



Placentia Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission Agenda

Special Meeting

October 11, 2021

6:00 p.m.

City Hall Front Community Room

401 E. Chapman Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870

**Meredith Castillo
Commissioner**

**Dr. Arinder Chadha
Commissioner**

**Thomas Ingalls
Commissioner**

**Nick Polichetti
Commissioner**

**Matthew Roche
Commissioner**

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SPECIAL MEETING
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CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Rocke
Commissioner Polichetti
Commissioner Chadha
Commissioner Castillo
Commissioner Ingalls

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

At this time the public may address the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission concerning any agenda item, which is not a public hearing item, or on matters within the jurisdiction of the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission. There is a five (5) minute time limit for each individual addressing the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission.

CONSENT CALENDAR: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Tree Removal Request – 343 Lavender Lane

Recommended Actions: It is recommended that the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission:

1. Open the Public Hearing concerning Tree Removal Request at 343 Lavender Lane;
2. Receive the staff report and consider all public testimony; and
3. Close the Public Hearing and Deny the Tree Removal Request 343 Lavender Lane.

REGULAR AGENDA: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Outline of Neighborhood Traffic Management Toolkit

Recommended Actions: It is recommended that the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission:

4. Receive oral presentation.

2. Update on the HSIP Cycle 9 Project

Recommended Actions: It is recommended that the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission:

1. Receive oral presentation.

3. Traffic Calming on Faulker Avenue

Recommended Actions: It is recommended that the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission:

1. Receive oral presentation.

4. Update on Urban Forest Management Program

Recommended Actions: It is recommended that the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission:

1. Receive and file Staff Report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Capital Improvement Projects Update

INFORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS :

STREETSCAPE AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION REQUESTS

Commission members may make requests or ask questions of Staff. If a Commission member would like to have formal action taken on a requested matter, it will be placed on a future Commission Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The Streetscape & Transportation Advisory Commission CLOSE to the next regular meeting on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Front Community Meeting Room located at 401 East Chapman Avenue, Placentia CA, 92870.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

I, Kyra Tao, Transportation Manager/Secretary to the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission of the City of Placentia, hereby certify that the Agenda for the October 11, 2021 Special Meeting of the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission of the City of Placentia was posted on October 6, 2021.

Kyra Tao

Kyra Tao, PE, PTP
Transportation Manager/
Secretary to Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission



Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission

AGENDA STAFF REPORT

TO: STREETScape AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
FROM: ELSA ROBINSON, MANAGEMENT ANALYST
DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2021
SUBJECT: **TREE REMOVAL REQUEST – 343 LAVENDER LANE**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission take the following actions:

1. Open the Public Hearing concerning Tree Removal Request at 343 Lavender Lane; and
2. Receive the staff report and consider all public testimony; and
3. Close the Public Hearing and Deny the Tree Removal Request 343 Lavender Lane.

BACKGROUND:

On June 30, 2021, the Public Works Department (Department) received a tree removal request from Ms. Caryn Plum for the Magnolia Grandiflora tree (Tree), located in the parkway in front of 342 Lavender Plane (Attachment 1). The basis for the applicant's street tree removal request was that the tree is uprooting the sidewalk and causing a safety hazard and unsafe walking conditions. On July 22, 2021, Ms. Plum was mailed a decision letter notifying her that her tree removal request was denied since it did not meet the criteria for Staff approval for removal as defined in the City's Urban Forest Protection Ordinance (Ordinance), Section 14.12.070 of the Placentia Municipal Code ("PMC"). On August 3, 2021, the City received via mail an appeal form from Ms. Plum for the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission (Commission) to consider her tree removal request.

Tree Removal Request Review Process

On June 30, 2021, City staff inspected the tree and evaluated the reported problems with the parkway tree. The tree is not dead, diseased, irreparably injured, hazardous, or in a condition that presents legitimate public safety concerns. Staff noted that the sidewalk had a slight lip and since has been leveled by the City to remove any tripping hazard that may occur. The tree is a Magnolia Grandiflora. The tree was found to be in good health with no apparent structural issues or diseases present. The tree is approximately forty feet (40') in height with a trunk diameter of fifteen inches (15"). The tree has been maintained by the City as part of its four-year tree trimming cycle and was last trimmed on July 20, 2020 (Attachment 2). During the trimming, the

City's tree maintenance contractor did not find any issues with the tree. The tree does not meet the criteria for Staff approval for removal as defined in the Ordinance.

