



LA MESA MOBILITY COMMISSION AGENDA

A Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
Location: City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue
La Mesa, California
Commissioners: Chair Mike Calandra
Vice Chair Ed Krulikowski
Commissioner Dinah Justice
Commissioner Kara Koehn
Commissioner Alex Mueller
Commissioner David Nichols
Commissioner Tony Ortega

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 **INVOCATION**
Commissioner Mueller

1.2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Mueller

2. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

3. PRESENTATION

3.1 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT PRESENTATION

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Presented by: Hilary Ego, Environmental Program Manager

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

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5. CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

6. CURRENT BUSINESS

6.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MOBILITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024

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Recommended Motion: Approve

In accordance with the City Clerk's Office, the Mobility Commission Minutes will be entered as action minutes only.

6.2 8115 PASADENA AVE ACCESSIBLE SPACE APPEAL

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Recommended Motion: Approve

6.3 SUPPORT AMENDING CHAPTER 12.64 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO DESIGNATE SPECIFIED STREET SEGMENTS AS SAFETY CORRIDORS IN THE CITY OF LA MESA

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Recommended Motion: Approve

6.4 STANDING DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. CIP, CAP and Vision Zero Related Projects for Future City Council Budget Consideration.
2. Transportation Demand Management and Parking Demand Policies for City Council.

7. STAFF AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on June 5, 2024.


The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Commissioner Nichols.



DATE: May 1, 2024

TO: Mobility Commission

FROM: Hilary Ego, Environmental Sustainability Manager

VIA: Michael Throne, Director of Public Works 
Mike Kinnard, Engineering Project Manager

SUBJECT: Climate Action Plan Progress Report Presentation

Staff will be giving a presentation on Climate Action Plan implementation activities in the categories of energy, transportation and land use, solid waste, water, and green infrastructure.



La Mesa Mobility Commission

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: April 3, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
Location: City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue
La Mesa, California

Present: Chair Calandra
Vice Chair Krulikowski
Commissioner Justice
Commissioner Koehn
Commissioner Mueller
Commissioner Nichols
Commissioner Ortega

Staff: Assistant Director of Public Works Ornelas
Engineering Project Manager Kinnard
Administrative Coordinator Becerra
Administrative Office Assistant Macias

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Calandra called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

1.1 INVOCATION

Commissioner Koehn

1.2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Koehn

2. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

3. PRESENTATION

3.1 LA MESA BIKE AND SIDEWALK CONNECTIONS

Presented by City of La Mesa Consultant, Phil Kern, PE - STC Traffic, Inc.

Mr. Kern presented the La Mesa Bike and Sidewalk Connections; followed by significant questions/comments from the Commission.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

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None

5. CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

None

6. CURRENT BUSINESS

**6.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MOBILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024**

Recommended Motion: Approve

Chair Calandra moved to approve the March 6, 2024 minutes.

Moved by Chair Calandra

Seconded by Vice Chair Krulikowski

Yes (6): Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Mueller, Commissioner Nichols, and Commissioner Ortega

Abstain (1): Commissioner Koehn

Motion Approved (6 to 0)

6.2 STANDING DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. CIP, CAP and Vision Zero Related Projects for Future City Council Budget Consideration.
2. Transportation Demand Management and Parking Demand Policies for City Council.
 - A. List Walkthrough
 - B. Maintenance vs. CIP
 - C. See-Click-Fix Demonstration

- D. Creating Projects
- E. Prioritize and Champion (5 project)
- F. Transportation CIP input meeting – Jan/Feb 2025 (Milestone)
 - Future Training Presentations (Tentative Dates)
 - Grant Opportunities/Funding (Aug)
 - Traffic Signals (Sept)
 - MUTCD – Signs (Oct)

Mr. Kinnard began the STANDING DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS item with a few announcements:

- Item discussion expected to be lengthy, good time for staff members in audience to exit due to time constraints.
- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) discussion will be brought to the Mobility Commission prior to being presented to City Council - January or February 2025.
- CIP training will be provided to the Mobility Commission prior to the CIP Presentation on the following topics:
 - Grant Programs / Traffic Signal Training / Financial / MUTCD Update
- Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) will be discussed in July or August 2024.
- Climate Action Plan to be presented by Hilary Ego at the May 1, 2024 Mobility Commission Meeting.
- AB 43 - Traffic Safety Corridor in the coming months.

