



Minutes
Regular Meeting
Public Works and Sustainability Commission – 7 P.M.
Monday, July 28, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach Public Works and Sustainability Commission and Budget and Finance Commission was called to order by Chair Arrata at 7:00 P.M., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California, and teleconference.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Simpson, Anderson, Beeli, Chair Arrata

Commissioners Absent: Bajaj, Nafissi, Tsao

Officials Present: Lauren Sablan, City Engineer
Ryan Liu, Principal Traffic Engineer
Jesse Reyes, Capital Projects Program Manager/PWSC
Liaison

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Anderson led the Commissioners in a salute to the flag.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Beeli, to approve the order of the agenda.

Motion carried 4-0 by voice vote. Commissioners Bajaj, Nafissi, and Tsao were absent.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. BLUE FOLDER

Liaison Reyes reported one Blue Folder Items associated with Item H.1.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to receive and file the Blue Folder items.

Motion carried 4-0 by voice vote. Commissioners Bajaj, Nafissi, and Tsao were absent.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING

F.2. APPROVE THE PUBLIC WORKS AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 23, 2025 REGULAR MEETING

F.3. RECEIVE AND FILE A REPORT ON THE NUMBER OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS IN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve the order of the Consent Calendar.

Public comments invited.

Liaison Reyes reported one attendee, no hands raised, and no eComments.

Motion carried 4-0 by voice vote. Commissioners Bajaj, Nafissi, and Tsao were absent.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

H.1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Liaison Reyes reported one hand raised on Zoom.

Darryl Boyd (via Zoom), resident of the 500-600 North Prospect Avenue block, noted he has been in front of the Commission and City Council recently regarding the City being out of compliance for many safety, noise, and quality of life codes; reported there has been no responses from anyone; stated he emailed Councilmember Kaluderovic two weeks ago for clarification on a budget item that she indicated had been in place for improvements for the median and she has not responded; spoke about the small plants that were placed and chosen by Mayor Light that do not provide any relief to their issues; mentioned there was no resident input requested for the work that was done to the area; spoke of submitting Public Records requests for reports regarding the area over the last 10 years and not receiving the data and stated the City is out of compliance since they should have provided information within 10 days of the request; reported noise level numbers in his neighborhood that evening and stated it is unbearable; asked why the City is stonewalling the residents, why isn't the item on the agenda for tonight, and are they waiting for someone to die before anything is done.

Liaison Reyes reported no other hands raised and no eComments.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - None

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. DISCUSSION OF TRAFFIC SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS AT BROADWAY/SAPPHIRE/GUADALUPE INTERSECTION

Traffic Engineer Liu provided some background on the item which included: pedestrian and driving safety concerns, long crosswalk distances, undefined roadway space, and

illegal driving behaviors; provided details on past efforts the City had tried but noted that at the time no funds were available and it has remained an unfunded CIP project; showed a slide of the two primary options: 1) repurposing the slip lane space from Broadway to Sapphire, and 2) adding additional landscaping islands at the Guadalupe approach; reiterated no funds are available for those; stated that the City is proposing a short-term quick-build solution of striping and using flexible rubber curbs; felt this would improve visibility, shorten crosswalks, and better define roadway space; noted it could impact street sweeping, and take away parking; explained the reasons for using rubber curbs as opposed to the taller flexible posts; stated, if the Commission recommends the quick-build solution, staff will add this to the current queue of projects; provided a slide with examples of the rubber curbs and mentioned the City will move the stop sign at Broadway to Sapphire; asked for feedback as well as thoughts for long-term solutions.

Commissioner Beeli referenced the slide with the two primary options and noted his preference would be for the option on the left; opined it would be safer since there would be only one entrance from Broadway to Guadalupe; asked Traffic Engineer Liu if the City had anything else to facilitate it along with the rubber curbs.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated staff's preference is the same option and showed on another slide what they are proposing for the area.

Commissioner Simpson asked if the short-term improvements were related to cost.

Traffic Engineer Liu responded affirmatively and noted that the option is the only one the City has funds to complete; explained that the long term plan is still unfunded and they would need the proper direction and funding for it.

Commissioner Simpson spoke of the long-term solution being more appealing and hoped the City would find the budget for it but felt they should approve the short-term plan at this time.

Commissioner Anderson spoke in favor of the quick-build option, especially the move of the stop sign; felt that would alleviate the burnouts drivers do; asked if the quick-build option was also part of the permanent solution.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated if they have the money, they will hire a designer and a consultant to advise them on what they can do.

Discussion followed regarding observations of the solutions the City puts into place.

