



# TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## REGULAR MEETING

### AGENDA

Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 7:00pm

*Mission: Advise Council on transportation policies, facilities, and services*

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#### **A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda
4. Approval of Draft Action Minutes of [January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022](#)\*
5. Approval and Order of Agenda
6. Update on Administration/Staff
7. Announcements

#### **B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

\* Written material included in packet

\*\* Written material to be delivered at meeting

\*\*\* Written material previously mailed

The public may speak at the beginning of any item.

##### **1. Chair and Vice Chair Nominations and Elections**

Action required

##### **2. Commission Consolidation Update\*\***

Farid Javandel, Deputy Director of Public Works

3. **BerkDOT Update\*\***  
Farid Javandel, Deputy Director of Public Works
4. **Transportation Commission [Work Plan](#)**  
Discussion

### C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

*Information items can be moved to Discussion or Action by majority vote of the TC.*

1. Subcommittee Reports and Assignments: Verbal Reports from Subcommittees
2. Council Summary Actions 2022\*\*
3. Link to Council and Agenda Committee Agendas and Minutes  
<https://www.cityofberkeley.info/citycouncil/>
4. Transportation Commission Mission Statement\*
5. Transportation Commission Work Plan <http://bit.ly/BerkTCWorkPlan>
6. Transportation Commission Subcommittees and Liaisons\*

### D. COMMUNICATIONS


### E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

### F. ADJOURNMENT 9:30pm

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### DRAFT MINUTES

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#### A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Ghosh at 7:00pm

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Anthony Bruzzone, Barnali Ghosh, Kate Gosselin, Beverly Greene, Adrian Leung, Liza Lutzker, Karen Parolek, Kim Walton

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Farid Javandel, Eric Anderson, Alisha Gard, Beth Thomas, Ken Jung

3. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda: None

4. Approval of Draft Action Minutes of November 18, 2021

**Action:** It was Moved/Seconded (Ghosh/Gosselin) to approve the minutes with the following edits: strike any suggestion of consensus from summaries of discussions of GoBerkeley and Vision 2050, as Transportation Commissioners did not arrive at any specific agreement on these items.

Ayes: Bruzzone, Ghosh, Gosselin, Greene, Leung, Parolek, Walton

Noes: None

Abstain: Lutzker

Absent: None

**Motion carried 7-0-1-0**

5. Approval and Order of Agenda

**Action:** It was Moved/Seconded (Parolek/Greene) to eliminate item B2 (Nominations for Transportation Commission Chair and Vice-Chair) from the agenda.

Ayes: Bruzzone, Ghosh, Gosselin, Greene, Leung, Lutzker, Parolek, Walton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Motion carried 8-0-0-0**

6. Update on Administration/Staff

Ken Jung has been promoted to Supervising Civil Engineer in the Transportation Division.

Roger Mason has been promoted to Public Works Supervisor.

New Traffic Engineering Assistant Arielle Abdon joined Traffic Engineering.

As of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, the Transportation and Engineering divisions will report to Public Works Deputy Director Farid Javandel.

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7. Announcements

Commissioner Liza Lutzker was appointed to the Transportation Commission by Councilmember Bartlett.

Chair Ghosh extends thanks to former Commissioner Sofia Zander for her time served on the Transportation Commission.

Per Commissioner Greene, AC Transit will be holding a virtual meeting to discuss redistricting on 1/24/2022.

**B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Commission Reorganization**

Farid Javandel, Deputy Director of Public Works, provided an update on the ongoing consolidation of the Transportation and Public Works Commissions. Farid is currently writing a council report to provide the establishing resolution; the full text of the report will be published 10 days before the council meeting.

**Action:** It was Moved/Seconded (Greene/Walton) to have both nominations and elections for Transportation Commission Chair and Vice-Chair at the February 2022 Transportation Commission meeting.

Ayes: Bruzzone, Ghosh, Gosselin, Greene, Leung, Lutzker, Parolek, Walton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Motion carried 8-0-0-0**

Speakers: 0

**2. Southside Complete Streets**

Transportation Division Senior Planner Eric Anderson and Cindy Zerger of Toole Design provided a presentation on the selected conceptual designs for each Southside corridor (Bancroft, Telegraph, Dana, and Fulton). City Council will approve a concept design on February 22, 2022. The Southside project goals include safety, transit, and economic vitality. Part of the discussion was around how a street is built versus how a street is operated; the Southside project seeks to recommend a design that will function well for all use cases.

**Action:** It was Moved/Seconded (Parolek/Ghosh) that the Transportation Commission: support Bancroft Option #1, support prioritized transit lanes on Bancroft and Telegraph, and ask staff to consider a wider sidewalk on the south side to create a pedestrian corridor between downtown and Telegraph; that the Transportation Commission support Fulton Option #1; and that the Transportation Commission support Telegraph Option #4. The Commission strongly recommends that staff demonstrate how Option #4 can be operationalized as a car-free street with a transit lane, and with 2-way bike and micromobility facilities. Finally, the Transportation Commission is in favor of making the Dana project permanent.

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Ayes: Bruzzone, Ghosh, Gosselin, Greene, Leung, Lutzker, Parolek,  
Walton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Motion carried 8-0-0-0**

Speakers: 5

**3. BerkDOT**

Public Works Deputy Director Farid Javandel provided an update on the survey results posted to the [Reimagining Public Safety Taskforce page](#). The City's consultant is looking for someone to author legislation at a state-level.

