

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 5th, 2025

1. Call to Order

At 9:04 am.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Recited

3. Roll Call

Present: Chair Villalobos
Commissioner Guthrie
Commissioner Anderson
Commissioner Flores
Commissioner Lum

Excused Absence: Commissioners Ringler
Commissioner Davis-Overstreet

Participants in attendance:

Staff: Elaine Kunitake, Assistant Deputy Director
Laura T. Jacobson, Deputy County Counsel
Kevin Kim, Senior Civil Engineer
Vilong Truong, Senior Civil Engineer

Introductions

Chair Villalobos provided an overview of the Highway Safety Commission's role, responsibilities, and the process for reviewing traffic measures.

The new commissioners (Roger Anderson, Claudia Flores, and Milton Lum) introduced themselves, sharing their backgrounds and experiences.

Chair Villalobos and other existing commissioners shared the background and experiences of themselves and the excused commissioners.

Chair Villalobos informed the commission that there was a proposal to merge the Highway Safety Commission into a Transportation Commission, but the Highway Safety Commission will continue its duties until further notice.

4. Approval of November 6, 2024 Minutes

The November 6, 2024, HSC meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

5. Citizens' Appeals Requests Denied by Public Works

None

6. Report on Business other than Appeals

- Crossing Guard Update

PW provided the following update: PW had recommended three new crossing guard deployments. According to the report, the crossing guards were or would be deployed in February 2025 at the following locations: Colima Road at Greencastle Avenue and Desire Avenue for Alvarado Intermediate School in Rowland Heights (service began on February 3, 2025), Brea Canyon Cut-Off Road at Searls Drive for Ybarra Academy in Rowland Heights (service began on February 3, 2025), and Pacific Boulevard at Olive Avenue for Walnut Park Elementary School in Walnut Park (service will begin on February 17, 2025). The total number of locations with crossing guard service will increase to 238, with a total of 247 crossing guards employed by the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

7. Public Comments on any matter not on the agenda

None

8. Special Orders

None

9. Continuation of Business from Prior Agenda

Guillermo Villalobos summarized two items from the November 6th meeting:

Speed tables for Via Corona (near Arts and Action Charter Elementary School): The commission approved this request despite the usual rejection of speed tables due to fire department response time concerns.

Speed tables in an alleyway (Jill Peebles, appellant): The request was denied due to a drainage channel conflict.

10. New Business

None.

11. Next Meeting date: August 6, 2025

Moment of silence for the 67 souls that lost their lives in the Palisades and the Eaton fires. The Chair would like to dedicate this meeting to those families and the families that have suffered hardship from the fires. In addition to the typical first responders, including the military in this case, the Chair also recognizes the work that Department of Public Works does to assist with the traffic impacts and infrastructure recovery.

12. Adjournment - At 9:40 am