



A. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach Public Works, Safety, and Sustainability 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, Bajaj, Anderson, Beeli, Chair Arrata

Commissioners Absent: Nafissi, Tsao

Officials Present: Ryan Liu, City Traffic Engineer
Jesse Reyes, Capital Projects Program Manager

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Commissioners participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Beeli, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the order of the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote. Commissioners Nafissi and Tsao were absent.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. BLUE FOLDER

Capital Projects Program Manager Reyes reported one Blue Folder item for Non-Agenda Items.

Motion by Commissioner Beeli, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to accept the Blue Folder item.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote. Commissioners Nafissi and Tsao were absent.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. APPROVE THE PUBLIC WORKS, SAFETY, AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 26, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

F.2. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS, SAFETY, AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING

F.3. RECEIVE AND FILE THE MONTHLY UPDATE TO THE CITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN THREE YEAR PRIORITY AREAS AND TEN-MONTH OBJECTIVES ADOPTED BY COUNCIL ON JUNE 10, 2025

Motion by Chair Arrata, seconded by Commissioner Bajaj, to approve the Consent Calendar as written.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote. Commissioners Nafissi and Tsao were absent.

Chair Arrata invited public comments.

Capital Projects Program Manager Reyes reported no eComments and no hands raised on Zoom.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

H.1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mark Nelson, property owner in the 500 block of Prospect, stated sometime last year, around the months of May, June, or July, neighbors from the 500-600 North Prospect spoke up about issues with speeding, wrong-way drivers, and illegal U-turns coming off of big Prospect and that the Public Works & Sustainability Commission had made a recommendation to Public Works to do a few different things on Prospect; reported one of the bundle of solutions was to extend the 20 ft. daylighting back another 15 ft. so that there would be red behind the bus stop; noted that, due to there being a bundle of items on the recommendation, the red paint has not been done yet; asked if the Commission could unbundle the simple maneuver of painting the curb out so that it could be done more quickly.

Capital Projects Program Manager Reyes reported no eComments and no hands raised on Zoom.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - None

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. RECEIVE AND FILE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC COLLISION STATISTIC PRESENTATION

Capital Projects Program Manager Reyes announced that Officer Westphal would be presenting the item and Traffic Engineer Liu was there for any questions; reported that the Public Safety Commission was dissolved last year and some of those Commission's roles were placed into the Public Works Safety and Sustainability Commission and one of those items was to receive an annual report on traffic collisions and traffic related safety

issues; noted that is the presentation Officer Westphal would be giving that evening.

Officer Westphal stated he is a Motor Officer for the RBPB; provided stats comparing the 2024 and 2025 traffic collisions; reported that in 2024 there were 574 total collisions, 225 with injuries, 301 injured parties, and 4 fatal collisions with 4 individuals that were killed; reported in 2025 there were 542 total collisions, 251 injury collisions, 327 injured parties, and zero fatalities; reported the changes from 2024 to 2025 were: 5.2% decrease in total collisions, 12.4% increase in injuries, 10.6% increase in injured parties, and 100% decrease in fatal collisions; presented stats for e-Bikes for 2025 which included: 68 total collisions, 64 with injuries, 69 total injured parties, and zero fatalities; provided a slide with data showing the top intersections in 2025 for collisions per intersection and noted that they are spread out and not concentrated on just one place; stated they do regular traffic enforcement at the top intersections; provided data on the top mid-blocks from 2025 and noted that Artesia is one of the top streets for accidents for the City and they do a lot of enforcement there; showed a slide with the breakdown of crash types, type of lighting, and the primary collision factor (PCF); reported that improper turning or vehicle right-of-way violation were the highest factor for PCF, broadsides were the highest for crash type, and most happened during daylight.

Commissioner Bajaj asked if they categorized serious injury versus non-serious.

Officer Westphal responded that they do and explained they have four options for injury collisions: fatal, serious injury, suspected minor injury, and complaint of pain.

Commissioner Bajaj hoped to be able to see if there was a downward trend in serious injuries and not just fatalities.

Traffic Engineer Liu reported that Public Works has additional crash reporting software that is map based and it has additional data; stated in 2024 there were about 21 serious injury collisions and in 2025 there were 19, so it is flat.

Commissioner Anderson asked what the Police Department's approach is to enforcing e-Bike safety.

Officer Westphal said they do a lot of enforcement around the high school; mentioned that there are also electric dirt bikes that get lumped into the e-Bike category, but they are not street legal, and they do a lot of enforcement on them and take action if they see them committing violations; noted that the off-road motorcycles are a difficult situation because they can flee from an officer in a car or motorcycle because they can go places that a car cannot go and don't follow the same laws as regular drivers; reported that 99% of the riders are under the age of 18 so they are reaching out to parents to provide information that those are not street legal and there are repercussions.

Commissioner Anderson asked Traffic Engineer Liu if he coordinates with the Police with the database he has and the information from it.

