



Minutes
Regular Meeting
Public Works and Sustainability Commission – 7:00 P.M.
Monday, October 27, 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, Bajaj, Anderson, Nafissi, Beeli, Chair Arrata

Commissioners Absent: Tsao

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

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Bajaj, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to move J.1 after J.4.

Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. BLUE FOLDER

Capital Projects Program Manager Reyes reported two Blue Folder items for J.2 and J.3.

Motion by Commissioner Bajaj, seconded by Commissioner Beeli, to receive and file the Blue Folder items.

Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote.

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 SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 REGULAR 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

F.4. RECEIVE AND FILE STATUS UPDATES ON PROJECTS DISCUSSED AT THE PUBLIC WORKS AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Motion by Commissioner Bajaj, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the Consent Calendar.

Capital Projects Program Manager Reyes reported no eComments and no hands raised for the item.

Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

H.1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Laura MacMorran, RB resident and founder of Citizens for Redondo's Trees, reported she was not able to attend the last meeting where strategic goal 48 regarding trees was discussed; provided some background on the tree discussions and ordinances; stated she was there to urge the Commission and City take action on values, sustainability, and urban forestry immediately; spoke of the importance of the tree canopy.

Jim Mueller spoke about traffic calming measures needed so that pedestrians feel comfortable and safe; stated the AACAP is light on improving the pedestrian situation on Artesia and noted of the 17 AACAP task categories only two mention pedestrians and none mention traffic calming; spoke of the AACAP having three categories regarding parking but felt people would rather walk or bike to Artesia; reported speaking to neighbors that stated they do not feel safe walking along Artesia, especially with children, and wondered if the Commission could investigate this issue; spoke of the Riviera and the atmosphere of that location and then compared it to Artesia Blvd mentioning people tend to travel through the area at higher speeds; suggested that the traffic division of Public Works study the issue to mitigate the uncomfortable environment caused by the through traffic.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - None

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

Commissioner Bajaj moved item J.1 after J.4.

J.2. DISCUSSION OF TRAFFIC SAFETY MEASURES AT THE GRANT AVENUE & BLOSSOM LANE INTERSECTION

City Traffic Engineer Ryan Liu provided background information and noted they have received safety and speeding concerns from residents and the District 4 Councilmember regarding the Grant and Blossom intersection; spoke of the speed results for the area and noted curb extensions have been placed on Grant between Aviation and Inglewood; reported, as they repave Grant, they will be narrowing the lanes and adding buffer to the bike lanes; stated they sent out postcard notices to residents located approx. 300 ft from the intersection; provided and explained data they received from their traffic and visibility analysis done in October 2025; reported their collision analysis found that there have been 9 crashes in the past 5 years at the intersection; showed a slide with data from the past 8.5 years that reported 14 crashes total; provided staff's proposed countermeasures:

- Prohibit through and left-turns from Blossom (so only allow right-turns from Blossom) which would reduce conflicts, removes most difficult turns, addresses angle crashes, and is easy to implement; mentioned drawbacks for this measure includes regular police enforcement would be needed, re-routes drivers to use other streets, and will inconvenience the residents of that area

- Install a marked crosswalk across Grant with rectangular rapid flashing beacons to improve yielding compliance, noted it costs about \$11,000 and are unsure about the funding obligations in their Traffic Calming account but will work with the District 4 Councilmember; stated it may encourage more school-related crossings.

Traffic Engineer Liu provided other countermeasures staff found to be infeasible such as: traffic signals, median island w/ crosswalk, and an all-way stop; provided staff recommendations as follows: to install traffic safety countermeasures at Grant and Blossom, no change, or other options as determined by the PWSC, noted Council approval may be needed.

Joe Archer, 20-year resident, felt the crosswalk would not address the problem; stated as drivers travel from east to west on Grant Ave., they are going uphill and picking up speed and are unable to react quickly when drivers come out from the east side; opined the speed on Grant is fast; supported the right-turn measure.

Jason Schroeder, former Public Safety Commissioner, reported he lives at the corner of Grant and Blossom; spoke in support of the right turn on Blossom; stated he has witnessed lots of deaths from people trying to cross Grant from Blossom and many crashes and collisions; recognized all the hard work from the staff and Commissioners and felt the improvements that have been done have helped.

Grace Peng mentioned she often bikes by the corner of Blossom and Grant on her way home from South Redondo; mentioned she has had several near misses from drivers that are driving westbound on Grant and then trying to make a left turn on Blossom; liked the idea of daylighting that intersection and slowing down cars on Grant; spoke of the difficulty for cyclists to make the right turn onto Grant because of parked cars along the eastside of Blossom; asked if the City could move the parking on the eastside of Blossom to the westside of Blossom just for a specific block on Grant; supported the countermeasure for only making a right turn on Blossom.

