



## CITY OF RIDGECREST

100 West California Avenue,  
Ridgecrest, California 93555-4054

### INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE AGENDA CITY HALL - City Council Chambers

**Thursday May 27, 2021**

**5:00 pm**

Committee Members: Councilman Kyle Blades, Councilwoman Peggy Breeden, Commissioner Warren Cox, Commissioner William Jinkins

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
6. DISCUSSION ITEMS
  - 6.1. SCE Option E Update - Reed
  - 6.2. Cross-gutter update - Reed
  - 6.3. Four-way stop, Argus and Balsam - Blades
  - 6.4. ADA Transition Plan, Update – Reed
  - 6.5. Street lighting on Downs, Update – Reed
  - 6.6. Traffic Management Plan (Navy) – Reed
7. COMMITTEE COMMENTS
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9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
10. Next meeting: 6/24/2021
11. ADJOURNMENT



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**Thursday Apr 22, 2021**

**5:00 pm**

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1. CALL TO ORDER – TIME: 5:04pm

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Committee Members: Councilman Kyle Blades, Councilwoman Peggy Breeden, Commissioner Warren Cox, Commissioner William Jinkins

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Peggy/Warren

Committee Members: Councilman Kyle Blades, Councilwoman Peggy Breeden, Commissioner Warren Cox, Commissioner William Jinkins

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Peggy/Kyle

Committee Members: Councilman Kyle Blades, Councilwoman Peggy Breeden, Commissioner Warren Cox, Commissioner William Jinkins

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1. Cross-gutter updates – Loren Culp

L. Culp: Discussion of citizen feedback re: cross gutters. Discussion re: not impeding traffic or emergency vehicles, and considering large commercial trucks. Mahan between RC Blvd and Upjohn has a well-designed cross gutter. Gateway between E RC Blvd and Upjohn was redesigned with RSTP funds, removing severe cross gutters. Tried to update Sunland but there were utility conflicts. Suggesting a multiyear program to address the issue; one intersection per year. Funding from Traffic Impact Fees possible in some/possibly all cases. In-house design would cut costs by ~25%. Cost estimates given are worst case/very conservative toward maximum amounts. T. Reed/L. Culp: discussion of possible inclusion in current projects. L. Culp: Next phase of Ward at Norma & Downs, and Sierra View.

W. Cox/ L. Culp: Define cross gutter: V shaped channel that conveys water (nuisance flows) from one side of the street to the other. Not particularly effective in large water events. W. Cox: has

seen people using a steel grate over the cross gutters that is held in place by the concrete. L. Cox: Citizen Dave Matthews called prior to the meeting with a similar suggestion. Need to consider skid resistance/friction and what type of vehicles (trucks, bicyclists, motorcyclists), look for alternatives.

P. Breeden/T. Reed: Discussion re: timeframe to do an entire intersection, closing it down, etc., costs and timeframe. Half width at a time. Estimate 1.5 months. Discussion of funding options, being as frugal as possible.

W. Jinkins: Confirmation of costs (per intersection). Has been contacted by citizens with other intersections (will send to PW). Confirmation that list is not in order of priority. Can any of these intersections be included in ADA? L. Culp: Dollar General did construct a compliant ADA ramp, not sure about others that might need to be updated.

K. Blades: Inclusion into the 5-year plan. Recommendation to go to Planning Commission next.

W. Cox: With Measure V coming up for a vote again you might keep your focus within 3 years.

P. Breeden: Also, consider prioritizing Measure V projects that positively impact the most citizens.

## 6.2. ADA Transition Plan – Travis Reed

T. Reed: Staff sees momentum, completing projects will show we are addressing the ADA Transition Plan, help ensure future funding. Areas closest to town are likely most used by people needing ADA updates.

W. Jinkins: Are these the highest traffic areas for the community that needs the additional compliance? T. Reed: We believe so but are looking for Committee & public comment.

W. Cox: This part of town is more affordable and more suited to fixed income residents, making it an ideal starting point. Want to make sure people walking and/or using motorized vehicles can make it to active areas.

T. Reed: Expect 178 updates (Caltrans) will include some ADA improvements.

P. Breeden: Following discussions of historical areas at Council last night, citizens have been reaching out about bringing back events/activities involving walks, etc.

T. Reed/P. Breeden: Discussion of legal requirements, full compliance. T. Reed: Sidewalk slope may not be required to be updated to full compliance, but ramps would be updated to make as safe as possible. W. Cox: Discussion of ramps where there is not a sidewalk, use common sense.

W. Jinkins: If these are older infrastructure, will it increase the cost? T. Reed: Not necessarily, usually a remove and replace project, or even a curb cut (without removal). Discussing with Staff potential options to reduce costs, possibly bring things in house. W. Jinkins: Once we start these improvements does it start the clock for ADA Compliance?

