



DATE: October 26, 2016

AGENDA ITEM # 4

TO: Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission and
Planning/Transportation Commission

FROM: Cedric Novenario, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Receive Staff Report on Proposed Revisions to Shoulder Paving Policy

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and provide comments on proposed revisions to the Shoulder Paving Policy

BACKGROUND

Stormwater management is one of the core functions of the Public Works Department. At the April 26, 2016 City Council, the Council adopted the Stormwater Master Plan and directed staff to work with the Environmental Commission to seek policy determinations for use of green infrastructure principles in the Shoulder Paving Policy.

DISCUSSION

Shoulder Paving Policy

The City adopted the Shoulder Paving Policy in 2001 with the primary goal to narrow streets, define the street edge, and provide traffic calming. The Council has considered the Policy on several occasions from 2009 to 2011 and made revisions to address public concerns. According to the Policy, the shoulder of a newly constructed or 50% or greater square footage remodeled residence is required to be brought into compliance with current standards. The Policy has three main components, including a 3-foot wide asphalt concrete (AC) drainage swale, a 5-foot wide shoulder parking area, and a minimum 10-foot long landscape area.

Current Revision Efforts

In accordance with Council directions, staff retained a qualified consultant and engaged in discussion with the Environmental Commission to update the Shoulder Paving Policy. The Environment Commission appointed a subcommittee in May 2016 to provide timely support and resources to staff and the consultant. Under the guidance and support from the subcommittee, the consultant developed a draft report which recommended changes to all three major components of the Policy. The consultant's draft report were discussed at the September and October Environmental Commission meetings and the Commission provided comments on the recommendations. The Consultant is currently updating the report to incorporate Environmental Commission's comments.

Next Steps

Staff will present the Environmental Commission's recommendations at the October 26, 2016 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) meeting. Feedback from the BPAC will be incorporated into the Shoulder Paving Policy report to Council if appropriate. The Council is scheduled to review the proposed revisions at its November 15, 2016 meeting.

Attachment: Current Shoulder Paving Policy