

TRANSPORTATION BOARD MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, May 7, 2025, 5:30 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair Bulinski, Board Member J. Trinh, K. Brown, I. Carrillo, C. Collins, and

O. Valadez,

ABSENT: Vice Chair Madary

STAFF PRESENT: Veronica Garcia, and Philip Nitollama.

Chair Bulinski called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEMBER KAREN J. BROWN

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

a. Chair & Vice Chair

Member O. Valadez motioned, and Member I. Carrillo seconded to keep the positions the same by renominating Member Bulinski for Chair and Member Madary for Vice Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

MINUTES

Board Member C. Collins motioned and seconded by Board Member J. Trinh, to approve the meeting minutes of April 2, 2025, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

REQUEST FOR SPEED HUMPS ON ORCHARD STREET

The city received a petition from the residents on Orchard Street requesting speed humps. The petition and roadway conditions on Orchard Street between Jefferson Street and Verde Street were reviewed for consistency with the City's Speed Hump Program. The petition reflects that 28 of the 33 residents (85%) support speed humps, which meets

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the minimum requirement of 70% of the residents. There were no signatures opposing the speed hump proposal. Staff investigated speeds, volumes, and street geometrics. Comparing staff's investigation of Orchard Street with the City's set guidelines for speed humps resulted in 6 out of 8 criteria being met. Based on the requirement to meet all 8 criteria, Orchard Street does not qualify for speed humps per the City approved policy.

However, a letter of appeal was submitted to city staff requesting that the proposed speed humps be reviewed by the Transportation Board. Because the roadway does not meet the established criteria for speed hump installation and because staff are not aware of mitigating circumstances that would merit overriding the established criteria, staff recommend denial of the appeal. The preliminary cost estimate for the speed hump installation is \$28,640. Two individuals spoke in support of the installation during the meeting. No e-comments and no calls were received regarding this issue.

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member C. Collins, seconded by Board Member C. Carrillo to approve the staff's recommendation. The motion was carried with Chair J. Bulinski, Board Members K. Brown, I. Carrillo, C. Collins, and Valadez, voting yes and one no vote from Board Members J. Trinh.

REQUEST FOR SPEED HUMPS ON OTTAWA AVENUE

The city received a petition from the residents on Ottawa Avenue requesting speed humps to be installed on their street. The petition and roadway conditions on Ottawa Avenue between University Avenue and Martin Luther King Boulevard were reviewed for consistency with the City's Speed Hump Program. The petition reflects that 43 of the 56 (77%) residents support speed humps on Ottawa Avenue, which meets the minimum requirement of 70%. There were no signatures from residents opposing the consideration of speed humps. Staff investigated speeds, volumes, and street geometrics. Comparing staff's investigation of Ottawa Avenue with the City's set guidelines for speed humps resulted in 6 out of 8 criteria being met. Based on the requirement to meet all 8 criteria, Ottawa Avenue does not qualify for speed humps per the City approved policy.

However, a letter of appeal was submitted to staff requesting for proposed speed humps to be reviewed by the Transportation Board. Since the roadway does not meet the

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established criteria for speed hump installation and staff are not aware of mitigating circumstances that would merit overriding the established criteria, staff recommend denial of the appeal. Further, the speed hump installation estimate is \$50,120 which is a substantial cost. Three individuals spoke in support of the installation during the meeting. No e-comments and no calls were received regarding this issue.

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member K. Brown, seconded by Board Member C. Collins to approve the staff's recommendation. The motion was carried with Chair J. Bulinski, Board Members K. Brown, I. Carrillo, C. Collins, and Valadez, voting yes and one no vote from Board Members J. Trinh.

COMMUNICATIONS

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS ON TRAFFIC ENGINEERING-RELATED ITEMS

- a. April 8, 20205- The City Council approved Axle Restriction along Madison Street.
- b. April 22, 2025- The City Council approved speed hump installation on Green Orchard and Ramona.
- c. May 6, 2025- The City Council has proposed shifting the funding for the crossing guard program to the school district. Currently, the program's costs are split evenly, with the City and the school district each covering 50%. The new proposal suggests that the school district would be responsible for 75% of the costs, while the City would cover the remaining 25% of the costs for the first year.

TRAFFIC ENGINEER / PARKING SERVICES UPDATES

- a. The City launched the Clean Air Car Share Program Allowing Public to use 12 hydrogen fuel cell vehicles for rent.
- b. May 3, 2025- Every kid deserves a bike event- 100 Bike giveaway to 100 forth graders at Longfellow Elementary School.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE TRANSPORTATION BOARD CONSIDERATION

a. Review if speed humps help reduce speeding.

The Transportation Board meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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