



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND SUSTAINABILITY
COMMISSION – 7:00 PM**

H. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach Public Works 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.

I. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Simpson, Bajaj, Anderson, Vice Chair Beeli,
Chair Arrata, Nafissi (7:43 P.M.)

Commissioners Absent: Tsao

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

J. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

K. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

Capital Projects Program Manager Reyes reported Blue Folder items for P.1, P.2, and P.3.

Motion by Chair Arrata, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to file the Blue Folder items.

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

L. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

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

- L.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING**
- L.2. APPROVE THE PUBLIC WORKS AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 24, 2025 REGULAR MEETING**
- L.3. RECEIVE AND FILE PUBLIC WORKS AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION APPROVED PROJECTS STATUS UPDATES**
- L.4. RECEIVE AND FILE THE MONTHLY UPDATE TO THE CITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN THREE YEAR GOALS AND SIX-MONTH OBJECTIVES ADOPTED BY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 8, 2024**
- M. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None**
- N. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
- N.1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Capital Projects Program Manager Reyes reported a hand raised on Zoom.

Mark Nelson (via Zoom) mentioned in 18 months BCHD is scheduled to begin demolition on the hospital despite the 20 point rejection of funding by its voter owners on Measure BC; stated from late 2026 through 2027, contractors will create traffic noise, particulates vibration and have to dispose of a number of toxics, including asbestos, industrial power plant waste, medical biohazard, medical nuclear waste, buried fuel tanks and contaminated soil; stated during Beach Cities' 400 foot long, \$2 million bike lane project they queued up prospect frontages from 400 to 600 due to a lack of advanced planning and no oversight; mentioned BCHD is also proposing 200 units of senior housing on the site and needlessly demolishing the hospital; opined they will damage the health, safety and quality of life of the surrounding neighborhoods; noted this will go on for 5 to 10 years; spoke of all the hazards they will create with this project; urged the Commission and Public Works to intervene early and seek input from the surrounding one half mile of residents before approving any permits or traffic plans for BCHD.

Capital Projects Program Manager Reyes stated no other eComments or anyone on Zoom.

- O. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - None**
- P. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION**
- P.1. FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION OF LONG-TERM INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT RIPLEY/HUNTINGTON/PERKINS**

Traffic Engineer Ryan Liu provided a PowerPoint presentation on the item which included:

- Background
 - PWSC discussed on 6/23/23 and City Council approved on 10/3/23 an all-way stop at Ripley/Perkins
 - Huntington and Perkins in design for street rehab
 - PWSC discussed, on 3/24/25, staff's proposed long-term improvements.
 - City staff modified proposed changes based on resident input
- Issues
 - West bound Ripley stop is too far from actual all-way stop at Perkins
 - East bound Huntington path of travel conflicts w/ WB Ripley
 - All-way stop contains 4 approaches that do not face each other
 - Unnecessary roadway area causes confusion
 - City originally proposed Huntington as one-way westbound
 - Resident concerned w/ rearward visibility from Ripley
 - PWSC provided additional feedback
- Revised Solution
 - Move westbound Ripley stop to Perkins
 - Realign southbound Perkins with curb extension
 - Realign eastbound Huntington with curb extension
 - Expand island with landscaping
- Marked Crosswalk Across Ripley
 - Not recommended
 - Requires ramp on south side of Ripley
 - Encourage crossing at Inglewood or Felton
 - No entrance to school at Perkins
- Available Alternatives
 - Recommend staff advance design to realign Ripley/Perkins/Huntington approaches with curb extensions and island modifications
 - Do not modify island and curbs beyond minimum standards
 - Other options as determined by the PWSC

Commissioner Bajaj asked for clarification on the plan for a new marked crosswalk at Ripley and Inglewood; asked if the crossing guard would still remain at the current crossing.

Traffic Engineer Liu commented that he believes that to be correct, that the crossing guard will remain at the Felton intersection; he does not know of any plans to move that crossing guard and mentioned they have a proposed raised crosswalk at Inglewood.

