
Special Meeting of the Artesia Beautification and Maintenance Commission
City Council Chambers
18747 Clarkdale Avenue
Artesia, CA 90701
(562) 865-6262

Thursday, April 30, 2026
6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Under California law, public comments at special meetings are limited to subjects on the agenda only. Public comments may also be submitted by email at publiccomments@cityofartesia.us before 12:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting. Those wishing to speak are asked to add your information at the digital public kiosk located at the entrance of the Council Chamber.

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.A. Beautification and Maintenance Commission Meeting Minutes
– Recommendation: Approve Minutes as Presented for January 15, 2026, Regular Meeting
- 6.B. Proposed Street Tree Installations
– Recommendation: Discuss and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding Proposed Street Tree Installations.
- 6.C. Report of August 2025 and April 2026 Traffic Calming Demonstrations
– Recommendation: Receive and File

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Date Posted: April 29, 2026



BEAUTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 30, 2026

ITEM NO: 6A.

TO: Beautification and Maintenance Commission

SUBJECT: Beautification and Maintenance Commission Meeting Minutes

FROM: Karen Lee, Special Projects Manager

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Ernesto Sanchez, Public Works Manager

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Beautification and Maintenance Commission approve the minutes from the January 15, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Attachments

[15Jan2026 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Artesia Beautification and Maintenance Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 15, 2026
City Council Chambers
18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA 90701

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Bailey, Commission Flores, and Commissioner Oudyk

Absent: Vice Chair Torre and Commissioner Fan

Staff Present: Public Works Manager Ernesto Sanchez, Special Projects Manager Karen Lee, Management Analyst Leslie Nacionales-Tafoya

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commission led the pledge of allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.A. Adopt Minutes from October 16, 2026, Regular Meeting

Commissioner Flores moved, seconded by Commissioner Oudyk to approve Motion carried, 3-0-2, with Vice Chair Torre and Commissioner Fan absent.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.A. Artesia Park Bioswale Installation Project

Recommendation: Review the proposed improvements, receive public comments, and provide a recommendation to Staff.

Public Works Manager Sanchez introduced the item. Chair Bailey, Commissioner Flores, and Commissioner Oudyk asked questions and /or provided comments.

Chair Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Flores to approve agenda item 6.A as recommended.

Motion carried, 3-0-2, with Vice Chair Torre and Commissioner Fan absent

6.B. Presentation on Available City Funding for Tree Planting

Recommendation: Receive and File.

Public Works Manager Sanchez presented. Chair Bailey, Commissioner Flores, and Commissioner Oudyk asked questions and /or provided comments.

6.C. Presentation on Winter Storm Response and Pothole Repairs

Recommendation: Receive and File.

Public Works Manager Sanchez and Special Projects Manager Lee presented.

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Bailey, Commissioner Flores, and Commissioner Oudyk asked questions and/or provided comments.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.



BEAUTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 30, 2026

ITEM NO: 6B.

TO: Beautification and Maintenance Commission

SUBJECT: Proposed Street Tree Installations

FROM: Ernesto Sanchez, Public Works Manager

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Ernesto Sanchez, Public Works Manager

BACKGROUND:

During Fiscal year 2025-2026, the City Council allocated a total of \$125,000 in State Gas Tax funding for the maintenance, removal, and replacement of community trees throughout the City. Community trees are generally located in residential parkways, street medians, and public parks. This fiscal year, the City has trimmed a total of 968 community trees, removed 25 trees that were found to be dead, diseased or hazardous, and planted 41 new drought tolerant trees throughout the City. The Fiscal year will conclude on June 30, 2026.

ANALYSIS:

The City is anticipated to end the Fiscal Year with a small account surplus in State Gas Tax that would be restricted to the maintenance, removal and replacement of community trees. This small surplus provides the City with the opportunity to plant an additional 10-12 community trees before June 30, 2026. The City currently has a total of 35 vacant tree wells along its major arterial streets.