K. Blades: cost estimate for each? T. Reed: High estimate \$7.5k per ramp, but will vary. Estimate 20-25 ramps need to be done.

**ACTION:** Travis will obtain an exact count.

W. Cox: Any state grants available? T. Reed: not positive, RSTP is being used elsewhere, CMAQ not related, CDBG not being used by PW currently.

### 6.3. Street lighting on Downs – Travis Reed

T. Reed: Traffic Impact Fees: \$1.75m is encumbered. \$308k available. ~\$60k-\$70k cost. Cannot stress that if SCE changes their requirements, we will be impacted, and should move forward ASAP.

P. Breeden: Seems like every time we have to deal with SCE, the goal is moved, answer is always no. Anything we can do to get ahead of them and get it done.

W. Cox: Send directly to Council and get it done.

Discussion of how these are handled – sending to Planning Commission, Council, etc.

Motion: Kyle/Will. All 'Ay'. Motion passed.

### 6.4. Traffic Management Plan (Navy) – Travis Reed

T. Reed: In receipt of responses to questions. Didn't see response to sun/visibility issue, need to review. 250ft turn lane. Speed change was taken into account (RC Blvd/CL Blvd 25mph/45mph), resulting in temporary speed change sign. Traffic concerns dismissed as not during peak times.

K. Blades: the trucks moving at high speeds with low visibility are going to result in someone getting hurt. ACTION: Will send an email to T. Reed with his question.

W. Cox: CHP needs to be diligent. 2 lanes only with no ingress/regress.

W. Cox: Where RC Blvd crosses CL Blvd there is a race going on.

P. Breeden: suggests signs warning drivers both directions.

W. Jinkins: Before the blind turn will there be any notification that there is traffic ahead.

## 7. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

W. Jinkins: Question re: Webex dial in being available to the public.

P. Breeden: Thank you to staff for providing information up front. Question re: Gails PPT. What is the life of the ramps? T. Reed/L. Culp: Estimate 50 years.

## 8. STAFF COMMENTS

L. Culp: Have a couple of RFPs and an RFQ that just came in. W. Ward Phase 2 RSTP project. Just rec'd Caltrans approval for reviewing our RFP for Corpyard Solar/EV Charging stations, distributed for review. RFPs due next Monday for real property services/appraisal. Downs substation ROW/easement to be purchased. Successful in getting three HSIP projects approved. Sent RFPs for Engineering services for all 3 projects.

K. Blades: Requested more info on purchase of easement on Downs. ADA required curb return ended up on SCE ROW (~250ft and 25ft of easement – 6250sq ft). SCE allowed project to continue with license agreement to use property. Other appraisals in the area have been between

\$1.50-\$3/sq ft. We expect a reduction as a utility property. W. Cox: Will it be appraised at before or after improvements? They haven't complied with what was approved in the area. L. Culp: They are exempt from land use requirements. We have no legal grounds to enforce improvements. W. Cox: Are they able to negatively impact environmental? L. Culp: We could review environmental requirements/documents and they would have a responsibility to respond. W. Jinkins: Will it be a future agenda item?

R. Graves: Citizens have called about new LED street lights. One is on Drummond between Mahan and Arroyo, and the other is on Drummond (west side) across the street (~20 yards away) from an existing light (older) on Drummond near Arroyo (east side). Confirm model of lights and if there are hoods available for them to direct the light out of people's yards/homes.

T. Reed/L. Culp: 71 at intersections and 31 at non-intersections.

K. Blades: Has also heard from multiple people.

T. Reed: will look into options.

W. Jinkins: Would like to have a ranking/prioritization of projects? T. Reed: Requested clarification. Offered to meet with W. Jinkins.

W. Cox: B. Lower was working on substandard utility patches. Want to make sure they are being maintained. Required to maintain for x# of years. What do we do to ensure they are handled correctly (inspection)? Would like a report, ongoing discussion. ACTION: W. Cox will recreate a list. L. Culp: There are so many that we don't have the resources to have a process, and we rely on the public to bring issues to our attention. Discussion re: ability to submit pothole notifications online. R. Graves: Can add something to PW page immediately, there is an email that can come through the website but it isn't intuitive to find.

T. Reed: Resiliency grant, flood mapping, LiDAR will provide sufficient data for FEMA. K. Blades: When did we do LiDAR? L. Culp: Last year we piggy backed off the base when they did it (very dense - 25 points per sq meter). Currently being refined, integrating into GIS. Using with Bowman Channel. W. Jinkins: 25 points per sq meter is a HUGE amount of data. What are you doing to reduce the data to a usable size? L. Culp: Currently being integrated.

## 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. Next meeting: 5/27/2021

11. ADJOURNMENT – TIME: 6:58pm