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TRANSPORTATION and INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 17, 2022, 7:00 pm

Mission: Advises Council on transportation and public works infrastructure policies, facilities, and services

A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Karen Parolek at 7:02 pm.

2. Roll call

Commissioners Present: Noelani Fixler, Barnali Ghosh, Sam Greenberg, Adrien Leung, Liza Lutzker, Karen Parolek, Kim Walton, Ray Yep

Staff Present: Farid Javandel, Beth Thomas, Eric Anderson, Joe Enke, Alisha Gard

3. Public comment on items not on the agenda

No speakers.

4. Approval of [minutes](#) from October 20th, 2022

Commissioner Yep commented that Sections C and D do not need to be included with the minutes as they were not discussed during the Commission meeting.

Action: It was Moved / Seconded to approve the minutes, as amended:

Ayes: Fixler, Greenberg, Lutzker, Parolek, Walton, Yep

Noes: None

Abstain: Ghosh, Leung

Absent: None

Motion passed 6-0-2-0

5. Update on administration and staff

- Principal Planner Beth Thomas is retiring from the City of Berkeley. Her last day with the Transportation Division is December 2, 2022. The Transportation and Infrastructure Commission thanked her for her dedicated service.
- Farid Javandel provided information on staff vacancies and recruitment to fill the positions.
- Joe Enke provided information that UUD#48 will start construction in March 2023, the City performed \$20 million of work in the construction

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season, progress is being made with sidewalk improvements, planning for civic center is continuing, etc.

- There will be a public meeting on November 30 for the planning on Hopkins Street from Gilman to San Pablo Ave.

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Vision Zero Update

Eric Anderson, Senior Planner, provided a progress update on the Vision Zero Program. Progress has been hindered by the pandemic. Progress has been made with the Southside complete streets, the South Adeline projects and with quick build projects. The Vision Zero coordinating committee will meet on 11/30/2022. Eric confirmed that he coordinates with Oakland on striping at prominent intersections.

No action.

2. Transit-First Policy Implementation Plan

Beth Thomas, Principal Planner, provided a presentation on updates to the City's transit first policy. The comprehensive policy recommendations were discussed and approved by the Commission. Staff will present the recommendations to the City Council in an upcoming meeting.

Recommended to staff by the TIC at the meeting:

- p36, under Scootershare, delete the second paragraph, starting with "From evaluations of pilot programs,..."
- p36, Policy 3.3, add middle and high school students
- Work with AC Transit to improve reliability and service on lines that take students to Berkeley middle and high schools.
- New 2.1 or 2.2 or 3.8: Prioritize use of public right-of-way for transit improvements over parking
- Adding the Action, "Develop a list of alternative restroom facilities for use by bus drivers at layovers and share this with transit operators" (as new Action 4 under Policy 3.7).

Action: The Transportation and Infrastructure Commission (TIC) recommends that Council adopt the Transit-First Policy Implementation Plan with the changes presented by staff at the 11/17/22 TIC meeting and those recommended to staff by the TIC at the same meeting.

Moved by Chair Parolek, Seconded by Commissioner Leung

Ayes: Fixler, Ghosh, Greenberg, Leung, Lutzker, Parolek, Yep

Noes: Walton

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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Moved by Commissioner Leung, Seconded by Commissioner Fixler, Approved unanimously to extend the meeting to 10:10 pm

3. Work Plan Preliminary Discussion

Work plans have been collected from the prior Transportation and Public Works Commissions. Karen Parolek and Sam Greenberg will review and consolidate the plans into a draft plan for the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission. The draft plan will be discussed at the January Commission meeting.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Information items can be moved to Discussion or Action by majority vote of the TIC

Moved by Chair Parolek, Seconded by Commissioner Fixler, Approved unanimously to extend the meeting to 10:15 pm

1. Subcommittee Reports and Assignments

Moved by Commissioner Ghosh, Seconded by Commissioner Walton, Carried unanimously: to appoint a 5-year paving plan subcommittee and assign members to be Ray Yep, Adrian Leung, Kim Walton

Moved by Commissioner Ghosh, Seconded by Commissioner Fixler, Carried unanimously: Bike plan subcommittee: Karen Parolek, Sam Greenberg, Liza Lutzker, Noelani Fixler

2. Council Summary Actions 2022

3. [Link to Council and Committee Agendas and Minutes](#)

4. Transportation and Infrastructure Commission Mission Statement – TBD

5. Work Plans

a. [Transportation Commission](#)

b. [Public Works Commission](#)

6. Subcommittees and Liaisons

D. COMMUNICATIONS

E. ADJOURNMENT 10:15 pm Moved by Chair Parolek, Seconded by Commissioner Leung to adjourn. Carried unanimously.