Per Section 14.12.070 of the Placentia Municipal Code, a City tree can be remove based upon the following conditions:

1. Hazardous Trees. The Public Works Department shall identify hazardous trees based on the severity of the following signs of decline:
 - a. Large dead branches in the tree.
 - b. Cavities or rotten wood along the trunk or in major branches.
 - c. Mushrooms present at the base of the tree.
 - d. Cracks or splits in the trunk or where branches are attached.
 - e. Strong lean at the trunk.
 - f. Many major branches arise from one (1) point on the trunk.
 - g. Damaged, broken, or injured roots.
 - h. Tree has been topped or otherwise heavily pruned.
2. Dead Trees. Trees that are dead or have been determined by an ISA certified arborist to be in a state of severe decline with no available remedies to save the tree, although perhaps not an immediate hazard, shall be removed.
3. Emergency Removals. Healthy trees may be removed if the Director or designee decides an emergency condition exists, and tree removal is determined to be the only option available.
4. Public Safety. Healthy trees may be removed if the Director or designee decides that a public safety concern exists, and the tree removal is determined to be the only option available.
5. Other Removals. Other examples where a condition shall warrant removal include:
 - a. Diseased/Insect Infested Trees. The tree is diseased, has lost its productive capacity, and is not likely to recover despite the application of available remedies. Trees that acquire an infectious disease or are infested with an insect that is declared to be a serious pest threat to other nearby trees shall be removed, if removal is determined to be the best pest control solution by a certified arborist.
 - b. Building Damage. If a tree is causing structural damage to a building, and the condition cannot be corrected without removing the tree, or severely damaging its root structure causing it to fail or potentially topple over.

- c. **Surface Roots.** In situations where tree roots have developed above the surface, an ISA certified arborist shall evaluate the roots and determine if root pruning can occur without jeopardizing the health and stability of the tree. Should the arborist decide that roots cannot be pruned without jeopardizing the tree, and those same roots pose a safety concern, the tree may be removed.
- d. **Hardscape Damage.** If hardscape repairs cannot be completed without severe root pruning which would jeopardize the health and stability of the tree, the tree may be removed. The general policy that shall be observed when repairing or replacing hardscape adjacent to a city tree is that the health and integrity of the tree take precedent over the installation of concrete or asphalt. Every effort shall be made to protect the tree from root or trunk damage.
- e. Several alternatives are available for accommodating the installation of new hardscape without severely infringing upon a tree's root system. Any hardscape installation that may involve the removal of an extensive portion of a tree's root system or may require the removal of one (1) or more roots that are of a diameter greater than two (2) inches, shall first be evaluated by the certified arborist. If it is determined by the certified arborist that the removal of the offending roots might jeopardize the health or integrity of the tree, then one (1) of the following alternatives should be considered:
 - i. **Offset.** An offset is the tapering or reduction of a sidewalk's size down to a width no less than thirty-six (36) inches.
 - ii. **Reconfiguration.** Sidewalks do not need to be constructed in a straight line. If the public easement can accommodate it, a sidewalk may be reconfigured to curve around a tree in a suitable manner. In some cases, the property owner may wish to extend the easement over their property to accommodate the installation of sidewalk without removing a tree. Any root removal that occurs while completing hardscape installation shall conform with the root pruning specifications provided by city staff.
 - iii. In all cases, all sidewalk modification must conform to al current ADA or CBC standards

The following reasons are not valid for tree removal:

1. Leaf litter in gutters, on sidewalks or private property.
2. Messy/excessive fruit.
3. Root intrusion into sewer laterals because of deteriorating infrastructure.
4. Hardscape damage unless a feasible, economic solution does not exist to save the tree.

Appeal of City Staff's Decision

Ms. Caryn Plum is appealing Staff's denial of her tree removal request on the basis that she believes the tree roots are raising and cracking the public sidewalk people walk on, creating a public safety hazard (Attachment 3).

The Applicant has been notified of the Commission meeting and has been sent an agenda and a copy of this staff report. Notification of the tree removal request was posted on October 6, 2021, and letters were sent to the adjacent and abutting property owners to the tree involved.

Pursuant to Section 14.12.080, of the PMC, the Commission may grant the tree removal request if it finds that the burden to the property owner if the request is denied substantially outweighs:

- A. The benefit that a denial provides to the public; and
- B. The burden to the public if it is granted.
- C.

The decision of the Commission is final. The Commission may evaluate the following factors:

- 1. Species of the tree.
- 2. Size of the tree.
- 3. Approximate age of the tree.
- 4. Physical characteristics of the tree.
- 5. Environmental productivity of the tree.
- 6. Safety of the property owner and general public will be considered.
- 7. Asset value of the tree.
- 8. Utility conflicts, both above and below ground, may be considered when evaluating a removal request.
- 9. Species and age diversification may be considered to determine if the street would benefit from having a more diverse street tree population to reduce threats of deforestation.

