

**CITY OF REDLANDS
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE & CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was called to order at 6:01 pm by Chairperson Eric Shamp.

Roll Call:

Present

Commissioners:

Eric Shamp

Kevin Morningstar

Carl Davis

Andrew Hoder

Benjamin D. Perez

Staff:

Ryan Steinhaus, PD

Johana Silva, MUED

John Harris, MUED

Absent

Commissioners:

Cassie MacDuff (unexcused)

Bill Waddell (unexcused)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Morningstar and seconded by Commissioner Hoder to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 28, 2024. By roll call vote of 5-0, the motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jodi Maglasang, resident, raised concerns about the increase parking in the residential neighborhood of Columbia Street which she claims is a result of Slow Bloom Coffee Cooperative.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4A. *Request to establish on-street parking restrictions on Al Harris Lane and 3rd Street between Redlands Boulevard and Orange Street*

Tom Robinson from VantageOne Real Estate expressed opposition to the one-way configuration. He suggested installing a four-way stop at Al Harris Lane and Orange Street, reverting the sidewalk extension to its original layout, and implementing timed parking restrictions only.

Jerry Tessier, owner of Redlands Public Market, also opposed the one-way configuration. He informed the commission that the movie theater manager is not concerned about midweek patron parking as the theater opens in the afternoon. He will direct patrons to park in the parking structure during the evenings and weekends.

Glenn Fearon from Property One stated that the City has created a dangerous situation with the bulb-out, which narrows the street.

Ms. Silva stated during the March 28th TPC meeting, the commission directed staff to investigate several items. These included investigating the conversion of Al Harris Lane to one-way westbound, which could add 31 angled parking spaces but may cause spillback onto Orange Street during peak times; examining the parking ratio on State Street between Cajon Street and Redlands Boulevard, with ratios of 13:5 for eateries to 30-minute parking and 13:140 for 2-hour parking; recommending signage to guide motorists from 3rd Street/Al Harris Lane to Stuart Street Parking Lot to reduce congestion; and advising against a traffic signal at Orange Street and Al Harris Lane due to safety concerns related to its proximity to other signals and railroad tracks.

The commission discussed concerns about the existing bulb-out narrowing the street, commented that the one-way configuration and signal at Al Harris Lane and Orange Street are not feasible, and agreed with the placement of right-turn arrows on parking guide signs to discourage left turns.

A motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Chairperson Shamp to approve the proposed parking restrictions, as depicted in the exhibit. The motion failed by a roll call vote of 2-3.

4B. *Review and clarify Traffic and Parking Commission responsibilities and consider ordinance updates*

Mr. Harris stated that the commission received a previous staff report on March 16, 2023, which summarized traffic-related duties from other cities and recommended language changes to the code. Chairperson Shamp provided a brief overview of his previous proposals for possible changes discussed in earlier meetings. Commissioner Morningstar requested that the commission be informed about the pavement management program CIP. Mr. Harris noted that staff can provide updates on CIP projects without including it in the ordinance. A general consensus was reached to table the item to allow the commission time to review the staff report.

This item was tabled for further discussion to the next meeting.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5A. *Crosswalk/Intersection Improvement Requests*

a. *Ford Street and Redlands Boulevard*

Ms. Silva stated that this intersection serves as an on/off ramp to the I-10 freeway and is managed by Caltrans. We are collaborating with Caltrans to address our concerns about this intersection.

b. *Cajon Street and Highland Avenue*

Ms. Silva stated that at the last TPC meeting, crosswalks were requested at this intersection. Since then, crosswalks have been installed on the northern and eastern portions where existing ramps and sidewalks are in place.

