

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE,
TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, July 1, 2020
2:30 PM**

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Cheryl Davila, Kate Harrison, and Rigel Robinson
Alternate: Councilmember Sophie Hahn

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MINUTES

Roll Call: 2:33 p.m. All present.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 2 speakers.

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes - March 5, 2020

Action: M/S/C (Robinson/Davila) to approve the minutes as presented.

Vote: All Ayes.

Committee Action Items

The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. The Chair will determine the number of persons interested in speaking on each item. Up to ten (10) speakers may speak for two minutes. If there are more than ten persons interested in speaking, the Chair may limit the public comment for all speakers to one minute per speaker. Speakers are permitted to yield their time to one other speaker, however no one speaker shall have more than four minutes.

Following review and discussion of the items listed below, the Committee may continue an item to a future committee meeting, or refer the item to the City Council.

Committee Action Items

2. **Introduce an Ordinance terminating the sale of gasoline, diesel and natural gas passenger vehicles throughout the City of Berkeley by 2025** (*Revised Material Received*)

From: Councilmember Davila

Referred: November 18, 2019

Due: October 24, 2020

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution with the following actions:

1. Direct the City Attorney to prepare any draft ordinances to terminate the sale of gasoline, diesel and natural gas passenger vehicles throughout the City of Berkeley by 2025; this shall include the termination of purchasing these vehicles to support City fleets and, for the general public, a staged phase out such as cars over \$28K by 2023, cars over \$22K by 2024, and all cars by 2025, so as to actively create a used electric vehicle market for lower income customers that allows them to acquire electric vehicles at a cost equal to or below that of comparable gasoline, diesel, or natural gas vehicles.

2. Short term referral to the City Manager and/or designee(s) to report to the City Council in 90 days, in consultation with other City Departments with the following information: (A) Feasibility of terminating the sale of gasoline, diesel and natural gas passenger vehicles; (B) ways to promote and facilitate the sale of all-electric vehicles in the City, particularly among low income communities, including the provision of local tax incentives and rebates, as large as is necessary to cover any cost difference between an electric car and a comparable gas car; the simplification of building code requirements for chargers; and the establishment of charging stations and related infrastructure to support all-electric vehicles; (C) any “just transition” elements related to the above action, including the impact upon and opportunities for auto mechanics.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Cheryl Davila, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

Action: 4 speakers. Discussion held. The item was continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Committee Action Items

3. Traffic Circle Policy and Program Recommendations

From: From: Traffic Circle Policy Task Force

Referred: November 12, 2019

Due: October 18, 2020

Recommendation: On November 12, 2019, the City Council referred the following language from the proposed Traffic Circle Policy to the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee for consideration:

“New trees proposed by traffic circle coordinators or volunteers will be approved by the City Forester, with a preference for natives and a focus on maximizing ecosystem services. The Task Force recommends revisiting trunk size considerations every five years as the implications of climate change and autonomous vehicles become clearer. In the interim, large trunked trees such as redwoods will not be planted.”

The original recommendation from the Traffic Circle Policy Task Force is as follows: Adopt a Resolution to approve the Traffic Circle Policy as outlined in the report and refer to the traffic engineer for codification.

Integrate the Community Common Space Stewardship Program into the “Adopt a Spot Initiative,” which the City Council approved on April 23, 2019 (Item #33), and request that the City Council refer it to the Traffic Circle Task Force, rather than the Parks and Public Works Commissions, for the purpose of development, outlining criteria and environmental benefits, program costs and staffing.

Refer additional traffic calming measures at Ellsworth for the intersections with Dawn Redwoods to the mid-year budget process and request mitigation funds from East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) due to the impact on these streets from their Wildcat Pipeline Project.

Refer to the City Manager:

1. Create the Community Common Space Stewardship Program as described in the report.
2. Refer the additional staff and material costs of this program to the budget process.

Financial Implications: See report

Action: 3 speakers. Discussion held. The item was continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting to allow staff to return with more information regarding collision data aggregated between four way and non-four way traffic stops, and the completion of the City-wide tree survey that is currently being conducted.

