

**CITY OF REDLANDS
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, May 2, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

Roll Call:

Present

Commissioners:

Matt Malouf
Curtis Dison
Eric Shamp
Cassie MacDuff
Marc Tran
Saanya Shrivastav

Staff:

Johana Silva, MUED
Jeremy Floyd, PD
John Harris, MUED
Goutam Dobey, MUED
Eric Pendery, PD

Consultant:

Bryan Estrada, RK Engineering Group

Absent

Commissioners:

Anna Jaiswal

2. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was called to order at 6:05 pm by Commission Chair Malouf.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon review of the meeting minutes of the Traffic and Parking Commission's last meeting on March 24, 2022, Commissioner Shamp asked Staff for clarification if Agenda Item 5D was presented in the March meeting. Staff clarified that Agenda Item 5D regarding the passenger rail was briefly discussed. **A motion was made by Commissioner Tran and seconded by Commissioner Shamp to approve the minutes as presented and carried.**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No non-agenda related public comments were made. Comments related to specific agenda items are incorporated into the item discussion.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5A. *Approval of the 2021 Engineering and Traffic Survey Report to update citywide speed limits*

Ms. Silva stated the City routinely prepares Engineering and Traffic Survey (E&TS) to justify posted speed limits throughout the City and to allow the Police Department (PD) to enforce the speed limits using an electronic device. Ms. Silva gave an overview of the speed limit recommendations that are lower than the existing speed limits and speed limit recommendations that are higher than the existing speed limits. Mr. Harris stated that the goal of the survey is to increase safety and without implementation of the survey PD cannot enforce the speed limits. Sgt. Floyd added that without the study, officers will not be able to use radar/lidar for enforcement consequently unable PD to enforce speed limits. Sgt. Floyd on behalf of PD recommended that the commission approve the E&TS report as it exists at this time.

Commissioner MacDuff inquired whether the entirety of the E&TS report or a portion of the street segments included in the report can be approved. Mr. Harris stated that it is not required one way or another but reiterated that the street segments not approved will not be enforceable. Commissioner MacDuff stated a concern and asked for clarification on the rationale for recommended speed limit increases on certain street segments including University Street (Cypress Avenue to Colton Avenue), Wabash Avenue (Citrus Avenue to Colton Avenue) and Sunset Drive (Panorama Point to Franklin Avenue). Discussion ensued regarding the justification of various street segments. Mr. Estrada, RK Engineering Group, clarified the methodology and the rationale for adjusting speed limits on various street segments. Mr. Harris stated that the University Village improvements will implement traffic calming measures and is expected to decrease motorist's speed. In addition, lowering the speed limit is not an appropriate traffic safety measure for vehicular and pedestrian safety, and described a local sample of traffic calming. Sgt. Floyd stated that without the ability to enforce speed, collisions may increase and clarified that the 25 mph speed limit when schools are in session supersedes posted speed limit. Chairperson Malouf express possible consequences of the inability of law enforcement to enforce speed limits and stated that his review of the report, as an engineer in the traffic field, saw no issues. Commissioner Shamp inquired if the 85th percentile methodology has been pushed back in other communities. Mr. Estrada stated that recently the AB 43 passed which has given more flexibility with speed limit guidelines and the MUTCD will be updated to reflect the bill. Discussion ensued to pass the report with a message to Council stating to expand our law enforcement resources to have measurable and visible traffic enforcement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Malouf and seconded by Commissioner Dison to recommend to City Council approval of the 2021 Engineering and Traffic Survey Report to update citywide speed limits. By roll call vote of 6-0, the motion carried unanimously with the caveat that the City explores allocating additional funding to future street management, safety management, and officer resources.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Malouf at 7:01 pm.