Commissioner Anderson asked about the bulb-outs on Ripley and if they are there to mitigate speed; asked if there is evidence of people jaywalking across Ripley.

Traffic Engineer Liu answered yes regarding the bulb-outs on Ripley; reported they do not have hard data for the jaywalking but it is a legal crosswalk so pedestrians are welcome to cross there; stated if more signage is needed or a need to close out that crosswalk becomes apparent they will revisit the issue.

Capital Projects Program Manager Reyes reported no other eComments or anyone on Zoom.

Motion by Commissioner Bajaj, seconded by Commissioner Beeli, to accept Staff's recommendation.

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

Vote by Roll Call:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Tsao, Nafissi

P.2. DISCUSSION OF TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON PROSPECT FRONTAGE ROAD (500-600 BLOCK)

Traffic Engineer Liu gave some background on the item; stated Councilmember Kaluderovic had a District 3 meeting in December 2024, which brought up residents' safety concerns of speeding and cut through traffic on the Prospect frontage road; showed a slide from his presentation that explained the setting of the street and traffic patterns of the area; noted there were also concerns on the main line of Prospect and they collected data in advance of that meeting which he showed on a slide; explained that the shrubs that line the street had to be removed and now the street is more exposed and the noise levels are higher; mentioned a desire for crash protective measures to be taken; presented a slide with actionable items which included:

- Staff/Council Action Since Neighborhood Meeting
 - (2) Sample plants installed (time needed to grow plants)
 - Engineering researching of cost and feasibility of sound and crash mitigation
 - D3 CM requested Rbfd to reduce siren noise
 - D3 CM requested RBPD enforcement and radar for mainline
 - Staff measured 16,000 vehicles per day and 42 mph (85th percentile speeds) on mainline Prospect
- This Agenda Item
 - Pertains to traffic-related measures along frontage road

- Speed cushion request and referral per City's Speed Cushion Policy
- Frontage road access control modification (trial) – notice sent to residents
- Speed Cushion Request (Frontage road)
 - Speed Cushion Policy and forms provided to residents (Dec 2024)
 - Staff received and verified 18 signatures of 27 total (Jan 2025)
 - Staff proceeded with engineering study per Policy
 - Speeds and volumes collected (Feb 2025)
 - Frontage road meets general speed cushion criteria
 - Does not meet 32 mph threshold
 - Per Speed Cushion Policy, City staff cannot recommend speed cushions along the 500-600 Prospect frontage road

Traffic Engineer Liu stated after Councilmember Kaluderovic was informed, she referred the request to the PWSC for discussion; noted that city streets not meeting Speed Cushion Policy thresholds is common; mentioned if the Policy thresholds were met, three potential speed cushion locations were identified; paused his presentations to take any questions.

Commissioner Bajaj referred to the slide that featured the volumes of vehicles per day; asked if there was any evidence of vehicles cutting through or entering the frontage road going to the signal and then entering back onto Prospect or not complying with the "Do Not Enter" sign.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated he does not have that data; reported their data was just a simple tube measurement of speed and volumes.

More discussion followed on the amount of vehicles, the ability to track, data retrieval and if the speed cushions are necessary.

Commissioner Anderson asked if there was any crash data.

Traffic Engineer Liu reported they do not have a lot of crash data on frontage road; noted there is some history of crashes on the mainline as is typical for a street of that functional class.

Chair Arrata asked what the observation times were for the data collection.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated the tubes were laid down for 7 days and referred to the chart; noted it was between February 18 – 24 for 24 hours each day.

Traffic Engineer Liu continued with the presentation:

- Frontage Road Access Control – staff suggestions for Commission to

recommend for City Council to approve.

- No inbound access at BCHD signal
- Reduce potential conflicts
- Easy to test (3-month)
- CIP project to permanentize
- Affects residents the most (negative impact)
- All traffic must enter at either Beryl or Diamond sides (negative impact)

Traffic Engineer Liu stated staff does not have any recommendations but they are offering a proposal that could be tested if the Commission chooses to recommend it.