Traffic Engineer Liu responded yes, to a certain extent they do; stated that the new database is more user friendly and uses AI tools to help rectify any contradictory remarks

on the crash reports and noted that the database pulls from the same records the Police have; stated that their database is slightly different because they are responding to resident requests and they pull information that they can show directly to the resident.

Commissioner Bajaj commented that he sees a regular presence of motor officers around the high school and applauded their efforts; noted that the report on intersections showed that the highest frequency collisions are not around any of the schools, which was reassuring for him; said he has noticed better compliance with e-Bike riders since the partnership with education and enforcement has come about; asked Officer Westphal how RBPD address minor incidents.

Officer Westphal said the way the City's policies are written is if there is a collision on a public highway they may take a report but it is not a must; stated, if nobody is hurt and nobody asks for a report, it might just be an exchange of information and no report is taken; spoke of taking a report if someone says they need it for insurance purposes and other times it is for misdemeanor hit-and-runs where it is only property damage and no injuries were sustained; stated if there is any kind of workable information they will always take a report; summarized that minor stuff is normally up to the person involved if they take a report.

Commissioner Beeli asked if they differentiate between regular bikes and e-Bikes.

Officer Westphal responded yes, they have separate coding for a regular bicycle versus an e-Bike and the coding covers Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 e-Bikes.

Commissioner Beeli asked if bicycles get in as many incidences as e-Bikes.

Officer Westphal stated that because of the prevalence of e-Bikes those are the ones that are more likely to be involved in an accident but that there are possibilities where an e-Bike could get coded as a regular bicycle; noted that there are traffic officers and patrol officers and stuff gets clumped together.

Traffic Engineer Liu added that statistics show that there is a higher likelihood of getting injured when on a bike, either regular bike or e-Bike, than the person in a vehicle.

Officer Westphal commented that due to the speed of e-Bikes people are more likely to be injured, especially because you can cruise on an e-Bike without breaking a sweat versus how hard a cyclist must work to keep going at certain speeds.

Chair Arrata asked Officer Westphal to explain the three classes of e-Bikes and also the term he used when they run a red light and hit the side of a car.

Officer Westphal stated they call that a "broadside"; reported that the three classes of e-Bikes are defined in the vehicle code; stated Class 1 is an e-Bike where there is a pedal-assist up to 20 miles an hour, a Class 2 has a throttle so it can be self-propelled up to 20 miles an hour but doesn't go past that, and Class 3 is only pedal-assist and it maxes out at 20 miles an hour; noted that there are different code sections that are in place for altering any of those settings and for any e-Bike class the maximum motor size is 750W;

reported that they just enacted a vehicle code that allows the Police to impound e-Bikes that go faster than 28 miles an hour and they can impound any Class 3 e-Bike if the rider is younger than 16 years old; stated that a helmet must be worn no matter the age if it is a Class 3; stated that they work with the middle schools and high school because, in order to ride the e-Bike to school and leave it on campus, a sticker must be on the bike, which indicates they have completed the Bicycle Safety Course; mentioned, last summer, RBPD provided 12 courses with about 40-50 students in each course and that the school admin would like them to do it again this summer.

Traffic Engineer Liu added that off-street bike paths are limited to Class 1 and Class 2 e-Bikes.

More discussion followed regarding the difficulty of understanding each Class of e-Bike and off-road electric motorcycles and what the rules are surrounding them.

Commissioner Beeli commended the officers for enforcement and for rewarding the kids that do things correctly.

Officer Westphal stated they don't normally give students tickets, but they tend to educate them about the rules and why they need to follow them; noted that when they have repeat offenders, they try to get in touch with the parents.

Commissioner Bajaj commended the Police Department on their efforts towards positive reinforcement and community engagement with the kids; noted that kids are not as combative with police officers as they are in other parts of LA.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bajaj, to receive and file the Police Department Traffic Collision Statistic Presentation.

Chair Arrata invited public comments.

Capital Projects Program Manager Reyes reported no eComments and no hands raised on Zoom.

Ava Danielson, Senior at RUHS, commented that she was excited to see the implementation of rain gardens outside the Vons close to the high school; said she was encouraged that there are sustainable solutions to the flooding in the area and that it will help keep the pollution out of the ocean; hoped to see more rain gardens and suggested Redondo remove the ice plants around the City because they are an invasive species; recommended replacing the ice plants with native species that do a better job of keeping the soil together and hold rain water which can prevent flooding and erosion.

Discussion followed regarding the rain gardens; Traffic Engineer Liu said they hope to have some future projects doing similar things around the City.

Motion carried 5-0-2 by voice vote. Commissioners Nafissi and Tsao were absent.

**K. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS
- None**

L. ADJOURNMENT – 7:36 P.M.

Motion by Commissioner Bajaj, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to adjourn to the next meeting of the Redondo Beach Public Works, Safety, and Sustainability Commission, which will be a Regular Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 23, 2026, in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers, at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote. Commissioners Nafissi and Tsao were absent.

All written comments submitted via eComment are included in the record and available for public review on the City website.

Respectfully submitted:

Andrew Winje
Public Works Director