No action.

Speakers: 1

**4. Ashby Interchange**

The Ashby Interchange [Project Website](#) provides sample views and perspectives plus a project timeline and milestones. In December 2021 the Draft Environmental Document was released, thus beginning a 45-day review period through 1/31/22. Comments may be made via an online comment form or by emailing [comments@I80Ashby.com](mailto:comments@I80Ashby.com). The project design is ongoing.

Discussion only; no action.

Speakers: 1

**Action:** It was Moved/Seconded (Parolek/Gosselin) to extend the meeting until 10:20pm.

**All ayes – motion carried**

**C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

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**D. COMMUNICATIONS**

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Transportation Commission Chair and Vice-Chair nominations and elections  
Bike Plan  
BerkDOT  
Project Updates  
Commission Consolidation

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**F. ADJOURNMENT 10:20pm**

**Action:** It was Moved/Seconded (Ghosh/Greene) to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Bruzzone, Ghosh, Gosselin, Greene, Leung, Lutzker, Parolek,  
Walton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Motion carried 8-0-0-0**

Public Present:23

Speakers: 7

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## **Statement of Mission of Transportation Commission:**

To be published with each agenda packet per TC action on 2/21/2019

The Berkeley City Council established this Transportation Commission to advise the City Council on matters related to transportation policies, facilities, and services in the City. We are empowered to hold hearings, gather information, and provide recommendations to the City Council in order to help them make informed transportation decisions. The Transportation Commission's work is guided by several transportation-related documents and policies implemented by the City Council, including the Transportation Element of the General Plan, Bike Plan, Pedestrian Plan, Climate Action Plan, West Berkeley Circulation Master Plan, Complete Streets Policy, and BeST Plan.

### **Related Plans and Policies:**

- A. [Transportation Element](#) (2001) of the [General Plan](#) (2003)
  - a. Transit-First Policy (General Plan Policy T-4 "Transit-First Policy")
- B. [Bike Plan](#) (2017)
- C. [Pedestrian Plan](#) (2010, update in process)
- D. Vision Zero
- E. [Climate Action Plan](#) (2009, 2018 update)
- F. [West Berkeley Circulation Master Plan](#) (2009)
- G. [Complete Streets Policy](#) (2012 Council Resolution)
- H. [BeST Plan](#)(2016)
- I. [Berkeley Bike Boulevard Design Guidelines](#) (2000)



<b>TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION – Ad Hoc Subcommittee Assignments</b>		
<b>Subcommittee</b>	<b>Appointees</b>	<b>Assignment/Due Date</b>
ACTC/MTC Review (Transportation Commission may also fill the MTC- required role of Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee)	Ghosh, Zander	Review TDA Article 3-funded Bike & Ped project plans as assigned in 2019 (Staff: advise in advance if BPAC needs to meet)
Bicycle Plan Implementation	Greene, Parolek	Monitor Bike Plan projects through 6/2019
Fossil Fuel Free Berkeley		Develop recommendations for Council; report to TC by 5/2019
Pedestrian Plan Update	Ghosh, Zander	Follow, coordinate Ped Plan issues, attend public meetings; report to TC by 6/2019
Vision Zero	Ghosh, Greene	Develop recommendations for VZ policy to supplement Ped Plan and Complete Streets Policy; Report to TC by 6/2019
<b>Legislative Body</b>	<b>Liaison</b>	
Alameda CTC (Ashby/I-80 interchange)	Zander Ghosh (Alternate)	Attend ACTC meetings re Emeryville's Ashby/I-80 Project; Update TC
Energy Commission	Zander	Attend EC meetings re electric mobility; provide comments; Update TC
Public Works Commission	Bruzzone	Attend PWC meetings re Undergrounding Utility wires, paving, Lighting, and Measure T-1 projects
goBerkeley Advisory Group	Ghosh Bruzzone (Alternate)	Attend meetings; Report to TC re: value-priced parking program
Commission on Disability	Leung	Report to TC on issues of common concern
Council Policy Committee on F.I.T.E.S.	Parolek Ghosh	Attend meetings; Report to TC re: Transportation issues

Ad Hoc Subcommittees (there are no standing subcommittees):

- Must have at least two commissioners present to hold a subcommittee meeting, but never a quorum of the current total TC membership
- **Must be reviewed annually by the Commission to determine if a subcommittee is needed, to specify work assignments, and to establish response times. (Reso. 60,504-N.S.)**
- Do not have officers or submit minutes
- May submit their recommendations as written or verbal reports to support an Action or Discussion item. [The Commission Secretary needs to receive written material 10 days before the meeting date for inclusion in the agenda packet. Late arrivals will be delivered at meeting and published with next agenda.]
- May submit written summary meeting notes for inclusion in the TC agenda packet under Information item or as a Communication.
- Provides staff secretary with agenda content based on TC adopted Work Plan and/or specific assignment by full commission.

Commission Secretary

- Is directly responsible to the Public Works Department Director and City Manager
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- Maintains agenda subscription lists, if any; formats, publishes and (e)mails agendas; reserves meeting room
- Coordinates communications between commission and staff, the public, and other commissions
- May attend, but not required to attend subcommittee meetings