



TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday, February 17th, 2022, 7:00pm

A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Ghosh at 7:01pm

2. Roll Call

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

Commissioners Absent: Anthony Bruzzone

Staff Present Farid Javandel, Alisha Gard

3. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda: 1 speaker

Community member Tom Yamaguchi spoke to a recent article by Charles Siegel regarding bus service on the 72 line.

4. Approval of Draft Action Minutes of [January 20th, 2022](#)

Action: It was Moved/Seconded (Parolek/Gosselin) to approve the minutes.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Bruzzone

Motion carried 7-0-0-1

5. Approval and Order of Agenda

Action: It was Moved/Seconded (Ghosh/Walton) to approve the order of the agenda.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Bruzzone

Motion carried 7-0-0-1

6. Update on Administration/Staff

Public Works is working to reduce the vacancy rates within the department.

7. Announcements

- On March 3rd, 2022, there will be a public meeting regarding the Dwight to Russell pedestrian crossings and lighting improvements.
- City Council meetings may assume a hybrid format (in-person and virtual components) beginning as early as April.
- The Transportation Commission is waiting for the completion of the North Berkeley Senior Center in order to resume in-person meetings.

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- Hopkins Corridor Traffic and Placemaking Study update: the final public meeting will be held via Zoom on the following dates and segments:

Tuesday, 3/1, 6:00-7:30pm – Sutter St to The Alameda

Monday, 3/7, 6-7:30pm – The Alameda to McGee Ave

Monday, 3/14, 6-7:30pm – McGee Ave to Gilman St

Information about and registration for the upcoming public meetings may be found at www.cityofberkeley.info/Hopkins.

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Chair and Vice Chair Nominations and Elections

Action: It was Moved/Seconded (Greene/Walton) to nominate Vice-Chair Parolek to become Transportation Commission Chair.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Bruzzone

Motion carried 7-0-0-1

Action: It was Moved/Seconded (Ghosh/Walton) to elect Vice-Chair Parolek as Transportation Commission Chair.

Motion carried 7-0-0-1

Action: It was Moved/Seconded (Gosselin/Ghosh) to nominate and elect Kate Gosselin as Vice-Chair of the Transportation Commission

Motion carried 7-0-0-1

2. Commission Consolidation Update

Farid Javandel, Deputy Director of Public Works, informed the Commissioners that the City of Berkeley Council intends to keep the Zero Waste Commission as its own entity. Meanwhile, the fate of combining the Transportation and Public Works Commissions remains unclear, and the matter will go to City Council in April 2022. If the two Commissions are combined then the recommended number of commissioners will be set at nine individuals.

No action. No speakers.

3. BerkDOT Update

Farid Javandel provided the BerkDOT listening session report which has been published to the [Reimagining Public Safety Task Force website](#).

The next steps include building up a comprehensive description of the vision of the BerkDOT program so that the City may advocate at the state legislature level for non-police enforcement activities.

No action. No speakers.

4. Transportation Commission [Work Plan](#)

The Transportation Commissioners determined that they would gather ideas, review City Council referrals made in the last 9 months, and vote on a final work plan at the March 2022 meeting of the Transportation Commission.

2 speakers: Tom Yamaguchi and Ray Yep

C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Transportation Commission Work Plan
Meeting start time
Bike Plan
Commission Consolidation

F. ADJOURNMENT 9:30pm

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

Motion carried 7-0-0-1

Public Present: 6

Speaker: 3

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