Committee Action Items

4. **100% Sustainable Trips by 2045**

From: Community Environmental Advisory Commission

Referred: March 30, 2020

Due: December 15, 2020

Recommendation: Adopt the attached Resolution, setting a goal of achieving 100% of trips taken by sustainable modes by 2045, and refer to the Community Environmental Advisory Commission, the Energy Commission, and the Transportation Commission to develop relevant proposals and recommendations for accomplishing that goal.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Viviana Garcia, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7460

Action: 3 speakers. M/S/C (Harrison/Robinson) to send the item back to council with a qualified positive recommendation, amending the recommendation to add a definition of a trip, and to achieve a 50% improvement of sustainable trips by 2030 and 100% by 2040.

Vote: All Ayes.

Unscheduled Items

These items are not scheduled for discussion or action at this meeting. The Committee may schedule these items to the Action Calendar of a future Committee meeting.

5. **Bright Streets Initiative** *(Supplemental Material Received)*

From: Councilmembers Hahn and Harrison

Referred: November 25, 2019

Due: October 31, 2020

Recommendation: 1. Refer to the City Manager to paint all crosswalks, midlines, bike lanes, and other street markings, clarify and/or improve traffic signage, and paint curbs along collector and arterial streets throughout the City of Berkeley, and within a three-block radius of all Berkeley public schools, to improve safety and support Vision Zero goals. Streets, signage, and curbs that have been redone in the past three years and remain in very good condition need not be repainted and/or replaced.

2. Such work to be completed prior to commencement of the 2020-21 Berkeley Public School Year.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Sophie Hahn, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150

Unscheduled Items

- 6. Adopt an Ordinance Adding a Chapter 11.62 to the Berkeley Municipal Code to Regulate Plastic Bags at Retail and Food Service Establishments**
From: Councilmembers Harrison and Hahn
Referred: November 25, 2019
Due: October 31, 2020
Recommendation: Adopt an ordinance adding a Chapter 11.62 to the Berkeley Municipal Code to regulate plastic bags at retail and food service establishments.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Kate Harrison, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
- 7. Potential Bonding and Funding Opportunities for Improving the PCI of Residential Streets, and Creating a Paving Master Plan** *(Item Contains Supplemental Material)*
Referred: January 21, 2020
Due: October 7, 2020
Recommendation: On January 21, 2020, the City Council referred the following language from the revised agenda material from Councilmember Harrison in the Supplemental Communications Packet 2, and as further revised by the Council, to the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee for consideration:
Refer to the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment, & Sustainability Committee to work with the Public Works Department and the Commission to explore potential bonding and funding opportunities for improving the PCI of residential streets, and creating a paving master plan.
- 8. Prohibition on the Resale of Used Combustion Vehicles in 2040**
From: Community Environmental Advisory Commission
Referred: March 30, 2020
Due: November 2, 2020
Recommendation: Review and refer to the City Attorney for finalization the attached ordinance prohibiting the resale of used, existing combustion-powered vehicles beginning in 2040.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Viviana Garcia, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7460

Action: The item will be scheduled for the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Unscheduled Items

9. Prohibition on the Use of City Streets for Operating, Parking, or Idling Combustion Vehicles by 2045

From: Community Environmental Advisory Commission

Referred: March 30, 2020

Due: November 2, 2020

Recommendation: Review and refer to the City Attorney for finalization the attached ordinance prohibiting the use of City-owned streets for the operation, parking, or idling of combustion vehicles beginning in 2045, and establishing an offset-driven fee-based enforcement mechanism.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Viviana Garcia, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7460

Action: The item will be scheduled for the next regularly scheduled meeting.

10. Prohibition on the Sale of Gasoline, Diesel, and Other Carbon-Based Transportation Fuels by 2045

From: Community Environmental Advisory Commission

Referred: March 30, 2020

Due: November 2, 2020

Recommendation: Review and refer to the City Attorney for finalization the attached ordinance prohibiting the sale of gasoline, diesel, and other carbon-based transportation fuels effective January 1st, 2045.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Viviana Garcia, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7460

Action: The item will be scheduled for the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Items for Future Agendas

- **Discussion of items to be added to future agendas.**
- **Discussion of the creation of the Department of Climate Emergency Mobilization.**

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Harrison/Davila) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee meeting held on July 1, 2020.

Michael MacDonald, Assistant City Clerk