



DATE: June 11, 2018

AGENDA ITEM #2

**TO:** Environmental Commission  
**FROM:** J. Logan, Staff Liaison  
**SUBJECT:** Receive Report from Staff on Shoulder Paving Policy

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive the report on the updated shoulder paving policy detail and provide feedback to staff

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**BACKGROUND**

Stormwater management is under review by the Public Works Department and is a Target on the 2018/19 Environmental Commission Work Plan. During Joint meetings with Council, it was determined that the Environmental Commission would 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.

In April 26, 2016, 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.

In May 9, 2016, Public Works Director Susanna Chan presented a report and engaged in discussion with Commissioners to determine collaborative efforts whereby the Commission provided support and resources specifically aimed at the shoulder paving policy. A subcommittee composed of Vice Chair Weiden, Commissioners Bray and Halkola was appointed and met with Public Works Director Chan and engineering consultants on the matter. The subcommittee presented reports on the process for shoulder paving policy revisions to the Commission. In addition, the Shoulder Paving Policy was presented to the Complete Streets Commission prior to the Council study session. Key recommendations from the report included:

- Retain the specification for an asphalt drainage swale
- Specify permeable materials for use in parking area
- Require installation of a green infrastructure (GI) feature, such as rain garden or bioswale in landscape area

The Council supported the key recommendations and direct staff to develop a Shoulder Paving Policy Detail that can be adopted by the Council. Public Work staff has worked with the consultant to develop the detail based on Council directions (Attachment A).

Staff provided an update at the May 14, 2018 Commission meeting. After hearing public comments and deliberation, Commissioners supported the Policy Detail as stated with some fine-tuning based on discussion. Staff will provide an update of changes to the Detail at the June 11, 2018 meeting.

Attachments:

A. Shoulder Paving Policy Detail