If the Commission grants the tree removal request, subsequent removal of the tree(s) shall be at the applicant's cost and expense. Property owner shall also be responsible for the cost of procuring and planting two (2) replacement trees; and funds remitted to the city shall be deposited into the City's Tree Replacement and Planting fund. The costs for removal and planting of the two (2) replacement trees are based upon the City's current tree maintenance contract rates for removal and planting.

RECOMMENDATION

The City-owned tree that has been requested to be removed is in the public right-of-way at 343 Lavender Lane. The tree is in good condition, has been maintained appropriately on a regular schedule and is not creating a public safety hazard. Therefore, it does not meet the criteria for removal. It is recommended that the Commission deny the request to have the tree removed.

Prepared by:

Reviewed and approved:

Elsa Robinson

Elsa Y. Robinson
Management Analyst

Luis Estevez

Luis Estevez
Deputy City Administrator

Attachments:

1. Tree Removal Request from Applicant
2. Tree Maintenance History
3. City Letter of Denial for Tree Removal Request
4. Appeal Form & Letter from Ms. Caryn Plum

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401 East Chapman Avenue – Placentia, California 92870

July 22, 2021

Caryn Plum
342 Lavender Lane
Placentia, Ca, 92870

SUBJECT: TREE REMOVAL REQUEST – 342 LAVENDER LANE

Dear Ms. Plum

The Public Works Department has reviewed your request for a tree removal of a Magnolia Grandiflora at 342 Lavender Lane and has denied your request.

On June 30, 2021, City staff inspected the tree and evaluated the reported problems with the parkway tree. The tree is not dead, diseased, irreparably injured, hazardous, or in a condition that presents legitimate public safety concerns. The tree does not meet the criteria for approval for removal as defined in the City's Urban Forest Protection Ordinance, Section 14.12.070 of the Placentia Municipal Code.

The City's Urban Forest Protection Ordinance was adopted to protect, preserve, and expand the City's urban forest. Trees are a valuable resource to the community that provide environmental, economic, social and public health benefits along City streets and parks, and are critical to maintaining an attractive City. The ordinance established a tree removal process and criteria for the orderly removal of City trees when appropriate. Based on inspection of the tree, City staff determined that the tree does not meet the ordinance's criteria for tree removal.

You may appeal this decision to Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission (Commission) by filing a written appeal within **five (5) business days** of the date of this letter. To ensure transparency and inform the public, appeals will be reviewed by the Commission at a public meeting to provide a final determination. The entire appeal policy is attached to this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Joel Cardenas, Public Works Superintendent at (714) 993-8212 or by email at jcardenas@placentia.org.

Sincerely

Luis Estevez,
Deputy City Administrator



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CITY TREE REMOVAL REQUEST FORM

TREE REMOVAL/MAINTENANCE REQUEST FORM
 Please TYPE or PRINT all information clearly.

1) REQUESTOR'S INFORMATION

Date: 6-10-21 Name: Caryn Plum Phone: 714-203-1265
 Mailing Address: 342 Lavender Lane, Placentia, CA 92870
 Email Address: cyplum@yahoo.com

2) REQUESTED ACTION

Remove Trim Plant New Tree Inspect Other: _____

Tree Species (if known): Magnolia Number of Trees: 1

Address/Location of Tree: 342 Lavender Lane

Nearest Cross St: Madison and Kraemer

Located within a parkway Yes No Unknown

3) REASON FOR REQUEST

Causing Damage Dead Uprooted/Safety Hazard Diseased Beautify

Other/Description: Roots are causing a safety hazard. Uprooting the sidewalk, creating unsafe walking conditions for public safety

Supplemental Data Attached: Photos included

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APPROVED ACTION:

Remove Trim Plant New Tree Inspect Other: _____

Tree ID# and/or Species(if known): _____ Diameter (inches) _____ Height (inches) _____

Inspected by: _____
 (Signature)

Date: _____

Director or Designee: _____
 (Signature)

Date: _____

Date of Applicant Notification: _____

Email Mail

MEMORANDUM

City of Placentia

TO: LUIS ESTEVEZ, DEPUTY CITY ADMINSTRATOR
FROM: JOEY RUIZ, PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR
DATE: JULY 20, 2021
SUBJECT: TREE REMOVAL REQUEST – 342 LAVENDER LANE

On June 30, 2021, the Public Works Department received a request from Ms. Plum to have the tree in the parkway removed in front of 342 Lavender Lane. Ms. Plum has requested to have the tree removed because she is claiming the roots are uprooting the sidewalk and creating an unsafe walking condition for the public. City staff is recommending that denial of the tree removal request from Ms. Plum.