Chair Arrata invited public comment.

Bernard Dubois, 513 Prospect Ave, stated he could give a free evaluation of who uses that street and how unsafe it is for cyclists as well as pedestrians and vehicles; explained the use of the streets and that drivers disregard the signs that say “Do Not Enter” or “One Way”; suggested blinking signs that flash; noted that the sign is really high and drivers don’t seem to see it; mentioned other avenues drivers take to avoid stop lights and can be dangerous; mentioned the proposal could be effective but unsure; agreed with the need for foliage and a guard rail as discussed; spoke of situations and incidents he has witnessed.

Julie Hernandez, 611 Prospect, spoke of the plants and bushes dying and how discouraging it is to see their street look so devastated; mentioned times where dead trees were left until they called the City to pick them up; asked that more mature plants or bushes are planted so they don’t have to wait years for them to fill in.

Darryl Boyd, 521 N. Prospect, spoke of the privacy and noise reduction the shrubs provided when he first moved to the home; stated due to the senior living facility close by they have to hear sirens multiple times a day plus the traffic due to the lack of bushes and trees that have been taken out; mentioned it is like an echo chamber non-stop; hoped the situation could be escalated and expedited soon.

Mark Nelson (via Zoom), 511 N. Prospect, stated he has filed a counter proposal as a comment on shutting off the entrance to the street at Beach Cities; noted that due to a criminal activity, Redondo Beach police had advised him to put in a heavy security system; stated he has hours of video of the wrong-way drivers, the turns, and the illegal U-turns drivers do if the Commission would like it; reported that he has seen eight hit and runs in front of his house and spoke of the difficulties of the area; asked the Commission to take a look at what he submitted.

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

Commissioner Bajaj stated what he is hearing is the lack of compliance for the one-way segment and then the noise issue; mentioned he hasn't heard of any reason to install speed humps but maybe there is a way to come up with some enhancements to reduce the lack of compliance on the one-way segment; gave some other suggestions for the area.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated maybe they could put in a striped bulb-out.

More discussion followed on the challenges of the area and what possible solutions they could consider.

Motion by Commissioner Bajaj, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, for the only action to be taken at this time to be some type of a bulb-out treatment for northbound Little Prospect, reinforcing the one-way, and then keeping the noise concerns as a separate discussion to be continued with City staff.

Mike Klein, Deputy Director of Operations for Public Works, reported the City is test planting a couple of plants along the island, mentioned a plant called the Wax Myrtle; spoke of using those plants and trying to obtain them at 6ft so they grow to about 8 to 12 ft; stated it will create a plant barrier and should help out with the noise; reported they have those ordered and gave some detail on what they are planning for the area.

Commissioner Anderson asked about the item in the agenda regarding the permanent CMU wall and felt it should follow under Prop 218 since it is solely for the benefit of the residents of that area and if that is the case, it would be assessed at a tax for those residents; agreed that the plants would provide the privacy and sound barrier the residents are hoping for with the issues they are having on the mainline.

Capital Projects Program Manager Reyes interjected by stating there is a BRR on this exact question regarding the wall and the landscaping that will be going to the City Council as part of their budget packet.

Amended motion by Commissioner Bajaj, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to have staff explore a striping treatment for the northbound Prospect frontage road approaching the signal at Beach Cities driveway.

Motion carried 6-0. Commissioners Tsao was absent.

Vote by Roll Call:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Tsao

P.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR THE METRO ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROJECT FOR THE REDONDO BEACH BL CORRIDOR & THE NRBB EXTENSION TO GRANT AVENUE AND MOBILITY HUB PROJECT

Traffic Engineer Liu presented a PowerPoint which included:

- NRBB Extension (Felton to Inglewood)
 - Construction contract awarded on 3/18/2025 to extend the N. Redondo Beach bikeway (NRBB) from Felton Ln to Inglewood Ave.
 - More walking and biking expected along the NRBB
 - City is looking to connect the future terminus at Inglewood with other corridors and destinations.
- Metro Active Transportation Grant
 - \$6.6 million grant from LA Metro to construct bike/ped improvements along Redondo Beach Blvd corridor between El Camino CC and Dominguez Park.
 - Project has completed 15% design
 - Community Outreach (2022 – Present)

Traffic Engineer Liu featured a design slide of the project and gave details and explanations.

