



Public Works Commission

**Special Meeting
CITY OF BERKELEY
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**

JOINT MEETING WITH THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 2, 2001

7:00 PM

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Ave (at MLK), Berkeley

MINUTES

A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Roll Call: 7:05 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Piercy, Perry, St. John, Alward, Holland, Shumer, Broderick,
Gartner

Absent: None

Staff Present: Jeffrey Egeberg (Secretary), Rene Cardinaux, Darryl Moore, Wendy
Wong, Sherman Jackson

2. Public Comment:

B. ACTION ITEMS

1. Timing of Expenditure of AB 2928 (Torlakson) Funds

It was MSC (Holland/Gartner) that a recommendation be forwarded to the City Manager that the obligation deadline be extended from June 30, 2001 to June 30, 2002, to allow for the prudent

programming of these funds. The funds should be used solely for the purpose of accelerating street paving contained in the current Five-Year Plan.

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Berkeley's Street Paving Program

Staff presented information on the history of the street rehabilitation program, funding sources, budgeting and expenditures, analysis of pavement conditions, treatment options, ways to maximize investments in pavement rehabilitation, and prioritization of paving projects. The commissions discussed possibilities for making joint recommendations on budgeting and other matters at a later date.

2. Street Maintenance

Staff presented information on current maintenance procedures, in particular the status of crack sealing operations. It was indicated that the previous method and materials were discontinued due to complaints from users and there has been little activity since then. Transportation commissioners indicated that they will help identify repair procedures amenable to the bicycle community. The commissions indicated that they may later make joint recommendations on this and other matters.

3. Non-Pavement Traffic Facilities of Interest to Both Commissions

The Public Works Commission indicated that since the Public Works Department funds, constructs, and maintains traffic signals, that perhaps they should be involved in the selection of locations and prioritization. It was also pointed out that the department almost never receives additional maintenance budget for such new facilities.

4. Coordination Between the Two Commissions

Discussions were held on the relation between the commissions, including the missions of each, impacts of decisions by each on the work of the other, and methods of timely communication and consultation. It was decided to rely on the liaisons between the two commissions to be the primary contacts (Commissioners Perry and Thomasson) for future actions.

D. ADJOURNMENT