Questions were raised about the potential installation of crosswalks, ramps, and/or sidewalks on the southern and western parts of the intersection. Mr. Harris clarified that crosswalks require ramps and landing pads/sidewalks to be installed. He also mentioned that the City Council member who originally asked Staff to investigate the matter, did not favor placing sidewalks adjacent to Prospect Park. The commission requested that this item be included on the agenda for the next commission meeting for further discussion.

c. *Citrus Avenue and 9th Street*

Ms. Silva stated that Evan Stanford from the Chamber of Commerce has requested the installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at this intersection. Staff is in the process of purchasing ten (10) RRFBs, which will go to council for approval on June 18th. We are conducting an inventory of midblock crosswalks and will bring recommendations for RRFBs installation locations to the commission.

Evan Stanford, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, requested the installation of RRFBs at the crosswalk of Citrus Avenue and 9th Street citing significant safety concerns.

5B. *2024 Speed Survey Request for Proposal (RFP)*

Ms. Silva informed the commission that a copy of the 2024 Speed Survey Request for Proposal (RFP) has been provided. The City regularly conducts Engineering and Traffic Surveys as mandated by the California Vehicle Code to determine speed limits. This year, a new speed study is planned following the enactment of a section of AB 43, which grants local governments increased authority to lower speed limits. Ms. Silva requested the commission to review the RFP scope and share feedback via email by next week. Mr. Harris emphasized that these laws and standards require speed limits to align closely with the 85th percentile speed, the speed at or below which 85 percent of traffic travels. The surveys are essential for law enforcement to enforce speed limit regulations.

5C. *Safety report on intersection collisions*

Sgt. Steinhaus from the City of Redlands Police Department presented a comprehensive traffic collision report covering the period from January 2022 to December 2023. The presentation included an analysis of traffic collisions categorized by weekday and time-of-day, highlighting trends and patterns throughout the two-year period. Additionally, Sgt. Steinhaus provided a detailed map illustrating collision hotspots at intersections equipped with traffic lights and stop signs. The commission expressed interest in further details regarding the 341 accidents identified at or near Colton Ave / Redlands Blvd intersection, seeking additional information to better understand the factors contributing to these incidents.

5D. *Pavement Management Program (PMP) update*

Ms. Silva provided a brief update on the Pavement Management Program (PMP) project. She reported that in December 2020, the City of Redlands completed the Pavement Accelerated Repair Implementation Strategy (PARIS) program, rehabilitating over 400 miles of streets. The PARIS project began construction in April 2013 and rehabilitated two-thirds of all city streets in five phases. Following the completion of PARIS, the PMP built on its framework to rehabilitate the remaining one-third of city streets. Ms. Silva presented a map depicting the streets rehabilitated under PARIS and PMP.

5E. *Status of Traffic and Parking Commission budget*

Ms. Silva presented an overview of the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year regarding TPC budget expenditure. To date, only one commission-approved item has impacted the current fiscal year's budget: the Wabash Avenue crosswalk. To utilize the remaining funds in the budget, staff is currently in the process of procuring 10 RRFBs (Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons), which will be submitted for council approval on June 18th. Ms. Silva stated that there will no budget allocated to TPC for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

5F. *Status of work orders*

Ms. Silva presented the current agenda items previously recommended by the commission, displayed on the screen. There are no outstanding work orders for commission-approved items—all items have been successfully completed. At the staff level, only one item is currently pending, with all other work orders completed.

6. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES, AND/OR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chairperson Shamp asked if there were any comments or requests for future agenda items by the commission.

Items requested for the next regular Commission meeting agenda were as follows:

Detailed PD Accident Data - Requesting additional information on the 341 accidents reported at or near Colton/Redlands.

Cajon St / Highland Avenue Crosswalk - Proposal for possible installation of crosswalks at the south and west sides of the intersection.

Update on Curb Markings - Specifically at fire hydrant locations.

Assessment of Faded Parking Restriction Signs - Specifically at 25 6th Street, including evaluation of the 12-minute limit at this location.

Addressing Sign Obstructions - Discussion on tree limbs obstructing traffic signs.

7. ADJOURNMENT – Next regular meeting will be held on July 25, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Shamp at 8:10 p.m.