

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

**Wednesday, July 19, 2023
2:00 PM**

2180 Milvia Street, 6th Floor - Redwood Room

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Terry Taplin, Kate Harrison, and Rigel Robinson
Alternate: Councilmember Mark Humbert

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MINUTES

Roll Call: 2:09 p.m.

Present: Harrison, and Robinson

Absent: Taplin

Councilmember Taplin present at 2:17 p.m.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 2 speakers.

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes - June 21, 2023

Action: M/S/C (Robinson/Harrison) to approve the June 21, 2023 minutes.

Vote: Ayes – Robinson, Harrison; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Taplin.

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.

2. 51B Bus Rapid Transit

From: Councilmember Taplin (Author)

Referred: November 28, 2022

Due: July 21, 2023

Recommendation: 1) Refer to the City Manager commencement of a feasibility analysis and community engagement process to develop options for the implementation of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) improvements along AC Transit's 51B route; options are to be developed in tandem with internal city departments, including Public Works, Fire, and Economic Development, and interagency partners, including AC Transit, the Alameda County Transportation Commission, and UC Berkeley Bear Transit; community engagement is to emphasize students, transportation advocates, transit riders, the disability rights community, the faith community, the senior community, local merchants, and tenants; consultation with AC Transit and UC Berkeley Bear Transit on planning, scoping, and implementation is to begin as soon as possible.

2) Refer \$150,000 to the FY 2025-2026 budget process for consulting costs to conduct corridor studies along University Avenue, from Seawall Drive, to Oxford Street, and along Oxford Street and Fulton Street, from Virginia Street to Durant Avenue, to identify appropriate road safety improvements that advance city-adopted safety, transportation, and climate goals and are continuous with work currently underway on the Addison Bicycle Boulevard, and explore improvements for curb management, i.e. accessible parking (blue curbs), loading zones for third party deliveries, etc.

3) Refer \$150,000 to the FY 2025-2026 budget process for consulting costs to conduct a comprehensive accessibility analysis of the city's 4-way intersections and return recommendations to achieve uniformity and consistency of ADA improvements, i.e. width of curb cuts to accommodate wheelchair access, auditory functions of crossing signals, siting of facilities, bulb-outs, shortening crossing distances, and other safety improvements where appropriate and optimal.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

Action: 4 speakers. M/S/C (Harrison/Robinson) to forward the item to Council with a positive recommendation.

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.

3. Adopt an Ordinance Adding a New Chapter 12.01 to the Berkeley Municipal Code Establishing Emergency Greenhouse Gas Limits, Process for Updated Climate Action Plan, Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Regional Collaboration

From: Councilmember Harrison (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor) and Councilmember Hahn (Co-Sponsor)

Referred: November 15, 2021

Due: July 31, 2023

Recommendation: 1. Adopt an ordinance adding a new Chapter 12.01 to the Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) establishing Emergency Greenhouse Gas Limits with an effective date of [], 2022.

2. Refer to the FY23-24 Budget Process \$[] consistent with implementing the requirements of Sections 12.01.040, 12.01.050, 12.01.060.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Kate Harrison, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

4. Adopt an Ordinance Adding Chapter 12.39 to the Berkeley Municipal Code to Regulate Deconstruction and Construction Materials Management

From: Councilmember Harrison (Author)

Referred: June 12, 2023

Due: November 27, 2023

Recommendation: 1. Adopt an ordinance adding Chapter 12.39 to the Berkeley Municipal Code to regulate management of deconstruction and construction materials.

2. Refer to the November 2023 Budget AAO Process \$[x] to administer and enforce the ordinance.

3. Refer to the City Attorney's Office to conduct a nexus fee study for a potential social cost of carbon fee applied to landfilled construction and demolition debris.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Kate Harrison, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

Items for Future Agendas

- None

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee meeting held on July 19, 2023.

Neetu Salwan, Assistant City Clerk

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