

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 (2021-22) and Government Code section 54953 this Meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format with both in-person and virtual public participation.

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| PRESENT: | Laurie Beale
John Erwin
Ian Gaffney
Robert Nava
Joe Ingrassia | Chair
Vice Chair
Board Member
Board Member
Board Member |
| ABSENT: | Doug Rogers
Jan Goldman | Board Member
Board Member |
| STAFF: | Greg Kwolek
Eric Riddiough
Janeen Burlingame
Pamela Newman
Derek Hanson
Elizabeth Kavanaugh
Steve Kahn
Michelle Matson | Public Works Director
City Engineer
Management Analyst
Assistant Engineer
Engineering Technician
SLO County Parks & Recreation
SLO County Engineering Consultant
Central Coast Transportation Consulting |

ESTABLISH QUORUM, CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM with all Board members in attendance except Board members Jan Goldman and Doug Rogers.

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS - NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT

<https://youtu.be/AJ1YoH8K8Js?t=137>

The public comment period was opened.

Sean Alexander, Morro Bay resident, spoke of how he has been growing trees and would like to have the opportunity to plant his trees around the city.

Colby “Concho” Crotzer, Morro Bay resident, stated he would like the maintenance of the tennis courts at Del Mar Park be placed as a future agenda item for discussion and presented a petition to staff.

Richard Sadowski, Morro Bay resident, spoke about the grass roots group Home Front EJ Morro Bay efforts to raise awareness of the Project Morro Bay Estuary Air Monitoring. The group is currently looking to raise funds to purchase a replacement air monitor device. Sadowski will leave information in the front lobby with the group’s information listed.

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay resident, spoke of her concerns regarding agenda items B-2 and B-3. Winholtz spoke about the issues she has with the tree replacement plan in relation to the purple leaf plum and the need to plant trees of stature to provide shade, and the Cayucos Connector Trail project stating the consolidated permit with the County would give away the City’s right to a local hearing, leave enforcement up to the Coastal Commission, eliminates our right for an appeal, and undermines Cayucos’ own right to a public hearing.

The public comment period was closed.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

<https://youtu.be/AJ1YoH8K8Js?t=891>

A-1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 15, 2023, PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

A-2 APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCE REQUEST FOR BOARD MEMBER ROGERS

A-3 APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCE REQUEST FOR BOARD MEMBER GOLDMAN

The public comment period was opened, and seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

MOTION: John Erwin moved to approve Items A-1, A-2, and A-3. The motion was seconded by Robert Nava and passed 5-0.

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

B-1 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

<https://youtu.be/AJ1YoH8K8Js?t=1108>

Greg Kwolek introduced Derek Hanson who provided information on the Arbor Day tree planting that will be held on Saturday, April 22nd. Hanson invited everyone to come and participate in the event and discussed what trees will be planted.

Greg Kwolek announced the next PWAB meeting will be held at Morro Bay High School to discuss the State Route 41/1/Main Street intersection improvement project.

Greg Kwolek noted tourism is starting to get busy with more people coming to town and additional part-time staff will be starting soon to handle additional maintenance needs.

Greg Kwolek provided an update on the Public Works projects, budgeting, storm related issues and projects the department has been tasked with.

Discussion, comments, and questions amongst the Board members and staff.

Eric Riddiough responded to questions from the Board members regarding the State Route 41/1/Main Street intersection and FEMA questions.

The public comment period was opened, and seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

B-2 CITY PARK TRANSIT HUB IMPROVEMENTS TREE REPLACEMENT PLAN

<https://youtu.be/AJ1YoH8K8Js?t=2248>

Greg Kwolek introduced the item and Pamela Newman gave a presentation about the tree replacement plan for the Transit Hub Improvements project.

Discussion, comments, and questions amongst the Board members and staff.

The public comment period was opened, and seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

B-3 CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION OF A CONSOLIDATED PERMIT APPLICATION WITH THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO TO THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION FOR THE MORRO BAY TO CAYUCOS CONNECTOR TRAIL PROJECT

<https://youtu.be/AJ1YoH8K8Js?t=3334>

Greg Kwolek provided information on the County project.