On June 30, 2021, Staff inspected the tree and evaluated the reported problems with tree. The tree is a Magnolia Grandiflora and is found to be in good health with no apparent structural issues or diseases. The tree is approximately forty-feet (40') in height with a trunk diameter of fifteen inches (15"). The tree has been maintained by the City on a four-year cycle and was last trimmed on July 20, 2020.

The sidewalk has a slight lip that will be grinded down to remove any tripping hazard that may occur.

The tree is not dead, diseased, irreparably injured, hazardous, or in a condition that presents legitimate public safety concerns. The tree does not meet the criteria for approval for removal as defined in the City's Urban Forest Protection Ordinance, Section 14.12.070 of the Placentia Municipal Code.

If staff's recommendation is approved, City staff will notify the resident via writing regarding the denial of their tree removal request and inform them of the appeal process.

Attachments:

1. Tree Removal Request from Resident
2. Tree Information & Maintenance History
3. Photographs

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Approved: _____ Denied: X Date: 7/20/21
Signature: 
Luis Estevez, Deputy City Administrator

Site Detail (33.878534549482,-117.86253455359)(WCA InventoryID: 5500101)

| District | Address | Location | Species | DBH | Height |
|----------|-----------------|----------|--|-------|--------|
| 17 | 342 LAVENDER LN | Front-2 | <i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA | 13-18 | 30-45 |

| Maintenance | Valid | Est. Value | Utility | Parkway |
|-------------------|-------|------------|---------|---------|
| Grid/Routine Trim | Yes | \$4,890 | No | 4 |

| Crew | Date | Work Type / Comments | Job # / Acct # | Invoice# | Amount |
|------|------------|----------------------|----------------|----------|---------|
| WCA | 07/22/2020 | Grid Pruning | 56845 | 162804 | \$59.00 |
| WCA | 07/13/2012 | Grid Pruning | 22408 | 81479 | \$39.00 |







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CITY TREE REMOVAL APPEAL FORM

APPEAL OF TREE REMOVAL REQUEST

Please TYPE or PRINT all information clearly.

Pursuant to PMC, Chapter 14.12, a denied Tree Removal Request made by the Director of Public Works may be appealed to the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission by filing a written notice of appeal with the Public Works Department. Appeals shall be filed within five (5) business days of the date of denial.

1) APPELLANT'S INFORMATION

Name: Caryn Plum Phone: 714-203-1265

Mailing Address: 342 Lavender Lane, Placentia

Email Address: cyplum@yahoo.com

Date of Administrative Decision: 7-22-21, Received by mail on 7-27-21

2) LOCATION OF PROPOSED TREE REMOVAL

Address: 342 Lavender Lane, Placentia 92870

3) REASON FOR APPEAL

Please state the specific reason(s) for the appeal (use separate sheet if necessary).

see Attached

Appellant's Signature: Caryn Plum Date: 7-29-21

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Date Received: 08/03/2021 Received by: GAA - received via mail
 Appeal File No: _____ Related File No: _____
 Commissions' Meeting Date: _____
 Decision by Commission: _____
 Appeal Granted Appeal Denied

July 29, 2021

Dear Luis Estevez, Deputy City Administrator,

RE: Tree Removal Request – 342 Lavender Lane

I want to know what the city's criteria is for tree removal when the sidewalk is raised and cracked by the tree's roots. How large does the crack need to be to be considered a public safety hazard?

I work from home, and my office faces the very tree I have asked for removal. I observed the "inspection" by the city. It was on July 13, at 10:25 am. And the employee did not get out of the car, only drove past it.

I also work for the government, so I understand you are following the policies and procedures for tree removal. But nowhere on the website could I find the criteria that needs to be met for approval. Can you please send me that information?

I also find it wrong that you will deny this request, without providing adequate explanation. Only for me to file an appeal and then, if approved, charge me the cost of removing the tree. Or it not approved, preventing me from filing another request as the Commission's word is final.

What happens when someone falls on the sidewalk and sues the city??

Very frustrated, taxpaying citizen,

Caryn Plum

As stated in my initial request, the tree is not dead or dying. The tree's roots are raising and cracking the public sidewalk people walk on, creating a public safety hazard.

The crack is from end to end and raised about an inch high. Upon the city's inspection of my tree removal request, the employee did not leave the vehicle to determine if the crack represented a public safety hazard. And the city has not been able to provide the criteria used to determine a "public safety hazard". How large does the crack need to be to meet the criteria? And what happens when you deny this request and the crack continues to grow? By denying this request, you will not allow me to file another request upon growth of the sidewalk crack.

