



**TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**DRAFT ACTION MINUTES**  
Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 pm

**A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order  
Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Chair Ghosh
2. Roll Call  
Commissioners present: Anthony Bruzzone, Barnali Ghosh, Beverly Greene, Vivek Hutheesing, Donald Lathbury (arrived at 7:08), Karen Parolek, Terry Taplin (7:05), Sophia Zander  
Commissioners absent: Andy Garcia  
Staff present: Farid Javandel, Beth Thomas, Eric Anderson, Ryan P. Murray, Alisha Gard, Jesus Contreras
3. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda
4. Approval of Draft Action Minutes of **February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Action:** It was Moved/Seconded (Zander/Parolek) to approve the Minutes of February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as written.  
Ayes: Bruzzone, Ghosh, Greene, Lathbury, Parolek, Taplin, Zander  
Noes: None; Abstain: Hutheesing; Absent: Garcia  
**Motion carried 7-0-1-1**
5. Approval and Order of Agenda  
**Action:** It was Moved/Seconded (Bruzzone/Zander) to approve the order of the Agenda.  
Ayes: Bruzzone, Ghosh, Greene, Hutheesing, Lathbury, Parolek, Taplin, Zander  
Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Garcia  
**Motion carried 8-0-0-1**
6. Update on Administration/Staff  
City of Berkeley Public Works welcomes new Director Liam Garland.  
Ryan P. Murray started with Transportation as an Associate Planner for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs on 9/8/2020.  
Transportation is seeking new candidates for two vacant Associate Civil Engineer Positions.  
The Assistant Traffic Engineer position is currently vacant.  
The City of Berkeley has had a hiring freeze as a result of COVID-19.
7. Announcements  
Transportation Commission Chair Barnali Ghosh extends her gratitude to City of Berkeley staff for their work.

As part of the Shattuck Avenue reconfiguration project a two-block eastern area of Shattuck Avenue has been renamed “Kala Bagai Way” after a South Asian immigrant who was discriminated against in Berkeley.

AC Transit fares will resume on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. PPE, hand sanitizers, and masks are provided for the AC Transit fleet.

The Healthy Streets program will be in place for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

### **1. Draft Pedestrian Plan**

Beth Thomas, Principal Planner, and Ryan P. Murray, Associate Planner for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs, gave a presentation on the current draft of the Pedestrian Plan.

**Action:** It was Moved/Seconded/Carried (Zander/Parolek) unanimously to recommend that City Council adopt the Pedestrian Plan with the following changes; that staff send a copy of the Pedestrian Plan to the Transportation Commission at least two weeks ahead of the deadline for submission of the report for the Council meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020; and to designate Transportation Commissioner Sophia Zander as the primary representative to speak to Council, with Commissioner Anthony Bruzzone as a back-up.

a. Add a policy supporting providing marked crosswalks across both sides of intersections.

b. Remove recommendations related to traffic enforcement and instead refer to the Vision Zero Action Plan concerning traffic enforcement.

Ayes: Bruzzone, Ghosh, Greene, Hutheesing, Lathbury, Parolek, Taplin, Zander  
Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Garcia

**Motion carried 8-0-0-1**

### **2. Vision Zero**

Eric Anderson, Senior Transportation Planner for Vision Zero, provided updates. The Transportation Commissioners discussed reconvening the Vision Zero Task Force.

**9:59 pm – Action:** It was Moved/Seconded (Bruzzone/Parolek) to extend the meeting to 10:10 pm.

**Motion carried 8-0-0-1**

### **3. Measure T1 Phase 2**

Christina Erickson, Deputy Director of Parks Recreation & Waterfront, gave a presentation on Measure T1 and provided information about the five upcoming community meetings which will take place on Zoom. Emails may be sent to T1@CityofBerkeley.info. The Transportation Commissioners suggested funding BeST (Berkeley Strategic Transportation) Plan projects such as the Ohlone Greenway using T1 money.

**10:09 pm – Action:** It was Moved/Seconded (Zander/Hutheesing) to extend the meeting to 10:15 pm.

**Motion carried 8-0-0-1**

**C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Subcommittee Reports: Verbal Reports from Subcommittees, Liaisons to PWC, COD, and goBerkeley Advisory Group
2. Council Summary Actions 2020
3. Link to Council and Agenda Committee Agendas and Minutes  
<https://www.cityofberkeley.info/citycouncil/>
4. TC Mission Statement
5. TC Work Plan

**D. COMMUNICATIONS** – none

**E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** – not applicable

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

**Action:** It was Moved/Seconded (Parolek/Bruzzozone) to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion carried 8-0-0-1**

Public present: 2

Speakers: 0

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