Location	Vacancies	Type of Trees Present
Artesia Boulevard	13	Purple-Leaf Plum, Australian Willow, King Palms, Mexican Fan Palm
Norwalk Boulevard	4	Mexican Fan Palm, Australian Willow, Chinese Pistache, Crepe Myrtle, Jacaranda
South Street	2	Chinese Pistache, Royal Palm, Crepe Myrtle, Chinese Flame Tree, Carrotwood
Gridley Road	5	Evergreen Pear, Southern Magnolia, Crepe Myrtle
Pioneer Boulevard	11	Mexican Fan Palm, Crepe Myrtle, Chinese Pistache, Ornamental Pear

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Beautification and Maintenance Commission provide a recommendation for the planting of 10-12 new trees, which includes the location and type of tree to plant using the account surplus in State Gas Tax.



BEAUTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 30, 2026

ITEM NO: 6C.

TO: Beautification and Maintenance Commission

SUBJECT: Report of August 2025 and April 2026 Traffic Calming Demonstrations

FROM: Ernesto Sanchez, Public Works Manager

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Ernesto Sanchez, Public Works Manager

BACKGROUND:

In June of 2025, the City was awarded grant funding from the Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) Go Human Program, which facilitates community engagement and promotes local improvements that reduce traffic collisions, and encourages walking and biking. The grant funded a pop-up traffic calming demonstration on August 9, 2025 which included the following demonstrations:

- Mini-Traffic Circle at 186th Street and Clarkdale Avenue; and
- Mini-Traffic Circle at 186th Street and Elaine Avenue; and
- Mid-Block Crosswalk at Elaine Avenue and Droxford Street; and
- Mid-Block Crosswalks on Grayland Avenue between 186th Street and South Street.

The event was publicly advertised, and flyers were delivered to households in the area to encourage participation and community engagement. There were three primary goals of the demonstrations on August 9, 2025:

1. Gather Community Feedback: Attendees and participants in the demonstration were asked to complete a survey. A total of 31 surveys were responsive to the mini-traffic circles. 67% of those surveyed indicated that they would like to see mini-traffic circles become permanent. 33% of those surveyed indicated that they would not like to see them installed permanently. A total of 17 surveys were responsive to the mid-block crosswalks. 87% of those surveyed indicated that they would like to see mid-block crosswalks become permanent. 13% of those surveyed indicated that they would not like to see them become permanent.
2. Approval from Emergency Response: All traffic calming measures have the potential of creating obstructions and slowing down response times for emergency vehicles. Therefore, securing approval from emergency response is critical. Both Los Angeles County Sheriff and Los Angeles County Fire Department participated in the event on August 9, 2025. Los Angeles County Sheriff reported that they had no concerns with the traffic calming measures being demonstrated. Los Angeles County Fire Department reported difficulty maneuvering some of their larger vehicles through the mini-traffic circles and proposed some recommendations, which included mountable curbs and extended red-curbs at the intersections. Staff modified plans and specifications based on their request, and the Los Angeles County Fire Department subsequently confirmed that they had no further concerns and did not anticipate that the mini-traffic circles would affect their response times or the maneuverability of their vehicles.

3. Test the Effect of the Traffic Calming Measures on Traffic Speeds: Staff collected vehicle speeds prior to the demonstrations to collect a baseline average speed at 4 different locations. Staff repeated this exercise during the demonstration and determined that there was a decrease in average vehicle speeds at all 4 locations as a result of the demonstrations. Average vehicle speeds decreased about 17% during the demonstration.

ANALYSIS:

The City continues to explore traffic calming measures that can be included in its current toolbox for combating vehicle speeding on residential streets. Between April 14, 2026 and April 21, 2026, conducted an additional study to test the effect of mini-traffic circles on residential streets. This demonstration was not publicly noticed, and only 1 mini-traffic circle was tested at a time. The goal was to determine if a single min-traffic circle would have a traffic calming effect on local speed limits. Staff determined that traffic speeds decreased about 13% during each of the demonstrations.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Beautification and Maintenance Commission receive and file this report.