



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**  
**Action Minutes**  
**Thursday, May 5, 2016**  
**Corporation Yard, 1326 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA**  
**Willow Room**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 PM

Present: Dominguez, Elgstrand, Freiberg, Henry, Kelley, Schueler, Smith, Swift, Yep

Absent: None

Staff: Tracy J. Clay (PWC Secretary)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the Regular Meetings of March 3, 2016 were approved with no amendments. The minutes of the Regular Meetings of April 4, 2016 were approved with the following amendments:

- Delete the second bullet under the Presentation Item which states “Berkeley Strategic Plan”.
- Re-write the motion for the “Item 1. Proposed Path Renaming” to say the following: “Recommend the City Council approve the renaming of the Bret Hart Lane in North Berkeley for poet Ina Coolbrith provided that a detailed list of all the items necessary to meet the naming policy requirements is prepared and it is determined that all requirements are met.”

(M/S/C, Schueler/Swift, 9-0-0)

**CHAIR REPORT:** None.

**STAFF REPORT:** None.

**PRESENTATION:** Cost Effective Green Infrastructure -Mukul Malhotra from MIG gave an impressive presentation on Green Infrastructure.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. None.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. **Paving Plan & GI Update:** Staff reported that the City of Berkeley Department of Finance is planning to request the City Council authorize the issuance of a \$15,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds (the second series) for the Measure M Street and Integrated Watershed Improvements in June 2016. Due to timing of issuance of the second series of Measure M Bonds, funding was not available to pave all the streets included in the 5 year plan for 2016. Paving of several streets were deferred and are planned to be paved in 2017 instead. Similar deferrals are planned for streets originally scheduled to be paved in 2017. Over the next several months staff and the PWC will work together to develop the 2016 - Five Year Paving Plan. The following general schedule was presented and accepted as a good working model by the PWC:

- 6/2/2016 – PWC Meeting – Staff Present 1<sup>st</sup> Draft 2016- 5 Year Paving Plan.
- June/July/August – Staff meet with Paving Sub Committee 2 to 3 times to review Paving Plan.
- 9/1/2016 - PWC Meeting –Staff Present “Final Draft”2016 - 5 Year Paving Plan.
- 11/1/2016 – City Council Adopt 2016 -5 Year Paving Plan.

Staff was asked to provide the Commission a list of streets currently scheduled for construction in 2016.

In addition, staff presented information on the Municipal Regional Permit 2.0 Green Infrastructure Planning requirements. During the next 5 years the City is required to develop a Green Infrastructure Plan. Staff will be meeting with the Watershed Subcommittee to discuss the required planning efforts and solicit input.

2. **Public comment procedures by PWC:** Staff presented information from several sources on public comment procedures allowed by the Brown Act. The Commission discussed the options available for scheduling public comment but did not take action to change the current procedures in which all public comment is taken at the beginning of the agenda.
3. **Award letter of appreciation to City staff for Allston Way Permeable Paver Project:.**

4. **PG&E Pipe Safety Project:** Marvin Nushwat from PG&E gave a presentation of PG&E's new pipeline safety initiative. *(Note: this item was taken out of order, immediately after "Approval of Minutes".)*
5. **Standing Information Item: Subcommittee Reports:** Subcommittee chairs gave brief reports from the following subcommittees:
  - Streetlight
  - Paving
  - Utility Underground – written update provided.
  - Watershed – written update provided.
  - Funding

**FUTURE AGENDAS:**

1. 5 Year Paving Plan

**ADJOURN:** 9:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned (M/S/C, Schueler/Yep 9,0,0)