

MINUTES
MALIBU PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 26, 2021
TELECONFERENCED – VARIOUS LOCATIONS
3:30 P.M.

The following meeting was held pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and fully teleconferenced from various locations during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Simmens called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Vice Chair Lance Simmens; and Commissioners Wade Major and James Palmer

ABSENT: Chair Brian Merrick and Commissioner Dittrich

ALSO PRESENT: Rob DuBoux, Public Works Director; Troy Spayd, Assistant Public Works Director; Travis Hart, Public Works Superintendent; Arthur Aladjajian, Public Works Superintendent; Brandie Ayala, Senior Administrative Assistant; Parker Davis, Media Technician; and Mary Linden, Executive Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Major led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Palmer moved and Commissioner Major seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called, and the motion carried 3-0, Chair Merrick and Commissioner Dittrich absent.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Senior Administrative Assistant Ayala reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on May 20, 2021.

CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

CONSENSUS

By consensus, Election of Chair and Vice Chair was continued to June 23, 2021.

ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 1.B. STAFF UPDATES

Public Works Director DuBoux stated he was working with Caltrans to modify traffic signal timing at Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and Trancas Canyon Road. He stated the signal would be modified to provide dedicated crossing time for pedestrians in the crosswalk. He discussed the removal of a fence near La Costa and Carbon Beach by Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA). He stated he requested Caltrans post signs warning visitors of potentially dangerous conditions on the beach.

In response to Vice Chair Simmens, Public Works Director DuBoux stated the property was owned by the State of California giving MRCA the authority to remove the fence.

Public Works Superintendent Hart stated the City's maintenance crew completed weed abatement from the west end to Las Flores Canyon, except on Malibu Canyon Road, which would be abated after the project there was completed. He stated work on the project would be finished before June, with work in June taking place on HRL Laboratories property. He displayed a warning light installed on the County side of Corral Canyon.

In response to Vice Chair Simmens, Public Works Director DuBoux stated he still planned to contact the State about the viability of an easement for a turnaround on the City side of Corral Canyon.

Commissioner Palmer thanked Public Works Superintendent Hart for the update. In response to Commissioner Palmer, Public Works Director DuBoux stated the La Paz project had a dewatering system and pumps in place to discharge treated water into a channel. He stated the City required La Paz to get a separate discharge permit from the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. In response to Commissioner Palmer, Public Works Director DuBoux confirmed the water was not connected to the City's Civic Center Water Treatment Facility (CCWTF) but was treated before discharge.

Commissioner Palmer thanked Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian for meeting with him about drain problems. He asked if Public Works could locate plotted easements where those drains connected. Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian stated he would continue to research it.

Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian discussed upgrades to the City's electric vehicle charging stations that would allow for collection of fees beginning in the next fiscal year. He announced Caltrans would be providing presentation

regarding safety improvements at PCH and Las Flores Canyon Road at the Public Safety Commission meeting on June 2, 2021.

ITEM 1.C. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Palmer announced the Planning Commission had approved the permit for farmers market's parking. In response to Commissioner Palmer, Public Works Director DuBoux stated Community Services Department staff coordinated the opening of the City's lot.

Commissioner Major, on behalf of Webster Elementary School parents, thanked Public Works staff for great improvements on Civic Center Way. He discussed Southern California Edison (SCE) pole replacement projects. He asked how to begin discussion with the City regarding undergrounding utilities. Public Works Director DuBoux stated he would investigate and report back. Commissioner Major discussed the process for addressing transients in culverts. He discussed the potential for health threats to residents and sea life. He stated it was an unfair burden on the Public Works Department.

Vice Chair Simmens stated an alternative location was necessary to begin solving the homeless problem.

Public Works Director DuBoux thanked Commissioner Major for his concerns. He discussed a potential new GIS system that could help identify those locations.

In response to Commissioner Palmer, Public Works Director DuBoux stated an overview of CCWTF Phase Two would be added to the next agenda. Public Works Director DuBoux announced a community meeting tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the project status and assessments.

Vice Chair Simmens requested Joe Edmiston be invited to the next Public Works Commission meeting to discuss the La Costa situation. Public Works Director DuBoux stated it was being discussed by the City Manager and City Council, and he would report back at the next meeting.

ITEM 2 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Commissioner Major moved and Commissioner Palmer seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called, and the motion carried 3-0, Chair Merrick and Commissioner Dittrich absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

- A. Previously Discussed Items
None.

B. New Items

1. Approval of Minutes – April 28, 2021

Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Public Works Commission Adjourned Regular meeting April 28, 2021.

ITEM 3 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS

A. Capital Improvement Projects and Disaster Recovery Projects Status Report

Staff recommendation: Receive and file report on the status of the City's current and upcoming Capital Improvements Projects and Disaster Recovery Projects.

Assistant Public Works Director Spayd presented the report on Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) in design.

Public Works Superintendent Hart presented the report on CIP under construction. He stated construction on the City Hall roof replacement was approximately 40 percent completed. He stated a construction contract for the Malibu Park Drainage Improvement Project was awarded by the City Council on May 24, 2021.

