



DATE: December 12, 2016

AGENDA ITEM # 7

TO: Environmental Commission

FROM: J. Logan, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Receive staff report on revisions to the shoulder paving policy

BACKGROUND

Stormwater management is under review by the Public Works Department and is a goal on the 2016/17 Environmental Commission Work Plan. At the April 19, 2016 Joint meeting with Council, it was determined that the Environmental Commission could provide support and resources on this topic and should collaborate with staff specifically on the incorporation of green infrastructure principles with respect to the City's shoulder paving policy and its effect on stormwater management.

At its April 26, 2016 Council meeting, Council adopted the Stormwater Master Plan and encouraged involvement of staff and the Environmental Commission to seek policy determinations for use of green infrastructure principles in the shoulder paving policy.

DISCUSSION

On May 9, 2016, Public Works Director Susanna Chan presented a report and engaged in discussion with Commissioners to determine collaborative efforts whereby the Commission can provide timely support and resources specifically aimed at the shoulder paving policy. A subcommittee composed of Vice Chair Weiden, Commissioners Bray and Halkola was appointed at the May 9, 2016, meeting and meet with Public Works Director Chan on the matter. A report from the subcommittee was presented at the June 13, 2016 Commission meeting. The shoulder paving subcommittee continued to meet with staff and engineering consultants on revisions and updates to the policy and provided monthly reports on the process for shoulder paving policy revisions to the Commission.

The consultant's draft Shoulder Paving Policy report was received, reviewed and comments made by the subcommittee. A report by staff and the draft Shoulder Paving Policy report was presented at the September 12, 2016 meeting along with the subcommittee's comments and discussion of the draft policy. Subsequent to the meeting on September 12, 2016, Public Works staff submitted the commission's input to the engineering consultants and then met with the subcommittee to discuss the consultant's responses and gain further input from the subcommittee. Staff met with the Commission at its October 10, 2016 meeting. In addition, the shoulder paving policy was presented to BPAC (Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission). The Environmental Commission subcommittee has now reviewed and commented on the final report that will be present to Council on November 15, 2016 at a study session.

Public Works Director Susanna Chan will provide an update on the policy revisions study session with Council.

Attachments: None