a staff level technical review, recommendation for approval by the City's Traffic and Mobility Commission and approval by the City Council, in accordance with the La Mesa Municipal Code.
- f. Public notice of the proposed action by Traffic and Mobility Commission or City Council will be by placement of an informational sign at the location of proposed disabled parking stall a minimum of one week prior to the public hearing, and posting of the agenda for the hearing on the City's website. The informational sign will display the proposed action, date of the hearing and a contact telephone number.

#### CONCLUSION:

The Director of Public Works/City Engineer is submitting this revised on-street disabled parking policy for review by the Traffic and Mobility Commission and is requesting their concurrence.

Respectfully submitted by:



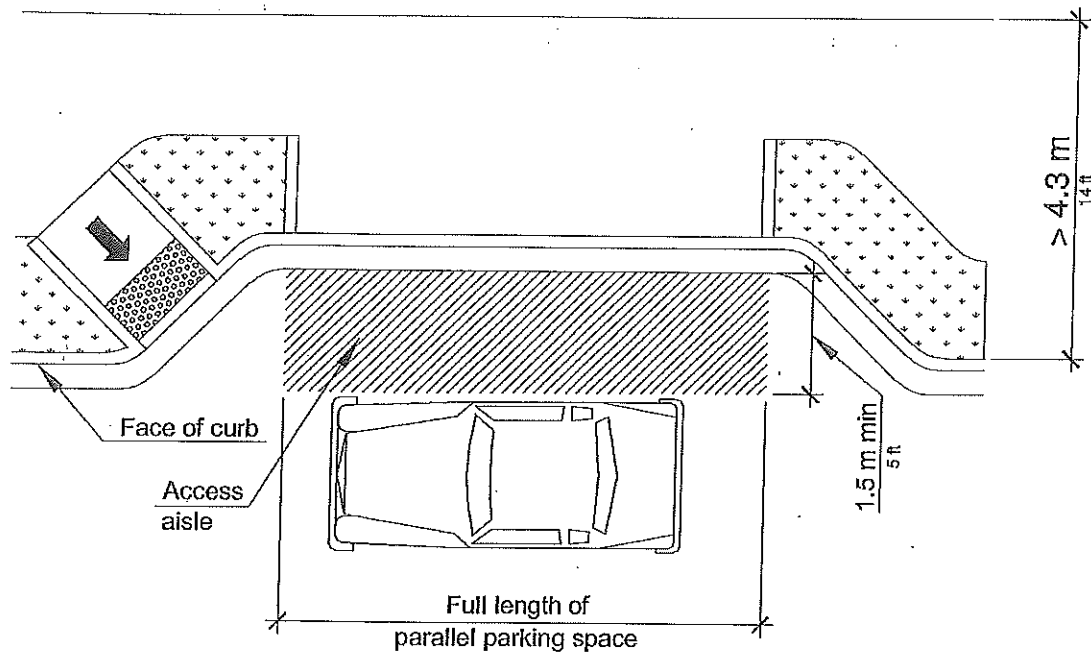
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Attachments: A. Excerpt from *Proposed Accessibility Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right of Way* dated July 26, 2011 published by the United States Access Board.





**Figure R309.2.1**  
**Wide Sidewalks**

**R309.2.1.1 Alterations.** In alterations where the street or sidewalk adjacent to the parking spaces is not altered, an access aisle shall not be required provided the parking spaces are located at the end of the block face.

**R309.2.2 Narrow Sidewalks.** An access aisle is not required where the width of the adjacent sidewalk or the available right-of-way is less than or equal to 4.3 m (14.0 ft). When an access aisle is not provided, the parking spaces shall be located at the end of the block face.

**Advisory R309.2.2 Narrow Sidewalks.** Vehicle lifts or ramps can be deployed on a 2.4 m (8.0 ft) sidewalk if there are no obstructions.