I also find it a shame that the inspection was very limiting, and the denial forcing me to file an appeal. Thus, even if you approve, I know have to pay for the cost of removing a tree I did not plant.



TRAFFIC SAFETY PROJECTS

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Presentation Outline

1. Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP)
2. HSIP Cycle 9 Project
3. Traffic Calming Improvements



NTMP

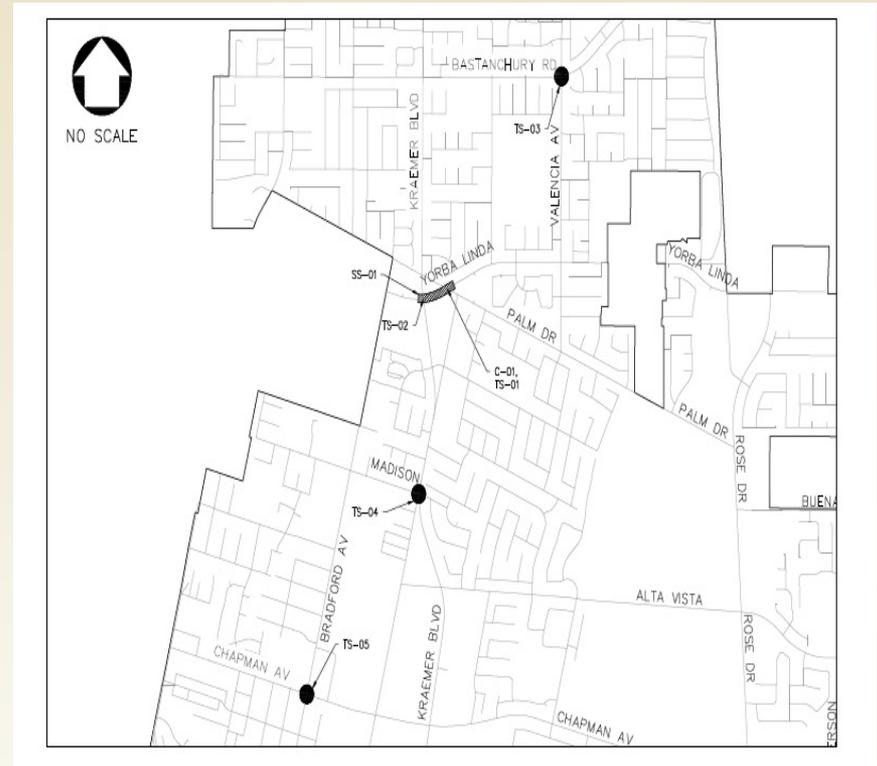
NTMP OUTLINE:

- Introduction
- Traffic Calming Program Process & Criteria
- Traffic Calming Toolkit
 - Phase I Improvements
 - Phase II Improvements
 - Development Process



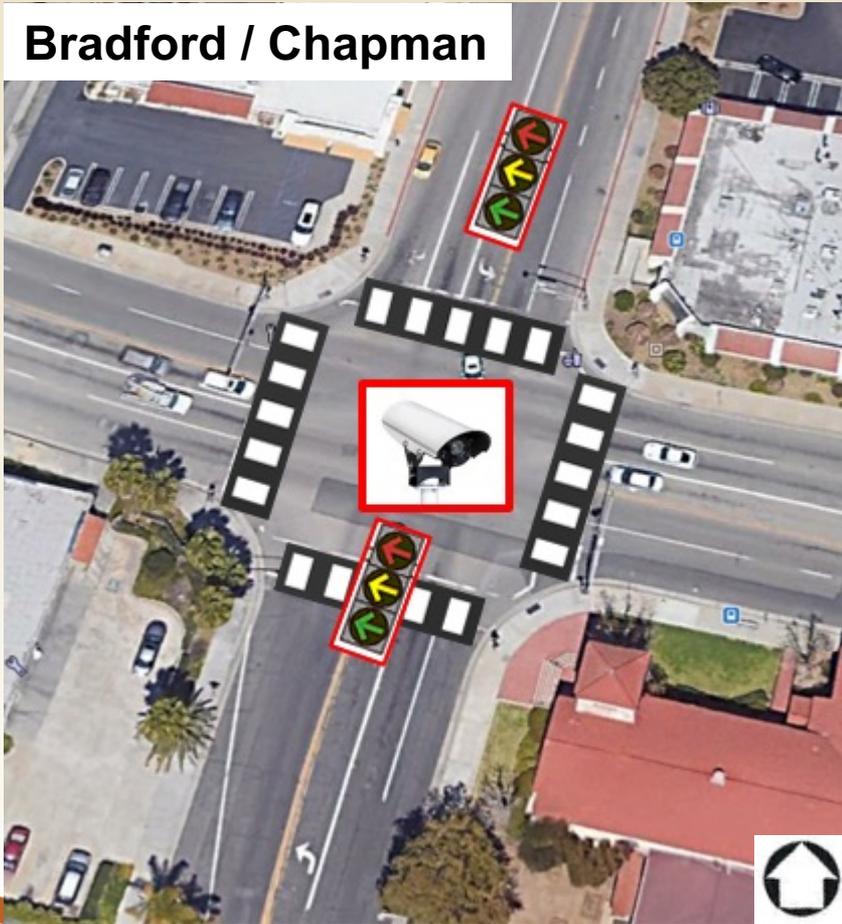
Citywide Traffic Signal Improvement Project HSIP Cycle 9

