



Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Action Minutes
Thursday, April 6, 2017
Corporation Yard, 1326 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA
Willow Room

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

Present: Schueler, Freiberg, Smith, Kelley, Hitchen, Henry, Yep, Dominguez

Absent:

Staff: Tracy J. Clay (PWC Secretary)

PUBLIC COMMENT: A member of the public, Mark Gilligan, recommended that the City improve the way that public buildings are managed, including considering to seismic safety of buildings especially during building remodels.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: PWC made the following action:

Action by Commission: Recommend that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 2, 2017 be approved.

M/S/C (Yep /Smith /7-0-0).

CHAIR REPORT: None.

STAFF REPORT: Staff reported that there will be public meeting for the Panoramic Hill Street Rehabilitation project on 4/12/17, and also that storm water sampling on the Alston Way Paver Project was completed in February of 2016 and provided a brief summary of results. A table on restrictions on spending for paving program funding was also distributed.

PRESENTATION: None.

1. Bike East Bay Berkeley Bike Plan - David Campbell, Advocacy Director of Bike East Bay, gave a presentation on the Berkeley Bike Plan and made recommendations on how bike improvements could be better incorporated with street paving projects. He shared a copy of City of Berkeley Recommended (bike) Network Improvements with the PWC.

2. Paving Plan – Discussed under Action Item 1 below.

3. Measure M Staff Report to Council – The PWC discussed the Measure M Staff Report to Council and made the following motion:

Action by Commission: The Public Works Commission should send a letter to council expressing our displeasure with not having seen the report prior to submission to council and we request that we have 30 days to review this and subsequent Measure M Reports in keeping with the designated Measure M oversight role.

M/S/C (Kelly /Henry /7-0-0).

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Five year paving plan** – Staff provided an updated 5 Year Paving Plan and Map for 2018-2022. The revised paving plan removed surface seal treatments from the proposed T1 projects and also listed green infrastructure expenditure by year. The following points were discussed by the commissioners:
 - Should conduct an analysis to determine the cost to maintain the City’s pavement for 40 years.
 - Residential street pavement condition affects traffic speed.
 - Should look at more frequent surface seal program, similar to Contra Costa County.
 - Target Tuesday June 27, 2017 for City Council Paving Plan approval.
 - Emergency routes degrade faster than other residential streets due to heavier vehicles and higher traffic volume and should be a consideration in assigning paving priorities.
 - Staff was requested to send out the list of all streets and their PCI rating.
 - Staff was requested to put percent by bike miles in the paving plan table.
 - Should look at permeable pavers instead of cisterns and would like to see a cost comparison of cost per storage volume. Could compare Alston to Parker.
2. **Discuss status and recommendations for Measure T1 Implementation**
 - a. **Summary of recent meetings** – Commissioner Yep reported on the recent meetings as summarized in written summary provided.
 - b. **PWC Chair letter** - Commissioner Freiberg read verbatim the outline of the letter as attached to these minutes.
 - c. **PWC Recommendation criteria** – still developing.
 - d. **Recommendations received to date from other** – still collecting information.
 - e. **Upcoming Saturday May 8 public meeting** – Commissioners discussed a plan for the meeting.
3. **Workplan** - Work plan was handed out to the commissioners and assignments were discussed.
4. **Green Infrastructure Plan Framework** - Staff reported on the Green Infrastructure Framework content and actions to date and noted that the Framework will be going to City Council for approval on June 13, 2017. Commissioner Schueler noted that the Watershed Subcommittee reviewed the Green Infrastructure Plan Framework and looks forward to more details of plan development and public involvement as work progresses.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Standing Information Item: Subcommittee Reports: Subcommittee chairs gave brief verbal reports from the following subcommittees:

- a. **Utility Undergrounding**
- b. **Paving**
- c. **T1**

FUTURE AGENDAS: Paving Plan, T1 Recommendations, MRP GI Plan, Budget and CIP

ADJOURN:

Action by Commission: Meeting Adjourned.

M/S/C (Kelley/Dominguez /7-0-0)