

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A Special 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.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Anderson, Bajaj, Vice Chair Beeli, Nafissi, Simpson, Chair Arrata

Commissioners Absent: Tsao

Officials Present: Andrew Winje, Public Works Director  
Ryan Liu, Transportation Engineer  
Lauren Sablan, Acting City Engineer

**C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Commissioner Beeli led the Commissioners in a Salute to the Flag.

**D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Nafissi, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve the order of agenda. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Tsao

**E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS**

**E.1. BLUE FOLDER**

Motion by Chair Arrata, seconded by Commissioner Nafissi, to receive and file blue folder items. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Tsao

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Chair Arrata opened the floor to public comments.

Acting City Engineer Sablan confirmed there were no eComments and public comments.

Seeing no requests to speak, Chair Arrata closed the floor to public comments.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Tsao

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

**F.2. RECEIVE AND FILE THE CITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN THREE YEAR GOALS AND SIX-MONTH OBJECTIVES ADOPTED BY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

**G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

None.

**H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**H.1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS**

None.

**J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION**

**J.1. DISCUSSION OF INTERSECTION ENHANCEMENTS AT BERYL STREET AND GUADALUPE AVENUE**

Transportation Engineer Liu provided a PowerPoint presentation on improvements at the intersection of Beryl Street and Guadalupe Avenue. The presentation included the following details:

- Background
  - All-way Stop (AWS) requested in 2022 - did not meet thresholds or support.
  - AWS or crosswalk requested in August 2024.

- Staff directed by PWSC to re-analyze AWS in conjunction with enhanced crosswalk.
- AWS Policy requires resident survey and engineering study.
- 66% response rate is needed.
- AWS Survey
  - 34 addresses within 150-foot radius. 122 within 300 feet.
  - Under both radius, support rate was around 30%, which does not pass policy threshold.
  - Notices were sent to residents within 300 feet radius.
- Engineering Study
  - 2014 CAMUTCD and 2023 federal MUTCD provides recommended warrants to be met before an AWS is recommended or installed.
  - Outlined the five main warrants.
  - Stated the warrants were not met according to the study.
- Basis of Crosswalk Recommendations
  - Highlighted the Guide for Improving Pedestrian Safety at Uncontrolled Crossing Locations
- Available Countermeasures
  - Provided five countermeasures and a possible sixth option.
  - Proposed crosswalk countermeasures included: 1) high-visibility crosswalk markings, parking restrictions, adequate nighttime lighting, 2) advanced Yield Here To Pedestrians sign and yield line, 3) in-street pedestrian crossing sign, 4) curb extension and 5) pedestrian refuge island; he mentioned use of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB)
- Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon
  - Effective with improving yielding compliance
  - Additional \$20,000
  - Flashing lights may cause nuisance to adjacent residents
  - Requires push buttons that emit noise or ADA compliance
  - Shields and time-of-day functions for brightness and noise available
- Pedestrian Refuge Island
  - Provides protected area for pedestrians
  - Effective for safety and traffic calming
  - Turning movement counts collected
  - Repurposing of left-turn space has a negligible effect
  - Space still available within intersection

Chair Arrata opened the floor to public comments

Acting City Engineer Sablan confirmed there were no eComments and no one on Zoom.

Commissioner Bajaj asked Transportation Engineer Liu to clarify if 66% of those that responded to the survey was needed or if 66% of everyone surveyed was needed; Transportation Engineer Liu confirmed it needed to be 66% of everyone surveyed needed to respond in favor.

More discussion followed regarding response rate.

Transportation Engineer Liu summarized the options for the Commissioners to decide on; stating the first option is Staff's recommendation to install enhanced crosswalks at Beryl and Guadalupe with the potential to add the RFB.

- 1) Mike Wilson, lives at North Guadalupe, mentioned he spoke to a lot of his neighbors to see if they received the letter from the City; stated some said they never received the letter, some were renters that felt they did not need to respond to it, others felt the paperwork was too confusing and too lengthy; opined that the survey should take the percentage of people that responded and not from the total amount mailed out; asked how the data was gathered; opined that vision is impaired when you pull up to the crosswalk on Beryl due to the parked cars; opined it should have a Four-way Stop.
- 2) Andy Anderson, lives on the corner of Beryl and Guadalupe, stated that an island will not work in that intersection; he favored the other recommendations but was against putting islands in the intersection.
- 3) Lynn Schumacher, lives at North Guadalupe, stated she never received a letter from the City; mentioned cars speed in the area all the time and favored a crosswalk or stop signs.

Commissioner Anderson commented that about five years ago Irena intersection was not a 4-Way Stop controlled and asked if the change was due to the slope of the street; Public Works Director Winje mentioned he was not the Traffic Engineer at the time; mentioned that the City's Stop Sign Policy is very liberal and opined there was probably a large outreach from the community and the Councilmember for that district was probably a proponent which led to the installation there. PW Director Winje also clarified that the 66% response rate was decided by the Councilmember for the district as well.