The City secured a Federal grant to improve traffic safety at five intersections in the City. Proposed traffic safety improvements include signal hardware updates and the addition of protected left-turn lanes along with light-emitting diode (LED) safety lighting improvements and other physical improvements to the roadway.

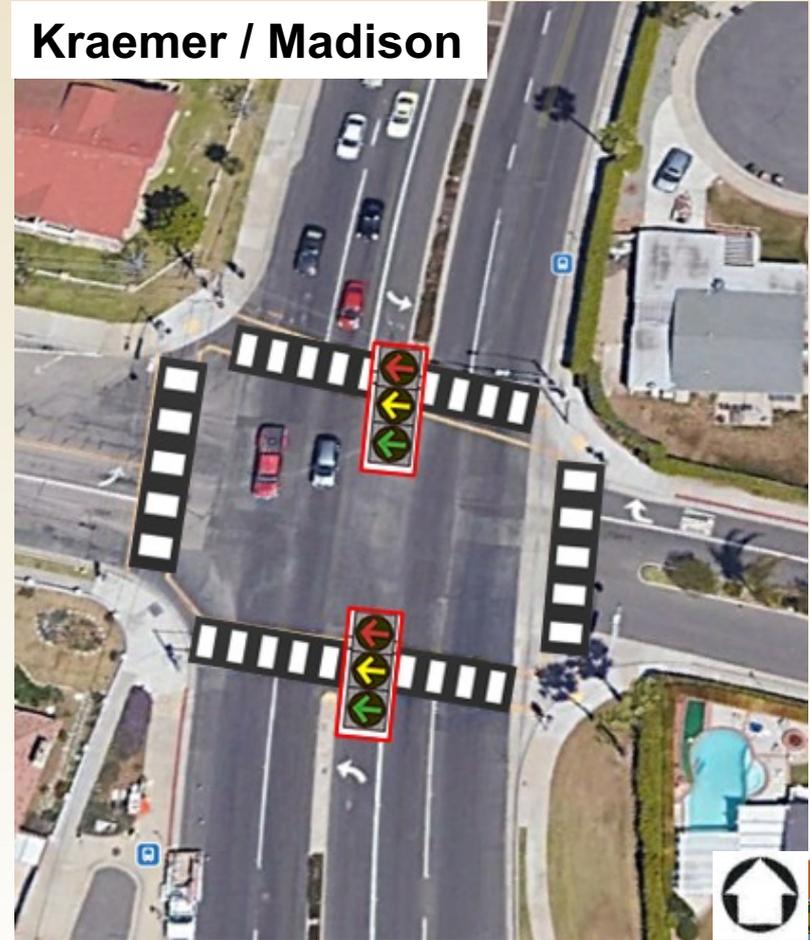


Citywide Traffic Signal Improvement Project HSIP Cycle 9

Bradford / Chapman

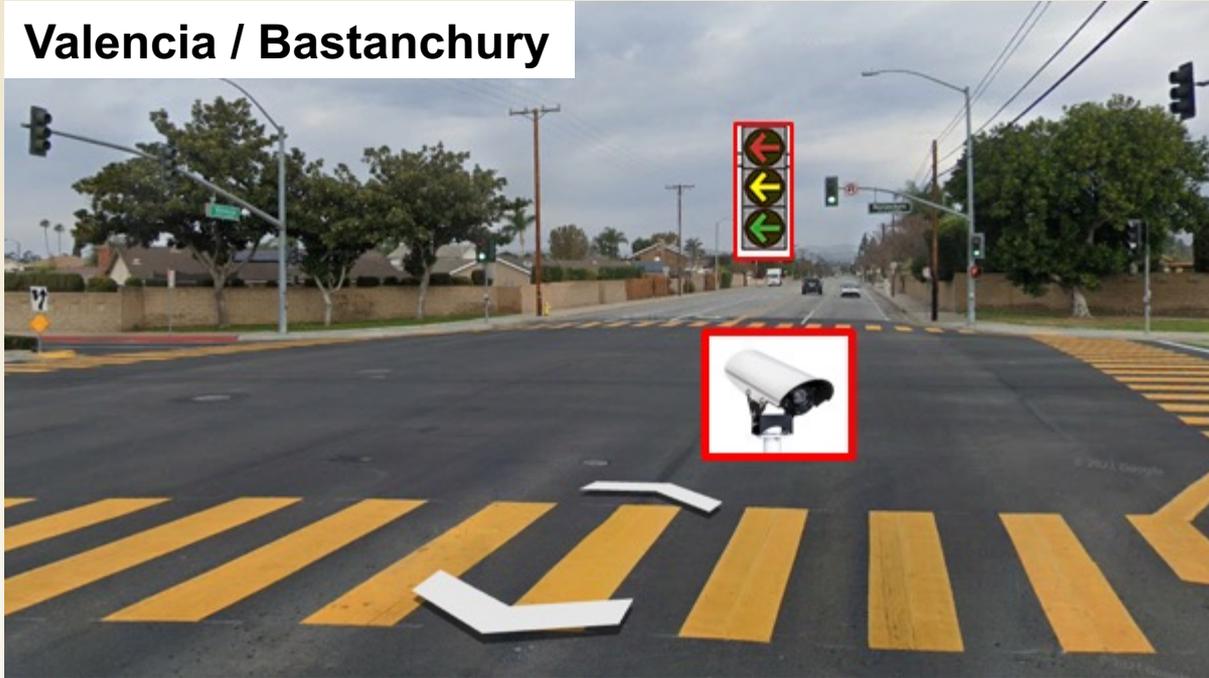


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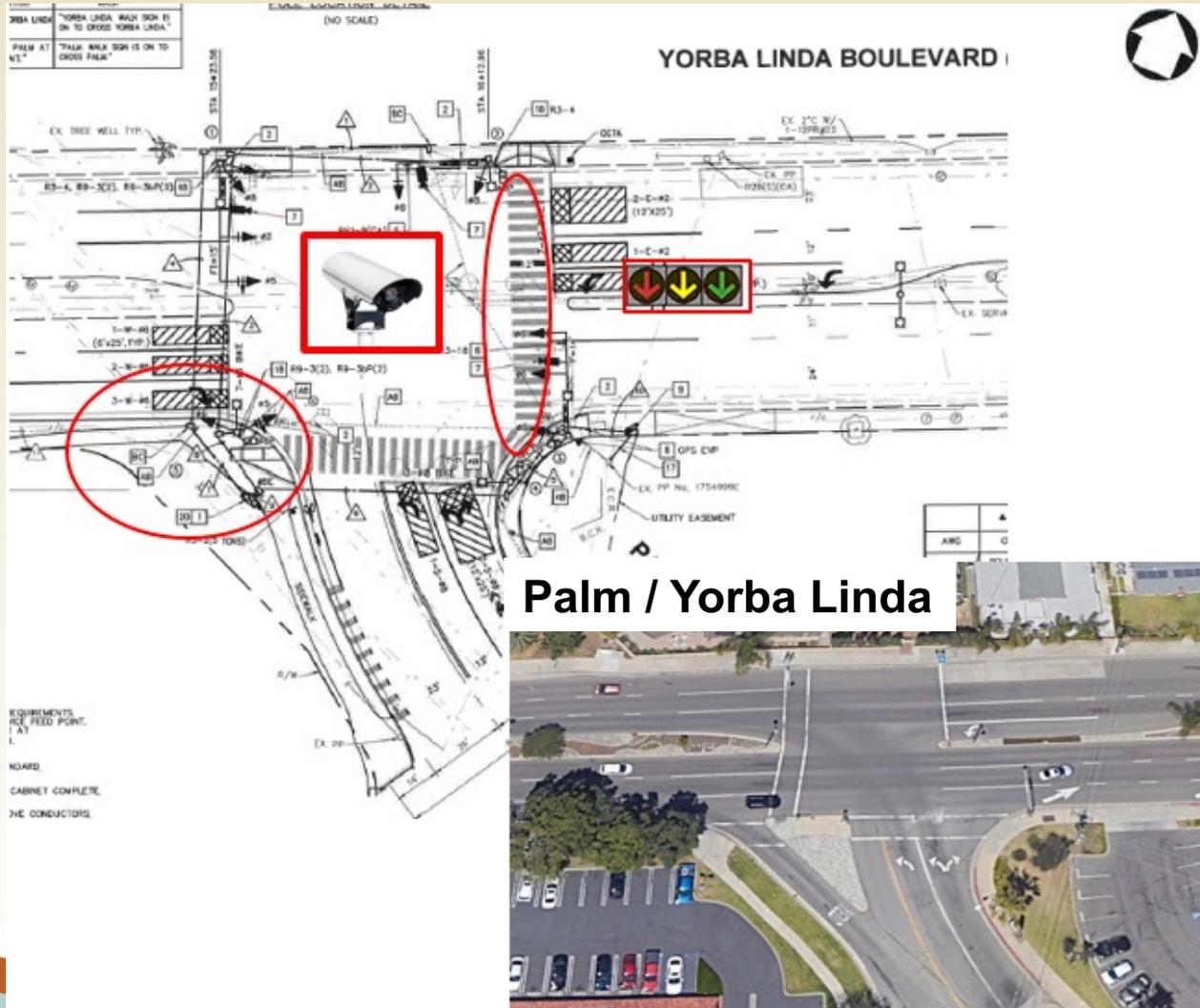