Assistant Public Works Director Spayd presented the report on Disaster Projects in design. He stated staff were reviewing responses to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Disaster projects.

Vice Chair Simmens asked if bike lanes on Civic Center Way could be extended to Cross Creek Road. Public Works Director DuBoux stated the project ended at Webb Way. He stated extending the lanes might be considered in the future.

B. Update on Caltrans Culvert (Solstice Bridge Replacement) Repair Project and Retaining Wall Project Near Big Rock Drive

Staff recommendation: 1) Receive a presentation regarding an emergency turnout area on Corral Canyon Road and the placement of the fire warning sign; and 2) Provide recommendations regarding the turnout area and fire warning sign.

Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian presented the report. He introduced Bartt Gunter, Caltrans Senior Project Manager.

Mr. Gunter provided a presentation on the Drainage Rehabilitation on PCH and Fish Passage at Solstice Creek project. He stated construction limits would be approximately three-quarter mile at each of the fourteen locations. He explained the various types of work to be conducted in the project. He confirmed one lane would be open for traffic at all times. He described various construction methods

used and criteria for selecting a method at each location. He described how traffic would be managed during construction. Mr. Gunter provided a presentation on a project to repair damages from erosion on the southbound traffic lane and shoulder in the 19800 block of PCH north of Big Rock Drive. He discussed repairs to be conducted and traffic impacts. He discussed alternative construction proposals rejected by the Coastal Commission.

In response to Commissioner Palmer, Mr. Gunter stated the utilities would be moved underground in the Big Rock Drive project. He stated utilities relocated in the Solstice project would be relocated but not placed underground.

Jo Drummond requested the culverts be designed with locked gates to prevent homeless access. She asked what caused the slide that resulted in the damages in the Big Rock area.

Hak Wong stated the Big Rock project was less than 1,000 feet from the Big Rock slide area. He stated geologists discussed continued creepage on the hilltop. He discussed a nearby development on two lots removing 10,000 cubic yards. He asked how Caltrans would mitigate the retaining wall with that project.

In response to Ms. Drummond, Mr. Gunter stated all but one of the culverts would be very small. He stated the Solstice culvert would be a bridge. He stated Caltrans could not install fencing or gates due to high flow rates of Solstice creek.

In response to Mr. Wong, Mr. Gunter stated geotechnical analysis had been done for the Big Rock project. He stated the project's wall would not mitigate the slide. He stated the private development would require permits from Caltrans and the City, but he was unaware of the permit status of that private project.

In response to Commissioner Major, Mr. Gunter stated he was unaware if the construction at Solstice was the same as with the original bridge at Malibu Creek. Commissioner Major expressed concern that the new culverts would attract transients. He stated there was a secondary slide at the Big Rock project location. He discussed buckling on PCH. He suggested Caltrans consult with the City's geologists. He stated seawalls were known to retain sand. He asked how Caltrans would address the retaining of sand on the beach.

Mr. Gunter commended Commissioner Major for recognizing the significant impacts of transients on Caltrans maintenance staff. He introduced Nancy Pe, Caltrans Project Management Chief. Ms. Pe stated the State was searching for solutions to transient issues in the same way as local jurisdictions. Public Works Director DuBoux discussed how the City collaborated with Caltrans to address these issues. Ms. Pe stated the issue was being addressed throughout Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

In response to Commissioner Major, Mr. Gunter stated the Big Rock wall would restrain any slide at that elevation or below. He stated slides north of the roadway would not be mitigated by this project. He stated he would forward the information to the Caltrans geotechnical team to coordinate with City staff. He stated a wave uprush study, required by the Coastal Commission, addressed sand retention.

In response to Commissioner Palmer, Mr. Gunter stated pilings for the Big Rock project would be between 40 to 80 feet deep.

In response to Commissioner Major, Mr. Gunter confirmed the project timeline for the Solstice Creek project was December 2022 to August 2025, and the Big Rock project would be May 2022 to July 2023. He explained the utility relocation would take place in September 2021. In response to Commissioner Major, Mr. Gunter stated traffic would be impacted during the Solstice project due to reduced traffic speed limits. Ms. Pe stated the number of lanes would be maintained, which would make impacts minimal.

Vice Chair Simmens stated short-term solutions were being used for long-term problems. He stated the transient problem would be addressed by providing alternate locations. He stated sea walls addressed sea level rise in the short-term, but it needed a long-term solution. In response to Vice Chair Simmens, Ms. Pe stated the crosswalk would be relocated from the south side to the north side near Malibu Seafood. She stated the culvert would be replaced with a bridge and sub-bottom.

In response to Public Works Director DuBoux, Mr. Gunter stated the pedestrian crossing was being moved closer to beach access. He added that a bus stop was being relocated to meet ADA requirements.

Public Works Superintendent Aladjadjian thanked the Caltrans representatives for attending and providing information on both projects.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 5:10 p.m., Vice Chair Simmens adjourned the meeting.

Approved and adopted by the Public Works Commission of the
City of Malibu on June 23, 2021.



LANCE SIMMENS, Chair

ATTEST:



BRANDIE AYALA, Senior Administrative Assistant