

MINUTES

GARDEN GROVE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

July 07, 2026

A Regular Meeting of Traffic Commission of Garden Grove was called to order in the Council Chambers at the Community Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, on Tuesday, July 07, 2026

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: (7) Commissioners: Cepeda, Flatebo, Blackmun, Zhou, Sanders, Morales, and Webb
ABSENT: (0)

ALSO PRESENT: Executive Secretary, Juan Navarro, Associate Engineer, Jose Castellanos and Valeria Orozco, Recording Secretary

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A resident voiced concerns regarding a red curb notice he received on July 6, 2026. The resident stated that the notice outlined the installation of a red curb in front of his home. He expressed concern that he would not be able to park in front of his house if the red curb is installed. He also stated that there is a lot of speeding near the intersection and suggested that a stop sign would be better suited for this area.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to receive and file the minutes of March 03, 2026
Commissioners:

Commissioner -Blackmun	AYE
Commissioner -Cepeda	AYE
Commissioner -Flatebo	AYE
Commissioner -Morales	AYE
Commissioner -Sanders	AYE
Commissioner -Webb	AYE
Commissioner -Zhou	AYE

ACTION

APPROVED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Associate Engineer Jose Castellanos presented a staff report to the commissioners on a request to modify lane striping on northbound Gilbert Street between Chapman Avenue and Walmart. Mr. Castellanos explained that the City received multiple requests from a resident regarding the existing lane striping on northbound Gilbert Street approaching the signal at Gilbert Street and Walmart. He clarified the strategies that Traffic Engineering staff used to review the citizen's request. Staff reviewed the existing roadway geometry, traffic volumes, collision history, field

conditions, and operational characteristics of the corridor. Based on the evaluation, staff found no operational or safety deficiencies that would justify modifying the existing lane striping. Traffic engineering staff recommended that the Traffic Commission deny the request to modify the existing lane striping, find that the existing lane configuration accommodates current traffic volumes and that the northbound right-turn movement does not warrant a dedicated right-turn lane, and recognize that concerns regarding speeding and exhibition of speed are enforcement matters.

Commissioner Morales asked whether staff were able to determine if there is speeding along Gilbert Street. Mr. Castellanos explained that staff have been communicating with the Police Department to conduct speed studies in the affected area. Commissioner Cepeda stated that he often drives through the area and expressed concern that if modifications are made to the existing lane striping, the flow of traffic would be negatively impacted. Commissioner Webb expressed concern that removing the existing lanes would affect traffic south of Chapman Avenue. The commissioners agreed that modifying the lanes would create more of a problem, as traffic would build up in that area and spill over to Chapman Avenue and Gilbert Street. The commissioners discussed that this request is more of an enforcement issue and that modifying the lanes would not be warranted.

It was moved and seconded to deny Request to Modify Lane Striping – Northbound Gilbert Street between Chapman Avenue and Walmart Street.

Commissioners:

Commissioner -Blackmun	AYE
Commissioner -Cepeda	AYE
Commissioner -Flatebo	AYE
Commissioner -Morales	AYE
Commissioner -Sanders	AYE
Commissioner -Webb	AYE
Commissioner -Zhou	AYE
ACTION	APPROVED

Matters from Commissioners:

Commissioner Blackmun raised concerns regarding commercial vehicles being parked on Catherine Avenue. Executive Secretary Juan Navarro advised the commissioners that this is an enforcement issue and that the City has an ordinance prohibiting oversized vehicles, with signage posted across the City.

Commissioner Blackmun inquired about the recent commercial vehicle inspection and violations checkpoint that occurred in Garden Grove. Commissioner Sander reported that this was a multi-agency operation for commercial vehicle inspections, during which citations were issued and vehicles were impounded.

Commissioner Morales raised concerns regarding a safety issue at West Street and Chapman Avenue, where individuals making a westbound left turn are unable to see oncoming eastbound traffic, causing collisions in the area.

Commissioner Zhou requested that staff look into sight distance at Acacia Parkway and Civic Center Drive. Associate Engineer Jose Castellanos explained that a line-of-sight study was performed at the intersection and found opportunities to improve visibility with red curb installations. He informed the commissioners that letters will be sent out to residents in the next couple of weeks. The commissioners asked staff to take construction projects under advisement as the Olympics are approaching.

Matters from Staff:

Executive Secretary Juan Navarro informed the Commission that staff will be seeking to apply for HSIP Cycle 13 funding. Staff will be exploring different intersections throughout the City. In the last cycle, the City received grants to make improvements at the intersections of Garden Grove Boulevard and Century Boulevard/Nelson Street, and Garden Grove Boulevard and Newland Street. Staff will begin working on the HSIP grant in the near future, as applications open in November. Staff informed the Commission that they applied for an SS4A grant in hopes of receiving funding for roadway safety work. Staff gave an update on the construction at the intersection of Garden Grove Boulevard and Harbor Boulevard, which is estimated to be completed by the end of August. Executive Secretary Navarro also informed the commissioners of an OCTA project to improve bus progression along Harbor Boulevard through signal synchronization.

Executive Secretary Navarro informed the Commission regarding concerns about the intersection of Joyzelle Drive and Laurianne Lane, which explains why residents received red curb installation letters from the City. Staff also received several phone calls from residents who opposed the red curb installation. Staff performed an all-way stop analysis and found that the installation of a stop sign was not warranted. However, staff found line-of-sight issues at the intersection that warranted the installation of red curb. The red curb installation is being placed on hold until staff can prepare a staff report and present it at the next Traffic Commission meeting.

Associate Engineer Jose Castellanos provided an overview of Brookhurst Street optimization efforts with Caltrans. In July 2025, staff received a request from a City Council member and the City Manager to look into signal timing, as Caltrans maintains the intersections near the SR-22 freeway. The City, with the help of Caltrans, was able to redesign the segment to improve traffic congestion, travel times, and queuing. Staff successfully retimed the arterial street from Garden Grove Boulevard to Hazard Avenue. The next target area staff is looking into is Trask Avenue and

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valeria Orozco
Recording Secretary