Jack Evanson stated he lives on the corner of Diamond and Francesca and witnesses a lot of people going through the stop sign where the high school is located; mentioned that the City installed a flashing stop sign there but that does not seem to deter the behavior but felt a flashing stop sign at Diamond would help.

Capital Projects Program Manager Reyes informed Jack Evanson that he would want to speak on J.3.

Brittany Schroeder, resident of Grant and Blossom, spoke in support of the right-hand turn lane; mentioned she and her daughter have almost been hit multiple times because people don't look to the left when they are turning right; stated that the new lighting that was installed has helped.

David Lafavor, Grant Ave. resident, felt it has gotten worse since the City put in the signal at 190th; spoke in favor of the right turn only and opined it is necessary; felt a crosswalk is not needed because the school kids cross at Green Ave.

Natalie Collecot, Harriman resident, suggested to add the triangles when repaving as a traffic calming measure.

Anette Lopez, lives on the corner of Blossom and Grant, stated she has witnessed an accident every year that she has been a resident; support the right-turn only measure in both directions, north and south, onto Grant; spoke of visual issues westbound on Grant with the crosswalk and did not know the solution but wanted to highlight the problem.

Capital Projects Program Manager Reyes reported no one online and one neutral eComment.

Commissioner Bajaj spoke in support of the right-turn only countermeasure and against putting a crosswalk at the intersection.

Commissioner Simpson asked, if the Commission passes that recommendation, does it go to City Council for approval.

Traffic Engineer Liu responded it does.

Motion by Commissioner Bajaj, seconded by Commissioner Andersen, to push forward staff's recommendation for a right-turn only for both northbound and southbound on Blossom at Grant.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Simpson, Bajaj, Anderson, Nafissi, Beeli, Chair Arrata

NOES: None

ABSENT: Tsao

Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

J.3. DISCUSSION OF DIAMOND STREET RESTRIPEING BETWEEN PCH AND PROSPECT AND RUHS ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

Traffic Engineer Liu stated this item came from a recommendation from a prior Commission meeting as well as from a referral from the prior District 2 Councilmember; provided a slide with the area in question, which was Diamond St. and RUHS's frontages on Vincent; provided background regarding the item including the concerns for safety, speeding, and congestion; noted the FY 2024-25 budget direction from Council was to study the issue and a consultant was retained for data collection, stakeholder engagement, analysis, and design; reported the consultant prepared a report that was included in the agenda packet; stated if approved by the Commission and City Council, the changes will be incorporated in a slurry seal project for Diamond; stated the Redondo Union High Access Study and Design Report was reviewed by City and RBUSD staff, is available on the City's website, public noticing along with a QR code was sent to residents, and it was circulated by the District 2 Councilmember; provided a list of existing conditions including high parking utilization along Diamond west of Del Amo, significant cyclist and driver conflicts at Sea Hawk Way, high pedestrian crossings, bike lanes are not wide enough, and average speeds generally within limits; reported 17 crashes along school frontages between Dec. 2019 and June 2024; reported two instances of community engagement were completed and detailed the feedback they received; provided slides with graphics detailing the summary of recommendations from the project team which included various changes to parking and bike lanes on Diamond St. and other traffic calming solutions; stated the City worked with RUHS staff on creating a dedicated bike lane on Sea Hawk Way which goes directly into a specific bike entrance that leads into the bike cage at the high school; showed a graphic of the proposed changes at the Del Amo/Juanita intersection showing changes in the daylighting zone to slow down vehicle turns and calm traffic; summarized the District 2 Community Meeting that was held highlighting the same report he was presenting that evening; provided resident feedback from that meeting, stating feedback was positive regarding the bulb-outs, median crossing islands, and the bicycle lane upgrades but received concerns regarding curb space changes on Vincent Park and requested more bike parking near the school entrances; mentioned that the school district is working on a separate project for a new pick up/ drop off zone on campus but it is still in early stages; recommendations from staff included: take public input, recommend the City Council move forward with design documents for the proposed changes, or the Commission can provide other options.

Kathy McCloud, 50-year Vincent St. resident, mentioned voting for three school bonds hoping for better school traffic flow; provided background on when the traffic problems began for school drop offs and pick-ups, noted that the small cul-de-sac she lives in was not designed for the amount of traffic they currently experience; felt publicizing Vincent Park as a main entrance does not work and explained why; didn't understand why a traffic study was not done on Vincent St.; hoped the school would get the drop off and pick up zone onto the school; mentioned other schools around the nation open up their campuses during peak hours for drop offs and pick ups to alleviate the traffic around the schools and suggested they consider that as well.