Greg Kwolek introduced SLO County Park Planner, Elizabeth Kavanaugh, who gave a presentation on the Morro Bay to Cayucos Connector Trail project.

Discussion, comments, and questions amongst the Board members and staff.

Steve Kahn, SLO County Engineering Consultant, answered questions from the Board members.

The public comment period was opened.

Peggy Mandeville, Morro Bay resident, stated she was looking forward to having a new bike path, and supports the City moving forward in the joint application for the coastal permit. Mandeville addressed the safety issues with the bike path but encouraged the City to continue to collaborate with the HOA on Toro Lane.

Maryann Gustafson, President of SLO Bike Club and Morro Bay resident, stated she and other members were excited to finally have the bike path project move forward. She encouraged the City to move ahead with the joint application and work with all the community groups so they could have the path built within the time provided by the County.

Gary Havas, Bike SLO County President of Board, provided an overview of the organization and how the benefits of having the bike trail will have a positive impact on the citizens of the community as well as visitors. He recommends the Board move forward with the staff's recommendation.

Rick Ellison, Executive Director of Bike SLO County, thanked everyone involved in the project and stated he was in favor of the City moving forward with the joint application with the County.

John DiNunzio, SLOCOG staff, spoke of the process of obtaining funding for the project. He emphasized the time and effort the community, public engagement, and other entities contributed throughout the planning process.

A resident of Morro Bay voiced her concerns about the project.

Carl Evers, Toro Lane resident, stated the residents on Toro Lane supported the trail project when it was located on Highway 1. He noted the issues of having the trail connection on Toro Lane. Evers also suggested safe access to the beach from where the City owns property. Evers suggested there should be more thought applied to regarding the safety of the trail connection.

Karla Walls, Morro Bay resident, stated her concerns regarding safety of the bike path not being on Highway 1.

Karl Levy, North Point Morro Bay HOA, and Toro Lane resident, commented on the trail project. He stated he and other residents on Toro Lane were outraged by the commentary about the ability to use Toro Lane because there is a public easement there. He and all the Toro Lane residents were in favor of the original plan for the project but are not in favor of the revised plan which places it on their street. Levy noted none of the residents on Toro Lane were notified of the revised plan. He suggests the Board recommends the County locate the trail back on Highway 1.

Jim Schuler, Toro Lane resident, stated his biggest concern was safety due to the road being much narrower than the average road in Morro Bay. He suggests the Board go to Toro Lane on the weekend and observe. He supports having the trail on Highway 1 with some kind of rail or separation. Schuler noted the residents on Toro Lane did not have a voice in the decision making of the project.

Helen Finger, Morro Bay resident stated she was excited the project is going forward and is happy the trail has moved from Highway 1 to Toro Lane due to safety issues. She would like the Board to recommend the consolidated permit for this project be authorized by the City Council.

Greg Kwolek restated to the Board members that staff will be taking staff recommendation to the City Council on Tuesday to move forward with the consolidated permit application and is asking the Board for concurrence on the consolidated permit application or any input for the project.

Discussion, comments, and questions amongst the Board members and staff.

Laurie Beale suggested the Board not offer a motion at this time.

Each Board member provided their comments regarding the project.

Greg Kwolek noted he will be including the Boards comments in his staff report for the City Council.

B-4 UPDATE ON 2023 CITYWIDE SPEED SURVEY
<https://youtu.be/AJ1YoH8K8Js?t=8196>

Greg Kwolek introduced the item.

Eric Riddiough presented Michelle Matson from Central Coast Transportation Consulting who presented the staff report.

Discussion, comments, and questions amongst the Board members and staff.

Laurie Beale opened the public comment period and seeing none closed the public comment period.

The public comment period was opened, and seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

B-5 CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE
<https://youtu.be/AJ1YoH8K8Js?t=8845>

Eric Riddiough presented an update on the Public Works projects.

Discussion, comments, and questions amongst the Board members and staff.

Laurie Beale opened the public comment period and seeing none closed the public comment period.

The public comment period was opened, and seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

C. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Tree Ordinance
Sidewalk Repair Project Presentation
Engineering Trees Replacement Plan
<https://youtu.be/AJ1YoH8K8Js?t=11210>

Greg Kwolek provided a summary of the items.

D. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM. A Special Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

Recorded by:

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