



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
Minutes**

**Thursday, April 4, 2002, 7:00 p.m.  
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue**

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**Roll Call:** 7:01 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Broderick, Campbell, Perry, Shumer, St. John

Absent: Commissioner Alward, Holland, Piercy

**Comments from the Public:** None.

**Announcements:** All Commissioners are invited to the Grand Re-Opening of the Central Library on Saturday, April 6, 2002 from 1:00 – 5:00 P.M.

**Approval of Minutes:** February 7, 2002

The minutes were approved as amended (MSC St. John/Shumer).

**The amendments to the minutes are as follow:**

Subcommittee Reports:

**Utility:** The Utility companies have reported a 7% reduction in their overall undergrounding cost estimates, which are being incorporated into our City of Berkeley-PWC Applicant Financed Informational Packet. Also PG&E, on behalf of the other utilities, has requested permission to use our Applicant Financed Informational Packet as a model in their development of a statewide informational guide. Lastly, the subcommittee will take up “Rule 20A” master planning at its next meeting.

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**Ad Hoc: Sewer Program Review:** The Budget Review Commission has distributed a draft copy of their report. The PWC report is still in progress obtaining and reviewing information and cannot determine a date of the draft report at this time.

**Presentation:** None

**Action Items:**

**1. Recommendations regarding Sonoma/Hopkins median improvements:**

The secretary is to prepare a letter from the commission to the applicant under the secretary's signature, with the PWC approval of the proposed design, except for the use of decomposed granite for the main travel way. Decomposed granite material would create disabled access issues and substantially increase maintenance costs, due to wear from the anticipated volume of pedestrian traffic and adverse weather conditions. Use of a more durable material is recommended (e.g., concrete or asphalt; possibly colored). The letter will also correct the applicant's erroneous statement that the PWC had previously approved the project.

**Information Items:**

- 1. Update Report on "New" Measure B funding:** Efren Ramos, Associate Management Analyst, Engineering Division, updated the Commission on the "New" Measure B funding (handout). Traffic Engineering will be preparing the priority list and agreement due from the City by June 1, 2002. Berkeley's twenty-year portion is 2.25% or \$32 million up about \$2 Million from previous allocations. There will be competition within the City for the additional funds between bicycle and traffic advocates.
- 2. Impacts of construction traffic on street pavement deterioration:** A staff committee has been formed to study the impact construction traffic has on pavement deterioration in response to the Council request. Council wants to charge UC for pavement repairs as a result of their building projects. UC does not object as long as the fee is implemented Citywide generally. The committee will study its merits and whether such a fee could be imposed and implemented.
- 3. Development of subcommittee work plans:** The plans are being worked on with nothing new to report at this time.
- 4. Midyear financial report and budget outlook:** It was noted that shortfalls in General Fund revenues is approximately \$1.8 million. City Manager's office is reviewing various scenarios to reduce programs with discretionary funding to make up this shortfall. Hotel revenue is down and PERS Funding has increased from the past couple of years when PERS was super-funded. Also health care costs have gone up approximately 25 percent.

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1. **Utility:** Applicant Financed Informational meeting will be held with the Cragmont/Regal group on April 10, 2002 at 7:30 P.M. at the Cragmont School, and a second Applicant Financed Informational meeting will be held with Thousand Oak Heights group on April 24, 2002.
2. **Right-of-Way:** None
3. **Facilities & Equipment:** The subcommittee will work on developing criteria and tracking and collecting usable information on cost of performed maintenance for maintenance of the City's facilities.
4. **Ad Hoc: Sewer Program Review:** None

**Items for Future Agenda:**

**Adjournment:** 8:01 p.m.