More discussion followed regarding the outreach program and the percentage that is counted. PW Director Winje mentioned residents are welcome to reach out to their councilmember to voice their opinions and suggestions.

Commissioner Simpson asked to clarify Staff recommendation is for an enhanced crosswalk and not an All-ways Stop. Transportation Engineer Liu concurred and stated the thresholds were not met for an AWS. More discussion followed on recommendations to the Council.

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Beeli to accept Staff recommendation to implement the enhanced crosswalk.

Acting City Engineer Sablan confirmed there were no eComments or Zoom participants.

Commissioner Anderson asked Commissioner Simpson if he would alter his motion to only include crosswalks making sure they follow AB-413 with red curbs.

Commissioner Simpson stated not to second his motion and let it die for lack of a second but that he felt the Staff's recommendation was the right solution.

Chair Arrata asked for the slide of the recommendations to be put back up.

Substitute motion by Commissioner Nafissi, seconded by Commissioner Bajaj, to not advance Staff recommendations but to inform Councilmember Loewenstein of the public's opinion for an All-ways Stop and provide him the information from the Staff Report and to ask him to work with his district residents to find a solution for the intersection of Beryl and Guadalupe.

More discussion ensued.

Substitute motion did not pass, 2-3-1, Chair Arrata abstained:

AYES: Bajaj, Nafissi  
NOES: Simpson, Anderson, Vice Chair Beeli  
ABSENT: Tsao

Original motion did not pass, 3-3

AYES: Simpson, Vice Chair Beeli, Chair Arrata  
NOES: Bajaj, Anderson, Nafissi  
ABSENT: Tsao

Substitute motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to accept Staff recommendation to implement the enhanced crosswalk without the curb extension.

Substitute motion carried, 3-2-1, Chair Arrata abstained:

AYES: Simpson, Anderson, Vice Chair Beeli  
NOES: Bajaj, Nafissi  
ABSENT: Tsao

## **J.2. DISCUSSION OF SPEED TABLES ON FLAGLER LN (190<sup>TH</sup> – BERYL)**

Transportation Engineer Liu provided a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation included the following details:

- Background
  - Resident speed bump request for Flagler Lane between 190<sup>th</sup> and Beryl
  - Described uniqueness of the street
  - Midblock uncontrolled crosswalks
  - Met with Councilmember Kaluderovic, District 3, to determine direction outside City Speed Cushion Policy
  - Decision was made to bypass the City's Speed Cushion Policy and explore speed tables
  - Stated that notices were sent to residents within 200 feet of the segment of Flagler and to Councilmembers for Districts 3 and 4
  
- Engineering Analysis
  - Explained the engineering analysis that was conducted
  - Explained proposed speed table; noted the estimated cost is \$20,000; showed examples of speed tables and other options such as raised crosswalks and narrowing lanes by adding bike lanes.

Transportation Engineer Liu answered questions from Commissioners.

Chair Arrata opened the floor to public comments.

Acting City Engineer Sablan stated there were two eComments, both in support of the item or recommendations, and no one on Zoom.

Commissioner Nafissi asked Transportation Engineer Liu to explain why they are spending \$20,000 to do a pilot without asking the residents; Transportation Engineer Liu clarified that this decision was made by the Councilmember and explained the uniqueness of the street and why the decision was made.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bajaj, to approve the Staff recommendations for speed tables on Flagler Lane between 190<sup>th</sup> and Beryl.  
Motion carried unanimously, with no objection.

AYES: Anderson, Simpson, Bajaj, Vice Chair Beeli, Nafissi, and Chair Arrata  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Tsao

## K. MEMBER ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF

Commissioner Nafissi asked for an update on Dominguez Park; Public Works Director Winje noted that Dominguez Park was built on former landfill; stated the City has been negotiating back and forth with the County; he provided some details of the proposed plan that was sent to the County; stated they plan to have the playground equipment in by January, complete their punch list and have the park open by February; he expressed some concerns over obtaining approval from the County.

Commissioner Nafissi wanted to bring attention to some graffiti near Perry Park close to the Senior Center.

Commissioner Nafissi asked if the City is planning on putting benches down at the skate park near the Pier; stated that it looked like there were benches there but they were removed; Public Works Director Winje stated some metal benches were removed for repair and he would ask to see if those are the benches she is referring to.

Commissioner Simpson mentioned a broken cap on a fire hydrant near Rockefeller and Harkness; PW Director Winje stated that is Cal Water's responsibility but that he can report it and mentioned they can also report it.

Commissioner Nafissi mentioned residents love Access Redondo but that she has gotten feedback from people that they are not notified whether issues are fixed; Commissioner Beeli said they do provide updates on issues.

## L. ADJOURNMENT

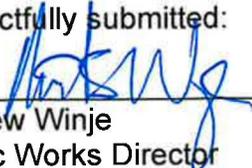
Motion by Commissioner Simpson, second by Commissioner Bajaj, to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 P.M. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Anderson, Bajaj, Simpson, Nafissi, Vice Chair Beeli, and Chair Arrata  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Tsao

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 January 27, 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:

  
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Andrew Winje  
Public Works Director