



CITY OF ARCATA
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

March 17, 2026, 4:30 p.m.
Council Chamber
736 F Street, Arcata

Present: Johnson, Martinez, Ring, Serna
Absent: Straka
Staff Present: Administrative Specialist Grow, Assistant City Engineer Caisse

- 1. ROLL CALL. Johnson, Martinez, Ring, Serna, Straka, Staff Liaison - David Caisse**
- 2. CALL TO ORDER**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Transportation Safety Committee – January 20, 2026 4:30 PM**

Motion to approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Transportation Safety Committee on January 20, 2026.

Johnson Moves, Martinez Seconds. All Ayes, Motion Passes.
- 4. PUBLIC ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Arcata resident Sean reports that the construction debris in the bike lane has improved but requests a written campaign to encourage contractors to keep truck-beds clean.

 - a. Jason**
 - b. Resident**
- 5. REPORTS**
 - a. Quarterly Public Safety Report (if present)**

N/A
 - b. Quarterly Steet Story Report (if present)**

N/A

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

Motion to move item A to the end of end of the New Business discussion.

Martinez Moves, Ring Seconds, All Ayes. Motion Passes.

a. Action Item – Identify and recommend the top five (5) projects for consideration in the next round of Safety Improvement Projects. (30 MINUTES)

After discussion, the Committee agrees to the following prioritized list of improvements:

- 1) Striping at intersection of Foster Ave. and Alliance Rd.
- 2) Striping at intersection of Spear Ave. and Alliance Rd.
- 3) Striping and install stop signs at 11th St. and Q St. intersection.

David comments that striping at 11th and Q may be completed as part of the HSIP project, and it will be necessary to determine if the intersection meets our policy for stop signs.

- 4) Stripe Fog Lines on Q St.
- 5) Stripe Sharrows on Buttermilk Ave. and Samoa Dr. roundabout.

Public comment from Cindy about speeding and driver impairment at the intersection of 11th and Q, particularly in the morning when parents are dropping off children at school. Requests traffic calming and stop signs.

Another resident concurs with Cindy and suggests Cindy create a video of the conditions at 11th and Q to bring to the Committee. Requests City add 2 crosswalks on Janes at 11th.

Motion to approve 5 item list as agreed.

Martinez Moves, Johnson Seconds, All Ayes. Motion Passes.

b. Discussion Item – Presentation on Bulb-outs. (10 MINUTES)

Caisse provides presentation on benefits of Bulb-outs. Notes that the Engineering Department is in the process of creating Bulb-out Standard.

Martinez asks for public outreach for bulb-outs regarding when and where they are planned, as well as the benefits.

Caisse comments that the preferred design is what is represented at the intersection of 11th and G St.

Resident requests we present the existing presentation to City Council.

c. Discussion Item – Presentation of 2026 Annual Paving Project. (20 MINUTES)

Ryan Hurley provides presentation on the Annual Paving Project.

Resident Cindy comments that sand and asphalt are weeping out of pavement in recently paved areas of town, has been collecting around drainage inlets.

Caisse suggests that might be related to the recent Slurry Project, where the contractor was called back to clean up the debris.

8. GENERAL UPDATES

Temporary speed bump has been installed on Ariel Way.

Mike fisher of Cal Poly may be able to speak to the Committee regarding the Foster Ave. connectivity project in the coming months.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee agrees to remove Parking at the Pickleball Courts from Future Agenda Items.

Martinez requests the City invite HTA to a meeting to discuss conditions at the Arcata Transit Center.

- a. Parking at the Pickleball Courts**
- b. Rapid Flashing Beacons**
- c. Update the 2010 Pedestrian & Bike Master Plan**
- d. Traffic Calming Policy**

10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- a. Next Regular Meeting – April 21, 2026**

11. ADJOURNMENT