Citywide Traffic Signal Improvement Project HSIP Cycle 9

Valencia / Bastanchury



Citywide Traffic Signal Improvement Project HSIP Cycle 9



Traffic Calming Improvements

Striping Improvement - Hemingway



Striping Improvement - Faulkner



24-hour speed survey on Hemingway from 5/26/2021 to 6/1/2021

- 85th Percentile Speed: 31- 32 mph
- Average Daily Traffic: 255



Questions?





Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission

AGENDA STAFF REPORT

TO: STREETScape AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
FROM: ELSA ROBINSON, MANAGEMENT ANALYST
DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2021
SUBJECT: **UPDATE ON URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this item is to provide updates to the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission (Commission) on the City's Urban Forest Management Program, the maintenance operations as it relates to the City's Urban Forest, and the administration of the Urban Forest Protection Ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission take the following actions:

1. Receive and file the Staff Report.

DISCUSSION:

Overview

There are currently 7,156 City trees in Placentia with an estimated value of \$24.3 million based on the City's tree inventory.

Tree City USA Designation

On April 28, 2021, the City held an Arbor Day Event to celebrate the City's 1st Year recognition as Tree City USA. The City of Placentia was named 2020 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. As part of this event, the City planted a total of six (6) trees at the Placentia Civic Center.

FY 2020-21 Urban Forest Expansion Activities

In 2020, the City of Placentia, in partnership with the California Urban Forest Council and West Coast Arborists, Inc. (WCA) received grant funding to plant new trees for Placentia through the Cool Parks grant program funded by CalFire. The goal of this grant program is to reduce carbon and greenhouse gas emissions by planting urban trees in local parks and streetscapes. Funding for Placentia included the planting of 100 new trees in City parks and public spaces and

a community tree education workshop. The City and WCA held the tree community tree education workshop in February 2020 and postponed the tree plantings to 2021 due COVID-19.

In April 2021, the City and WCA utilized this grant funding to plant a total of 50 trees at three City parks: Kraemer Park, Samp Park and Goldenrod Parks as part of the 2021 Love Placentia citywide serve day. The remaining of trees were planted by WCA in residential parkways on Brooklyn Avenue, Hamer Drive, Cartlen Drive, Matthewson Avenue, Mignon Way and Royal Stewart. WCA completed this tree planting during the last week of June 2021.

FY 2021-22 Urban Forest Expansion Activities

The City has an annual pavement maintenance & rehabilitation program as well as a concrete repair program. In conjunction with these programs, the City is planning to have annual tree planting programs to plant trees in those neighborhoods that have recently received pavement and/or concrete repair treatments. The adopted FY 2021-22 Budget includes additional funding for the City to perform such tree plantings. The City anticipates being able to plant up to a total of 100 new trees during this fiscal year. The City recently completed the planting of 43 trees in the neighborhood near El Dorado High School. Staff is currently evaluating available planting sites in the City to plant additional trees.

In addition, the City will be completing Cycle 1 of its four-year tree trimming cycle. This year's cycle encompasses the southeastern concern of the City. This tree maintenance work is tentatively scheduled to start within the next months and be completed by November 2021.

Expand the Forest Program

The City launched the Expand the Forest Program in September 2020. This is a continuous, year-round program that provides residents with an opportunity to purchase and dedicate a tree in a City park to commemorate a loved one or special event. To date, the program has had 12 sponsors who have dedicated 13 trees.

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Management Analyst

Reviewed and approved:

Luis Estevez

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