



**TRANSPORTATION and INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
DRAFT MINUTES**

Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7:00 pm

South Berkeley Senior Center  
2939 Ellis Street  
Berkeley, CA, 94703

**A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

**1. Call to order**

**7:01 pm:** Chair Parolek called the meeting to order

**2. Roll call**

**7:02 pm**

Commissioners Present: Noelani Fixler, Barnali Ghosh, Adrian Leung, Liza Lutzker, Bryce Nesbitt, Karen Parolek, Rick Raffanti, Kim Walton

Excused: Ray Yep

Staff Present: Hamid Mostowfi, Ron Nevels, Noah Budnick, Pedram Massoudi

**3. Public comment on items not on the agenda**

**7:04 pm:** 2 public comments

**4. Approval of minutes from March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**7:09 pm Action:** It was Moved / Seconded (Ghosh / Fixler) to approve the minutes:

Ayes: Fixler, Ghosh, Leung, Lutzker, Nesbitt, Parolek, Walton

Noes: None

Abstain: Raffanti

Absent: None

**Motion passed 8-0-1-0**

**5. Approval and Order of Agenda**

**7:10 pm:** No changes suggested.

**6. Update on administration and staff**

**7:10 pm:** Acting Secretary Mostowfi (Public Works Acting Transportation Manager) provided updates and answered Commissioners' questions on the following: staff vacancies and recruiting, the I-80/Gilman interchange project and the HAWK signal at Virginia and San Pablo Avenue. Public Works Acting Manager of Engineering Ron Nevels provided updates and answered

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Commissioners' questions on the following: staff vacancies and recruiting, sewer and paving projects and new green infrastructure requirements. No action.

**7. Announcements**

No public comments.

**B. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

**1. ACTC Railroad Safety Enhancement Program (RSEP) informational presentation**

Alameda County Transportation Commission staff gave an informational presentation and answer Commissioners' questions about the agency's Railroad Safety Enhancement Program plans to improve safety at twenty-eight highway-railroad at-grade crossings and two trespassing locations along the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), including five in Berkeley. No action.

**C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Subcommittee reports & assignments: verbal reports from subcommittees
  - a. Funding and Finance Subcommittee update presented by Commissioner Leung (see attached memo, "TIC - funding subcommittee")
  - b. 5 year paving plan Subcommittee update presented by Commissioner Walton
  - c. Safe and Delightful Access to Opportunities for All Subcommittee update presented by Commissioner Nesbitt
  - d. BerkDOT Subcommittee update presented by Commissioner Lutzker

**9:11 pm Action:** It was Moved / Seconded (Parolek / Fixler) to appoint Commissioner Raffanti to the 5 year paving plan subcommittee and to serve as the liaison to the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission.

Ayes: Fixler, Ghosh, Leung, Lutzker, Nesbitt, Parolek, Raffanti, Walton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**9:12 pm Motion passed 8-0-0-0**

- e. AC Transit liaison update presented by Commissioner Fixler
- f. City Council FITES Committee liaison update presented by Chair Parolek
- g. BART liaison update presented by Commissioner Ghosh
- h. Vision Zero Task Force liaison update presented by Commissioner Ghosh

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2. TIC Mission Statement (enclosed)
3. Public Works' [Top Goals and Projects](#) and [progress report](#)
4. Council Summary Actions 2022\*
5. [Link to Council and Committee Agendas and Minutes](#)

## D. COMMUNICATIONS

## E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

**9:23 pm:** Commissioners discussed potential future agenda items, including HAWK traffic signals, the City of Berkeley's goBerkeley parking and curb management program, ACTC's San Pablo Corridor project, daylighting policy, Acton bicycle boulevard and the slip lane on Sacramento Avenue.

## F. ADJOURNMENT

**9:29 pm Action:** It was Moved / Seconded (Parolek / Fixler) to close the meeting  
Ayes: Fixler, Ghosh, Leung, Lutzker, Nesbitt, Parolek, Raffanit, Walton  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**9:29 pm Motion passed 8-0-0-0**

Public Present: 3 people at 7:01 pm, 1 person at close  
Speakers: 2

*The next meeting of the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission is scheduled for Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave, Berkeley, CA 94709.*

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Transportation and Infrastructure Commission, City of Berkeley  
c/o Farid Javandel, Deputy Director of Public Works  
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Dear Commissioners,

My wife and I are members of the steering committee that represents the 31 resident households of Sacramento St from Cedar to Rose. For several years we have been petitioning the City for traffic calming measures on this block.

I would like to point out a safety measure that could be implemented in the near future. The slip-lane at the northeast corner of Sacramento and Rose is very dangerous for children crossing the street to get to one of the 3 schools on Rose St. We live on the northeast side of Sacramento, directly within the slip lane and observe drivers regularly exceed posted speed limits, run red lights and ignore the stop control entirely when making right turns.

Furthermore, Sacramento is 5 lanes south of Rose and 3 lanes north of Rose. This introduces confusion for northbound drivers as they must be aware of parking restrictions during peak hours, which keeps two lanes of northbound travel all the way to Hopkins. However, during off peak hours, parking is allowed on the east side of Sacramento north of Rose, which means drivers must merge from 2 lanes to 1 in the intersection heading north.

We recommend the City use a quick build solution to close the slip-lane with barriers and paint, while leaving parking and the bus stop unchanged, as a first phase. Additionally, it would be helpful to remove the parking restriction north of Rose and make the left lane a left turn only lane onto Rose. This would resolve driver confusion about which lanes to use heading northbound. If this could be done prior to or during the scheduled Rose repaving this summer, we could gain feedback in a timely manner. We have not yet been able to review this plan with all our residents, so tonight we are making this personal presentation and will work with the City to ensure wide publicity and consideration by all households on our block and surrounding area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Norm & Gina Gold". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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