John Simmons, 35-year Vincent Park resident, agreed with everything Kathy said; spoke

of the history of Vincent Park and mentioned it was not made for cars; spoke of the issues the residents unless a police officer is there; explained the congestion and traffic is extremely difficult and potentially dangerous.

Des Lee, 28-year Vincent Park resident, explained her experiences with the traffic in her neighborhood; spoke of the size of the school and the bond measures that were passed and opined that the school has not done enough to make the streets work with the neighborhood during peak hours and conflicts continue to happen; looked forward to the school doing something on Francesca to relieve the pressure.

Mark Mercier, Vincent Park resident, mentioned attending the District 2 Community Meeting; spoke of the area being permit parking but not enforced consistently; mentioned when enforcement is there it works great.

Karen Corey, resident of Alberta/Diamond, spoke of her issues in getting back to her house in the morning during drop offs; felt the school does not pay attention to the residents of the area and how their schedules affect the regular lives of those that live around it; asked that something be done about the drop offs around the schools and preferred that it be done on school campuses.

Angela Ho, 11-year resident on Diamond/Francisco, stated she does not work in her yard anymore due to the chaotic environment that has progressed throughout the years; stated the traffic violations have become sickening to see and agreed with her neighbors that have spoken; felt they have become prisoners of their own homes, they can no longer enjoy their outdoor space, and they fear leaving because they may not be able to get back to their homes and park; noted the endless school events have also become an issue; appreciated the protected bike lanes but felt more guidance is needed for cyclists to follow basic traffic laws; asked that the residents of the area be taken care of as well as the school.

Jack Evanson spoke about the street going westward down Diamond having a slight left turn near Gertruda, which distracts people and the congestion around Starbucks being confusing; suggested double striping and putting the green bike lane would help people understand it is a bike lane.

Capital Projects Program Manager Reyes reported three eComments, two in support and one neutral and two hands raised on Zoom.

Grace Peng (via Zoom) spoke in support of staff's recommendations and strongly supportive of the protected bike lane and the left-turn lane onto Sea Hawk Way; wondered if a left-turn lane could also be installed at Beryl and Flagler; spoke in favor of more bike parking around the school campus to alleviate congestion; suggested they figure out a way to get more kids biking or bussing to school and also to encourage more of RUHS to join the GoPass Program; offered to speak to anyone about the program.

Brianna Egan (via Zoom) spoke in support of staff's recommendations presented, especially for the parking protected bike lanes; felt safety should be a big priority and hoped they would consider parking protected bike lanes across the full configuration on

both sides of Diamond; recommended having parking agreements that are shared with other spaces such as church parking lots and spoke in support of more express routes for Beach Cities Transit.

Devin (via Zoom) echoed comments made by Grace Peng and Brianna Egan; spoke in support of parking protected bike lanes.

Wayne Craig (via Zoom), Planning Commissioner, informed the Commission and public that a 38-condominium project came before the Planning Commission and will potentially negatively impact the corner of Vincent and PCH; hoped the City will come up with solutions to help the traffic in the area; felt the staff recommendations will help alleviate the traffic around the school; stated he found it ironic that the residents speaking in support of more protected bike lanes are also advocating for high density housing.

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

Angela Ho was allowed to speak again and commented about the commercial truck traffic on Del Amo; asked how the City plans to tackle that issue.

Capital Projects Program Manager Reyes pointed out this item does not focus on the truck route.

Commissioner Bajaj asked if he is missing the modifications happening on Vincent Park because he did not see them listed in the agenda packet.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated in the packet they mention converting two non-compliant ADA spaces and a Police Parking Only space into a longer pick-up and drop-off zone but it was not favorably received at the Community Meeting.

Commissioner Bajaj stated he is happy to see that more students are riding to school instead of being dropped off; asked if Traffic Engineer Liu has seen how the parking protected bike lanes work with the large platoons of kids.

Traffic Engineer Liu responded he has not because he is normally working during the times the kids are biking to school or leaving school.

More discussion followed regarding the decision to put parking protected bike lanes, and the uniqueness of Redondo Beach.

Commissioner Andersen commented that the majority of feedback from the community outreach was from residents on Vincent St.; wondered why they didn't get more feedback from people living on Diamond.

Traffic Engineer Liu responded that it is unclear and reported they have done the noticing twice.