Beginning the STANDING DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS Item, Mr. Kinnard informed the Commission that he will be managing the running list whilst in discussion with the Commissioners. Currently, the plan is to bring this list and open forum back for status, feedback, etc. once or twice annually.

Significant discussion amongst the Commission ensued, the list was addressed line by line. Unnecessary/expired items or items pertaining to current projects already being addressed were removed. Leaving only future & current issues on the table for discussion.

In closing, Mr. Kinnard asked the Commission to consider how often this item will be addressed throughout the year. Action item to be voted on at the May 1, 2024 meeting.

7. STAFF AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Kinnard informed the Commission about the upcoming public outreach events:

1. Neighborhood Traffic Management Program - Three neighborhood meetings scheduled, notice to be emailed to Mobility Commissioners for possible attendance.
2. Earth Day Fair - Informational booth pertaining to the City of La Mesa Bike and Sidewalk Connections Project, flyer to be emailed to Mobility Commissioners for possible attendance.

Vice Chair Krulikowski announced that he would only be available for one hour for next month's Mobility Commission Meeting.

Mr. Kinnard announced The 2024 California Bicycle Summit being held on April 18-19, 2024.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on May 1, 2024.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Commissioner Mueller.

Chair Calandra adjourned the meeting at 12:14 PM.



REPORT to MEMBERS of the MOBILITY COMMISSION
From PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: May 1, 2024

SUBJECT: APPEAL THE DENIAL OF AN INSTALLATION OF A DISABLED PERSONS
PARKING SPACE AT 8115 PASADENA AVE

ISSUING DEPT: Public Works

SUMMARY:

Issue:

Should the Mobility Commission support the appeal and recommend to the City Council for the installation of a disabled person parking space at 8115 Pasadena Avenue?

Recommendation:

Consider the appeal and recommend to the City Council the installation of a disabled person parking space at 8115 Pasadena Avenue.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost to add the space should be less than \$1,000 and can be covered by the Public Works Traffic Operations maintenance budget.

City's Strategic Goals:

- Effective and efficient traffic circulation and transportation

Environmental Review:

This project is categorically exempt from the environmental review process under Section 15301 Class 1 (c) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, which exempts projects which involve negligible or no expansion of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities.

BACKGROUND:

Requests for an on-street disabled persons parking space require possession of a valid disabled person placard, available on-street space, and no available access from the private property.

DISCUSSION:

The request for an on-street disabled persons parking space at 8115 Pasadena Avenue is from a requestor that has provided verification of ownership of a disabled person placard. There is off-street parking available. The requester submitted an application in 2018 which was denied by Traffic Commission at that time citing that ample off-street parking was available at the address

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and that neighbors had voiced concern of dedicated accessible spaces. The requester is now appealing this decision based on the fact that the driveway is not large enough to park a vehicle without blocking the sidewalk.

CONCLUSION:

The Mobility Commission should consider the appeal and recommend to the City Council the installation a disabled person parking space at 8115 Pasadena Avenue.

Reviewed by:



Michael Throne, PE
Director of Public Works

Respectfully submitted by:

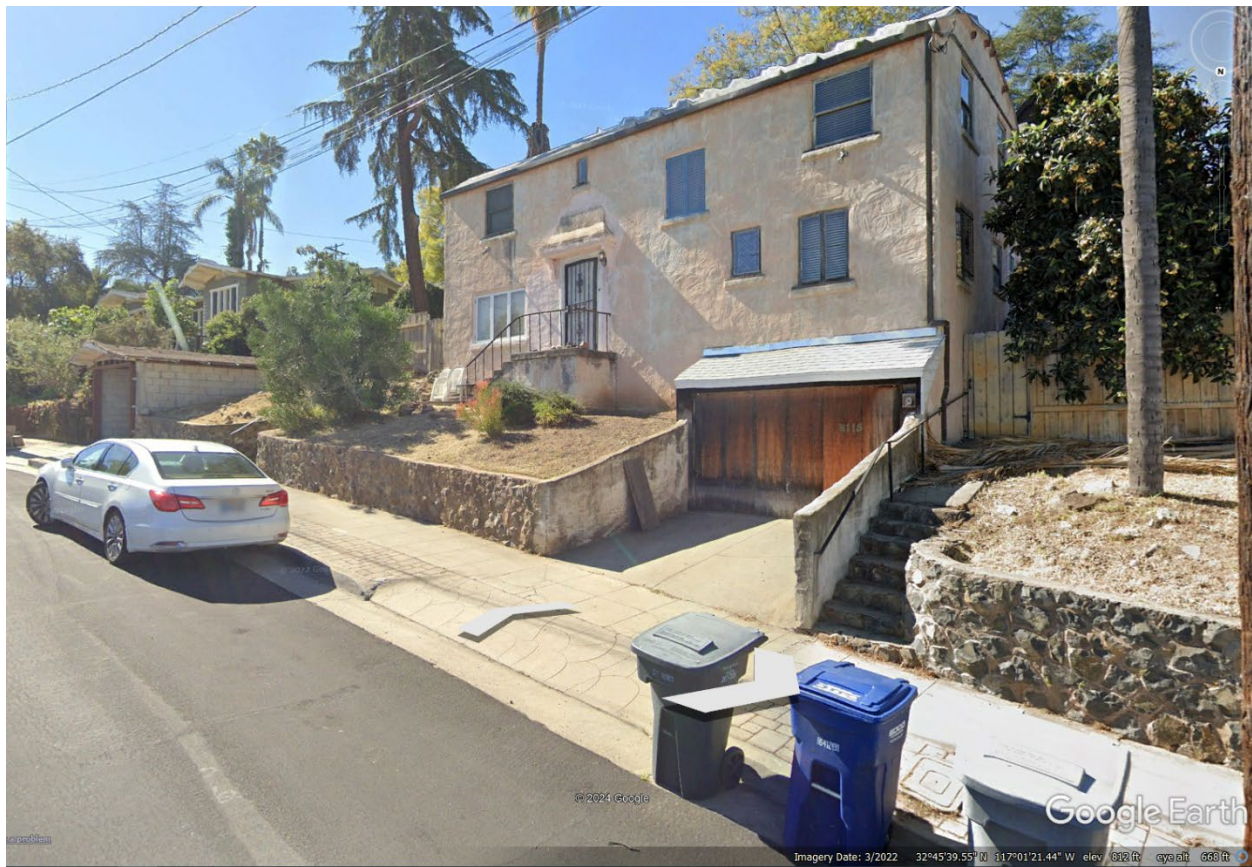


Brian Damiani, TE
Traffic Consultant

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. 8115 Pasadena Ave Street View Image
- B. Original 2018 ADA Parking Request

8115 Pasadena Ave Street View Image



**CITY OF LA MESA
APPLICATION
DISABLED PERSONS ON-STREET PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Applicant's Name DENNIS S TWISS
Address 8115 PASADENA AVENUE
City LA MESA Zip Code 91941-6424
Telephone No. [REDACTED]

1. Is the above address the proposed location for the disabled persons parking space?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If not, please indicate the appropriate address below:

Address _____
City _____ Zip Code _____

2. Do you own the property at this address or are you renting it?

I own the property ☒ I am renting it ☐ How long at this address? 28 YEARS

If other, explain _____

3. Is the applicant the disabled person?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If not, what is the relationship to the disabled person?

Spouse _____ Parent _____ Guardian _____ Relative _____ Other _____

Name of disabled person: _____

4. Do you have a valid disabled persons license plate (DP or VT plates) issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles on your vehicle?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Please indicate vehicle license number [REDACTED]

5. Is there a driveway or other off-street space available at this address that may be used for off-street parking?

Yes ☐ No ☒ IF A VEHICLE IS PARKED IN THE DRIVEWAY IT BLOCKS THE SIDEWALK

6. Is there sufficient space in front of this address to accommodate an on-street parking space?

Yes ☒ No ☐

I have read and understand the preceding instructions and have answered the above questions truthfully and to the best of my ability. I understand that the City will contact the person as noted in this application each year to verify the continued need for an on-street disabled parking space, and that failure to contact the City in a timely fashion could result in removal of the space. I also understand that the disabled parking space is not exempt from street sweeping parking restrictions or other applicable part-time prohibitions at this location. I understand if the Council approves, it is not a personal or dedicated space.

Applicant's Signature [Signature] Date 1 AUGUST 2018

[REDACTED]



**REPORT to the LA MESA MOBILITY COMMISSION
From the DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

DATE: May 1, 2024

SUBJECT: SUPPORT AMENDING CHAPTER 12.64 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO
DESIGNATE SPECIFIED STREET SEGMENTS AS SAFETY
CORRIDORS IN THE CITY OF LA MESA

ISSUING DEPT: Public Works

Issue:

Should the Mobility Commission recommend to the City Council to amend chapter 12.64 of the Municipal Code to designate specified street segments as Safety Corridors in the City of La Mesa?