Commissioner Anderson asked if education and further outreach would take place.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated yes.

Chair Arrata invited public comment.

Jim Light, Mayor and resident of District 1, reported he lives near the intersection and asked the Commission to approve the temporary solution for two reasons: 1) pedestrian

safety and explained why it is dangerous and 2) to prevent the drivers that like to do donuts in the street and mentioned it is a regular occurrence; noted he spoke to some of his neighbors and they felt the rubber curbs were more attractive than the bollards; mentioned he liked the option to the left that was shown earlier on a slide; asked the Commission again to pass the temporary solution to help out the area.

Janet Ragonesi, resident on Sapphire Ave, spoke of the area becoming a nightmare with all the donuts being done by drivers, kids doing wheelies and using bad language, and things being thrown at homes; mentioned they enjoyed their quiet neighborhood and value the safety of the residents; spoke in favor of beautifying the area and preferred a long-term solution but was in favor of the short-term solution at this time.

Darryl Boyd (via Zoom), North Prospect Ave resident, spoke of this item being introduced by Mayor Light and quickly backed by the City and District 1 Councilmember Waller; felt this is a conflict for Councilmember Waller since he is a representative of District 1 and is showing preferential treatment and prioritization for something the Mayor desires for his own benefit; spoke that a city government seat is not an express pass to cut lines and that the residents of the 500-600 block of North Prospect Ave have been asking for traffic calming solutions for over 30 years and their requests are ignored; stated he is opposed to preferential treatment for Mayor Light and the proposed project at Broadway/Sapphire/Guadalupe; asked the City to provide a remedy for their neighborhood before they provide one for Broadway/Sapphire/Guadalupe.

Liaison Reyes reported no other hands raised and two eComments: one opposed and one in support.

Commissioner Beeli asked if the temporary solution could enclose some of the openings adjacent to the sidewalk.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated yes, they could fully enclose it.

More discussion followed regarding closing off another area where it could be confusing for drivers.

Chair Arrata asked about using beacon lighting.

Traffic Engineer Liu noted beacons are prescribed in the MUTCD for traffic control devices; stated there has to be a case made for beacon warning of some imminent danger; felt this was not a case that needed beacon lighting.

Chair Arrata asked about the cost of beacon lighting.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated it isn't just the cost of beacon lighting, but it is also the maintenance of electric signage and noted speed feedback signs are lying on the sides of roads.

Chair Arrata asked about the recommendation from Commissioner Beeli about closing off some of the areas.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated they needed to consider the cost of the temporary solution but with the Commission's recommendation they could consider it.

More discussion followed regarding the proposed temporary solution and the problems with closing off the areas they are asking about.

Chair Arrata asked Mayor Light to return to the podium; referenced Commissioner Beeli's recommendation and asked if it was extended on the parking

Mayor Light mentioned that the larger cars do block the crosswalk often, especially during street sweeping and busy beach days cars tend to park on that corner; applauded the attempt to control it, said he didn't mind if that space is lost there, and liked the request to enclose the two islands and felt it would be clearer for people and pedestrians would be safer; asked if staff could add another area from Broadway to Sapphire since they are moving that stop sign.

Traffic Engineer Liu said it is something they can consider and investigate.

More discussion followed regarding the parking, and the costs for the project.

Traffic Engineer Liu said these types of improvements are covered in the Traffic Calming Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Beeli, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to accept Traffic Engineer Liu's draft, along with the changes Commissioner Beeli suggested, of the traffic calming measures for the referenced intersection.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Simpson, Anderson, Beeli, and Chair Arrata

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried 4-0 by voice vote. Commissioners Bajaj, Nafissi, and Tsao were absent.

K. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

Chair Arrata asked if there was an update on the ramp at Avenue A.

Public Works Director Andrew Winje stated he is not in charge of Avenue A ramps but has spoken to the County's Beaches and Harbors Division; reported they are going through an EIR process for it but it has not been adopted yet.

City Engineer Lauren Sablan asked to discuss whether they would have a quorum for the next meeting.

Discussion followed and everyone present that evening voiced their intention to be at the

next meeting; City Engineer Sablan mentioned Ryan Liu would not be in attendance in September and the October calendar would be full of items.

L. ADJOURNMENT – 7:41 P.M.

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. to the next meeting of the Redondo Beach Public Works and Sustainability Commission which will be a regular meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on August 25, 2025, in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers, at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

Motion carried 4-0 by voice vote. Commissioners Bajaj, Nafissi, and Tsao were absent.

Respectfully submitted:

Andrew Winje
Public Works Director