Commissioner Nafissi stated she is disappointed to hear the comments related to the school; felt the City has not been proactive in working with the school to address most of

the issues being brought up that evening; referenced a committee that was formed about two years prior, which had two Councilmembers sitting on it, to have conversations with the School District; stated no notes, no minutes, and no updates were ever brought to the Commission on the outcomes of those meetings; hoped if meetings are happening that the City would report to the Commission; felt they hear the same issues over and over from the residents and would like some action for them; opined the School District needs to be held accountable and the residents need to contact their Councilmember and School Board members; stated they are only an advisory committee and can only make recommendations to City Council.

Commissioner Bajaj asked Traffic Engineer Liu questions about the two options for bikers travelling down Sea Hawk Way.

Traffic Engineer Liu explained the design and the reason for the solution they provided.

Commissioner Bajaj asked about the plans for the exit off Del Amo and Traffic Engineer Liu stated that is not an option they are pursuing.

Commissioner Beeli commented on the gangs of bikers going down Diamond and commented that he is interested to see the impact of the changes recommended; asked what type of bike racks the City is using to accommodate e-Bikes.

Commissioner Anderson asked about the possibility of bike lockers for overnight parking.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated he has not heard of any requests for that.

Chair Arrata asked about the timeline for future parking on campus.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated they have only gotten a conceptual sketch from the high school.

Commissioner Nafissi asked about the kid ridership on Beach Cities Transit.

Traffic Engineer Liu commented that the transit is packed with kids.

More discussion followed regarding ridership.

Commissioner Bajaj asked more questions regarding the design configuration provided by Traffic Engineer Liu; asked what staff needs from the Commission.

Chair Arrata asked if the City incorporated the condominium project mentioned by Wayne Craig into the decisions made for this project.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated most of the data they collected was for Diamond St.; reported he reviewed the application for the townhome project and the net effect on the traffic was not high and not enough to warrant further traffic studies by the City's guidelines.

Motion by Commissioner Bajaj, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to take the next steps forward for the project.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Simpson, Bajaj, Anderson, Nafissi, Beeli, Chair Arrata

NOES: None

ABSENT: Tsao

Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

J.4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING UPCOMING PUBLIC WORKS AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING DATES

Capital Projects Program Manager Reyes mentioned the Commission can consider cancelling or changing dates due to the holiday season.

Public Works Director Winje stated the Planning Commission would like the PWSC to consider the codes related to driveway widths for commercial properties in the AACAP to shorten the driveways to allow for more walkable streets there; hoped it could be done before the end of the year.

Discussion followed on a possible date for a Special Meeting in December, the holiday lighting item, and other items for them to consider.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bajaj, to cancel the November and December regular meetings and hold a Special Meeting on December 15th.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Simpson, Bajaj, Anderson, Nafissi, Beeli, Chair Arrata

NOES: None

ABSENT: Tsao

Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

J.1. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION DISCUSSION AND SELECTION OF NEW PUBLIC WORKS AND SUSTAINABILITY CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Moved by Commissioner Bajaj to after J.4.

Commissioner Beeli nominated Commissioner Bajaj for Chair.

Commissioner Bajaj asked if anyone would like to be Chair.

Chair Arrata stated she would do a second term and Commissioner Anderson agreed to be Vice Chair.

Motion by Commissioner Nafissi, seconded by Commissioner Beeli, to approve Cindy Arrata as Chair and Commissioner Anderson as Vice Chair.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Simpson, Bajaj, Anderson, Nafissi, Beeli, Chair Arrata

NOES: None

ABSENT: Tsao

Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

K. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Nafissi asked for any type of report or update on communication between the School Board and the City Council regarding any issues.

Public Works Director Winje reported he has indicated to the City Manager and Councilmembers that attend those meetings that the Commission would like any meeting notes; noted they have not committed to doing that; suggested the Commission write a letter to the City Manager and the Council asking for the information.

More discussion followed on who is on the committee, what topics they have been discussing, and the memo that can be given to Council from the Commission through staff/liaison based off a motion.

Motion by Commissioner Nafissi, seconded by Chair Arrata, requesting regular notes, correspondence, outcomes, updates, and/or discussions between the School Board committee that two Councilmembers sit on regarding school and school district related items.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Simpson, Bajaj, Anderson, Nafissi, Beeli, Chair Arrata

NOES: None

ABSENT: Tsao

Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Commissioner Bajaj asked for an update on the pay stations at the Harbor.

Director Winje felt it is going well and the Waterfront and Economic Department will probably have updates in the future.

L. ADJOURNMENT – 9:11 P.M.

Motion by Commissioner Nafissi, seconded by Commissioner Beeli, to adjourn at 9:11

p.m. to the next meeting of the Redondo Beach Public Works and Sustainability Commission, which will be a Special Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 15, 2025, in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers, at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Andrew Winje
Public Works Director