- NRBB Extension + Native Planting Mobility Hub
- City Staff Comments
 - Featured 10 suggestions for the area and showed the types of plants they are considering
- Next Steps
 - PWSC discussion and/or recommendation. City Council to approve.
 - Coordinate design at Inglewood/Grant intersection to complement other City projects
 - Secure additional funding, sign agreements with Lawndale, Torrance, LA County

Chair Arrata invited public comment.

Liam Walsh, District 5 and volunteer for the South Bay Bicycle Coalition, stated he is looking forward to this project happening; noted that most of the El Camino college student body lives in Torrance, Lawndale, and Redondo and many are likely to ride to school; stated the completion of the project would bring the percentage from 34% to 40% complete citywide of the overall master plan; hoped for protected bike lanes throughout the project but understood they have to work with other jurisdictions; stated that on behalf of the South Bay Bicycle Coalition along with other undersigned folks,

they submitted a letter (had extra copies if needed) in support of the project but they outlined a few improvements they would like to see implemented; mentioned the segment that goes along the Galleria and asked if there could be any temporary routing through Kingsdale and Artesia.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Chair Arrata, to receive and file the letter brought by Liam Walsh.

Motion carried by voice vote 6-0-1. Commissioner Tsao was absent.

Commissioner Bajaj asked Liam Walsh how the City of Torrance has reacted to his request.

Liam Walsh hopes that everyone can work together; deferred to the City staff on Torrance's reaction to the project.

Aaron Altamura, Torrance resident, stated he is excited about the project but deeply disappointed that the Class 2 bike lanes are being proposed; felt that protected bike lanes are needed and it is an opportunity to save lives.

Alex Feinman, District 3, stated he is there on behalf of South Bay Forward, to voice their strong opinion for the Redondo Beach Blvd active transportation project; reported he is a frequent biker; thanked the City for taking the lead on this project; mentioned he is there to advocate for fully protected Class 4 bike lanes across the entirety of the project; focused on the safety they provide.

Capital Projects Program Manager Reyes reported six eComments all in support and no one on Zoom.

Commissioner Anderson asked Traffic Engineer Liu if there are any parallel examples of the mobility hubs.

Traffic Engineer Liu reported there is not a lot of precedent for this around their region; stated they are dependent on the needs and space available; mentioned many cities in LA surround theirs around their Bike Share but Redondo Beach does not have a Bike Share.

Chair Arrata asked what feedback the City is getting from the other jurisdictions.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated he became involved in the project after most of the community engagement was already completed; mentioned Lawndale and LA County are partnering agencies and the City has contracts with them and explained the details of their participation; reiterated that Torrance did not want to partner with the City on this project.

Commissioner Bajaj asked for clarification on what the Commission is being asked on this item.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated a receive and file of the report and a recommendation to City Council as they continue to move forward.

Motion by Commissioner Bajaj, seconded by Commissioner Nafissi, to receive and file the report and for staff to take the recommendation to City Council.

Commissioner Nafissi stated she has two questions; noticed that the City has an art installation and asked what that will look like and how to involve the community.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated as it stands now, they have a location for the art installation but have not had any discussions on what that will look like; mentioned it is independent of the bike lane extension and will not affect that schedule; noted it will not be decided by the engineering staff.

Commissioner Nafissi went on to her next question; questioned whether a water fountain could be installed there or if water installation was not allowed.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated they do want a water fountain but clarified that no water hookups for vendors will be provided; noted they do not want to make it a regional destination for the latest food truck.