Recommendation:

Recommend to the City Council amending chapter 12.64 of the Municipal Code designating specified street segments as Safety Corridors in the City of La Mesa.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost to change the both the speed limit signs and legends should be less than \$1,000 per location, and can be covered by the Public Works Traffic Operations maintenance budget (3107-6420).

City's Strategic Goals:

- Effective and efficient traffic circulation and transportation

Environmental Review:

This project is categorically exempt from the environmental review process under Section 15301 Class 1 (c) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, which exempts projects which involve negligible or no expansion of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities.

BACKGROUND:

The California State Legislature sets in place the regulations for California speed limits and the California Vehicle Code (CVC) places these regulations into language used primarily for enforcement purposes. Various jurisdictions have responsibility for roadways throughout California, including the responsibility to set speed limits on these roadways according to the

standards and procedures established by Caltrans. The guidelines from the 2014 California Manual for Setting Speed Limits published by Caltrans are used in this study. These guidelines help in establishing speed limits that are uniform throughout the state and avoid influence from political pressure or emotional perceptions. CVC Section 40802 requires that an Engineering and Traffic Survey (E&TS) for speed limits should be conducted at least once every 5, 7 or 10 years based on established criteria. Under current state statute provisions, state and local agencies re-evaluate non-statutory speed limits on their street segments that have undergone a significant change in roadway characteristics or surrounding land uses since the speed limits were last reviewed. Speed limits are established primarily for protecting the public from the behavior of reckless, unreliable, or dangerous drivers. Speed limits are generally established at or near the 85th percentile speed. The 85th percentile speed, also referred to as the critical speed, is defined as the speed at or below which 85 percent of traffic is moving in free flow conditions. Speed limits established on this basis conform to the consensus of those who drive on the roadways as to what speed is reasonable and safe under normal driving conditions.

The California Legislature passed AB43 in September 2021, which grants Caltrans and local authorities greater flexibility in setting speed limits based on recommendations the Zero Traffic Fatality Task Force (Task Force) made in January 2020. The provisions of the bill allows Caltrans and local authorities to further reduce the speed limit by an additional five miles per hour for either of the following reasons:

1. The portion of a roadway has been designated as a safety corridor. A local authority shall not deem more than one-fifth of their streets as safety corridors.
2. Or the portion of a roadway is adjacent to any land or facility that generates high concentrations of bicyclists or pedestrians, especially those from vulnerable groups such as children, seniors, persons with disabilities, and the unhoused.

DISCUSSION:

According to AB43, local authorities may not lower a speed limit as authorized by the statute until June 30, 2024 or until the Judicial Council has developed an online tool for adjudicating infraction violations statewide as specified in Article 7 (commencing with Section 68645) of Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Government Code, whichever is sooner.

Portions of Lemon Avenue and Jackson Drive were selected as the first designated as safety corridors based on recent community input and interest and due to their proximity to schools and public parks, locations where additional reduction in the speed limit could better protect vulnerable road/pedestrian users like children. After this initial selection, Staff will be evaluating other locations in the city with similar conditions.

Staff recommends that City Council amend chapter 12.64 of the Municipal Code as follows:

- A. Remove the following portions of streets from section 12.64.010 of the La Mesa Municipal code:

Jackson Drive from Center Drive to Laird Street
Jackson Drive from Laird Street to the north city Limits

- B. Add section 12.64.025 – Decrease of state law maximum speed for a safety corridor.

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"It is hereby determined upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the speed permitted by state law for a designated safety corridor as applicable upon the following streets is greater than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist upon such streets, and it is hereby declared that the prima facie speed limit shall be as herein set forth on those streets or parts of streets herein designated when signs are erected giving notice thereof:"

NAME OF STREET OR PORTION AFFECTED	DECLARED PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT
Jackson Drive from Center Drive to Laird Street	35
Jackson Drive from Laird Street to the north city limit	35
Lemon Avenue from Garfield Street to Bancroft Drive	30


CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATION:

Mobility Commission to recommend to City Council amending chapter 12.64 of the Municipal Code designating specified roadway segments as Safety Corridors in the City of La Mesa.