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa Traffic and Mobility Commission  
 Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.  
 City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

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The Agenda for this meeting was posted on January 31, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL: TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

PRESENT: Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioner Paden

ABSENT: Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Ortega

STAFF: Director of Public Works/City Engineer Leon Firsh, Engineering Project Manager Phil Kern, Associate Engineer Michael Kinnard, Administrative Office Assistant Carla Farr

**INVOCATION** – COMMISSIONER PADEN

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Accessibility handout

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**1. TRAFFIC ACTION ITEMS SINCE PREVIOUS TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY COMMISSION MEETING**

Mr. Kinnard reported on the items on the Traffic Work Order Log that were approved since the December 4, 2019, Traffic and Mobility Commission meeting. (See Agenda Attachment – Traffic Work Order Log 2019-2020). Commission comments and questions followed regarding the items.

**2. TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE**

Mr. Kinnard gave an update on the status of traffic calming as of January 29, 2020. (See Agenda Attachment – Traffic Calming Status: Update 01-29-2020).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

Dorcas Hermsmeier, 4827 Beaumont Drive

Mrs. Hermsmeier expressed her desire for the City to remove speed humps as a Phase 3 traffic calming option, and add speed cushions or 3D speed bumps as an alternate option. She would also like the percentage of houses needed to approve traffic calming to be increased.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS (ACTION)**

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 4, 2019 TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**ACTION:** Chair Calandra moved to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2019 Traffic and Mobility Commission meeting, adding the clarification of the two speed survey reports. Vice Chair Krulikowski seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

**AYES:** Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioner Paden

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Ortega, Commissioner Justice

### **4. Work Plan 2020**

Mr. Firsht proposed the following for the 2020 Work Plan:

- i. Adjust the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program schedule to go before the City Council in approximately July, to align better with a fiscal year, not a calendar year.
- ii. Update Vision Zero policy. Will then go before the Commission for review.
- iii. Update Municipal Code to reflect approved Council change from Traffic Commission to Traffic and Mobility Commission in approximately May.
- iv. Solicit applications for Traffic and Mobility Commission vacancies for a maximum of 7 Commissioners once the Municipal Code is updated.
- v. Staff to provide traffic policies to the Commission approximately every other meeting for review as education.

Vice Chair Krulikowski commented on Goal No. 6, of the Work Plan, "Solicit application for Traffic and Mobility Commission vacancies"; reiterating the Commission's desire to expand to no more than 7 members, and worry that required experience could limit applicants. Chair Calandra reminded the Commission that the City Council voted that the experience be "desired," and not "required."

Chair Calandra asked how the Commission will address Goal No. 4 of the Work Plan, "Vision Zero policy development and monitoring"; Milestone b.

“Recommendations of Capital Improvements Projects based on budget,” as it has not been done previously. Mr. Firshst responded that staff would not ask for recommendations on applying for grants, but that staff would provide progress updates on grant applications.

**ACTION:** Vice Chair Krulikowski moved to approve the 2020 Work Plan for the Traffic and Mobility Commission. Commissioner Paden seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**AYES:** Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioner Paden

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Ortega, Commissioner Justice

### **COMMISSION INITIATED ITEMS**

Vice Chair Krulikowski provided a handout on access and ability, highlighting two accessibility products he thought the Commission might find interesting. He stated that the Traffic and Mobility Commission has a duty to provide facilities, such as wheelchair ramps, which he has designed in the past. Vice Chair Krulikowski reiterated the importance of providing accessible facilities in the public right-of-way, and how that ties into some of the devices that are being offered today. He also informed the Commission and staff about an upcoming Institute of Transportation Engineers VMT meeting in El Cajon.

### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Staff shared an upcoming educational webinar opportunity on roundabout design which up to two Commissioners were invited to attend. A follow-up email will be sent to the Commission.

### **FUTURE ITEMS**

Mr. Firshst let the Commission know that staff would bring an updated Blue Curb evaluation process and at least two of six current applications to the next meeting. He also let the Commission know that staff was asked to redo the Jackson Drive speed survey which was previously approved by the Commission.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IS MARCH 4, 2020.**

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.