Commissioner Beeli inquired about an art piece that was supposed to be placed in North Redondo for the transportation hub.

Capital Projects Program Manager Reyes answered that is in the CIP; noted there were several art projects, murals that were approved by City Council last year; stated the City is working through them and the latest one was the skatepark mural down at the Harbor and the next one scheduled is the Public Works Yard on Catalina and Gertruda; reported that it is being handled by the Community Services Department.

More discussion followed.

Motion carried 6-0. Commissioners Tsao was absent.

Vote by Roll Call:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Tsao

P.4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMMUNICATION

WITH THE CITY COUNCIL ON ITEMS TO BE ADDED OR MODIFIED ON THE NEXT STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

City Engineer Lauren Sablan mentioned this item is to discuss the strategic plan and is a continuation from the last meeting; stated Commissioner Anderson was able to provide a draft letter for the Commission to review and is part of the agenda; spoke of reviewing the letter tonight and discussing any items the Commission would like to move forward to Council; mentioned the Strategic Planning Session scheduled for the following night and she would like to get any recommendations in writing from this Commission so she can present them at tomorrow's session as a Blue Folder item.

Commissioner Simpson reported he read the letter and felt it was well written and spoke well for the position of the Commission; spoke in favor of submitting it.

Chair Arrata invited public comment; noted the letter is item 4 in the Blue Folder.

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

City Engineer Sablan suggested going over the letter in real time; proceeded to go through the letter bullet point by bullet point with the Commission.

Commissioner Nafissi felt the last bullet point needed clarity.

Discussion followed regarding the language of the last bullet point or possibly removing it; suggestions on tracking the progress of Measure FP; future updates being given to the Commission regarding the Strategic Plan.

Liam Walsh, District 5, asked about implementation of a plan on how the City will complete the Bicycle Master Plan in some dedicated timeframe

Alex Feinman, District 3, recommended adding a budget item for the Council to fund a study for protected bike lanes along Prospect Ave; mentioned 11 schools are along that street.

Commissioner Bajaj wanted to address the public comments; felt it is difficult to ask the City Council for a sunset date for implementation of the Bicycle Master Plan; explained his hesitation due to the various levels and details and difficulties needed for the plan; supported keeping the topic in the conversation when it comes to City planning.

More discussion followed with suggestions on how to keep the topic in the discussions; spoke of adding it into bullet point #2 or as its own bullet point; creating a tracking system on the progress of the bike lanes for the public to view.

City Engineer Sablan turned the focus back on editing the letter.

Motion by Commissioner Bajaj to approve the letter as edited, finalized and signed by Chair Arrata tonight, which will be submitted as a Blue Folder item for tomorrow's Strategic Planning Session.

This motion died for a lack of a second.

Commissioner Nafissi suggested a change to read: "Explore opportunities to redirect fire and police facilities repair funding that Measure FP now covers, to pressing Public Works projects or needed CIP projects."

Capital Projects Program Manager Reyes offered a suggestion to make the wording clearer on the letter so that Council knows exactly what they are looking for.

More discussion followed regarding the items noted in the letter and if it was complete and ready for Chair Arrata to sign.

Chair Arrata questioned the need to have her sign the letter. City Engineer Sablan stated if she does not feel comfortable with signing they can send it as a memo instead.

Discussion on having the Chair sign on behalf of the Public Works and Sustainability Commission ensued.

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the edited version of the letter, have Chair Arrata sign on behalf of the Commission, and have staff submit the letter as a Blue Folder item for tomorrow's Strategic Planning Session.

Motion carried 6-0. Commissioner Tsao was absent.

Vote by Roll Call:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Tsao

Q. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Beeli wanted an update on his request to Public Works Director Winje about streetlights at certain intersections in North Redondo.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated the City is processing his request with Southern California Edison.

R. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Bajaj, second by Commissioner Simpson, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried 6-0. Commissioner Tsao was absent.

The next meeting of the Redondo Beach Public Works and Sustainability Commission will be a regular meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 23, 2025, in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers, at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

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