Respectfully submitted by:



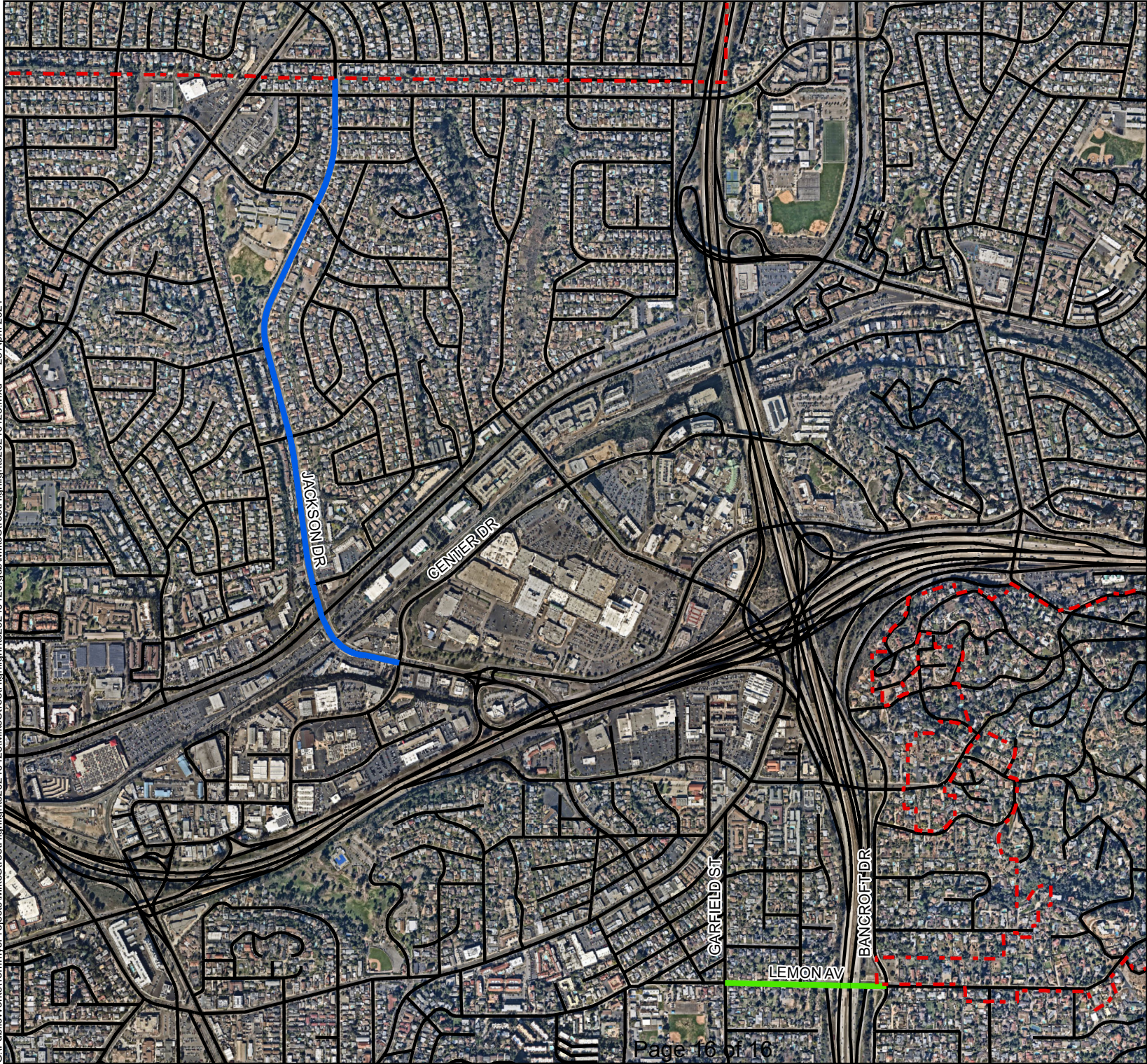
Michael Throne
Director Public Works/City Engineer



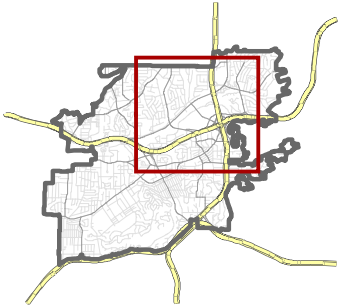
Michael Kinnard
Engineering Project Manager

Attachments: A. Map

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Jackson Drive and Lemon Ave Segments Map



Legend

- Jackson Dr: Center Dr to Northern City Limit
- Lemon Ave: Garfield St to Bancroft Dr
- Roads
- La Mesa Boundary



1 INCH = 1,250 FEET



DATA SOURCES:
City boundary, SanGIS, 2024
Parcels, SanGIS, 2024
Roads, SanGIS, 2024