



Public Works Commission

**Special Meeting**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**  
**Action Minutes**  
**January 12, 2017**  
**Corporation Yard, 1326 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA**  
**Willow Room**

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

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

Absent: Smith

Staff: Tracy J. Clay (PWC Secretary), Paul Kaushal (City Engineer)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Robert Krumme, a former Public Works Commission (PWC) commissioner, gave a self-introduction and said he would speak under items on the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Action by Commission:** Recommend that the minutes of the Regular Meetings of November 10, 2016 be approved with no amendments.

***(M/S/C, Yep/Schueler, 6-0-0)***

**CHAIR REPORT:** Chair Kelley reported that he would not be seeking re-election and asked commissioner Schueler to give a report on the 1/5/17 Meeting "Measure T1 Infrastructure Bond Program - the public input process with participating commissions." Schueler reported that the primary role of the PWC in the T1 public input process is gather input from other commissions on the proposed project list provided by staff. She reported that she is concerned about the lack of public outreach and said that other commissions echoed that concern as well. Chair Kelley said the meeting was not well noticed and that the Mayor was not aware of the meeting.

**STAFF REPORT:** Presented under Action Items.

**PRESENTATION:** None.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1. Discuss Public Works Commission work plan for 2017 and subcommittee assignments:** Schueler was appointed the new T1 Subcommittee Chair and it was noted that commissioners Henry, Yep and Freiberg are the remaining members of the T1 Subcommittee. Due to the current vacancies on the PWC, it was also noted that subcommittee meetings must be limited to 3 commissioners to avoid a quorum.

**Action by Commission:** Continue this item, *“Discuss of the PWC work plan for 2017 and subcommittee assignments”*, to the February 2, 2017 meeting.  
*(M/S/C, Schueler/Yep, 6-0-0)*

- 2. Discuss 5 year paving plan process and review schedule in 2017:** Agenda was re-ordered. This was the fourth action item discussed.

A. Staff presented a slide show on the Five Year Paving Plan, years 2018 to 2022. The key contents are summarized below.

Schedule

- *February 2<sup>nd</sup> PWC Meeting:* Present years 2018-2019 of the 5 Year Plan and Green Infrastructure (GI) and provide information in the same format as prior years. (tabular and map format)
- *March 2<sup>nd</sup> PWC Meeting:* Present Years 2020- 2022 of the 5 Year Plan and GI.
- *April 6<sup>th</sup> PWC Meeting:* Present Final 5 Year Paving Plan with information on PCI and other summary information.
- *April 13<sup>th</sup>* Submit Council Report for the May 30, 2017 meeting.

Paving Plan Priorities

- On November 19, 2013, the City Council adopted the full 2014-2018 Five Year Paving Plan that represented the accelerated paving program supported by Measure M funds. It is the goal of the current paving plan to finish all the streets listed in that plan.
- On March 8, 2016 the City Council approved funding for the first 2 years of the 2016-2020 Five Year Paving Plan. It is the goal of the current paving plan to finish all the streets listed in years 2016 and 2017 of that plan.
- Pave streets on Panoramic Hill after EBMUD completes pipeline replacement work.

- Prioritize streets with location specific grant funding sources including Hearst and Shattuck.
- We will seek authorization of the 5 year plan, with approved funding for years 18 & 19. Years 20 through 22 will be placeholders pending available funding.

B. Post presentation, a lively discussion ensued amongst the commissioners. Key points summarized below with attribution.

- Consider incorporating regular field inspection of existing pavement conditions into pavement program work plan to better inform future decisions. (Yep)
- Like to track funding source, Measure M, Measure T, and baseline linked to projects completed. (Yep)
- Staff should try to provide Paving Subcommittee 2 weeks to review material before the full PWC meeting. (Dominguez)
- Lower University should not be reconstructed because it will likely be inundated by sea level rise within the design life of the improvements. (Schueler)
- Want to see comparison of what was proposed in earlier paving plans versus what has been completed. (Many)
- Want to see PCI analytics for proposed plan. (Many)
- Want to see implementation of new technology, more durable pavements like concrete and pavers, and don't want to finance projects that won't last as long as the debt service. (Many)
- Want to see Green Infrastructure in roadways, like permeable pavers, to provide storage, filtration and road surface. (Kelley)
- Bancroft was listed as concrete pavement in 2016-2020 5 Year Paving Plan. Need to know why it was changed to asphalt pavement. Would like for staff to discuss this with Paving Subcommittee. (many)
- In general the proposed paving plan preparation schedule looks acceptable. (many)

### **3. Review Measure M performance and reporting status:**

Issue was discussed under other items.

### **4. Discuss status and recommendations for Measure T1:**

- A. Staff presented a slide show on the Measure T1 bond funding, schedule of public outreach and staff proposed complete street and green infrastructure projects.
- B. The PWC expressed many concerns about the proposed implementation of Phase 1 of the Measure T1 bond and made a motion to voice these concerns through a letter as described in the motion below. In addition, Commissioner Henry distributed a letter from Jim McGrath, which will be attached to these minutes.

**Action by Commission:** Public Works Commission authorizes the Chair to send a letter to the City Manager and City Council in response to and expressing our concerns with the staff recommendations for the T-1 process and projects.

*(M/S/C, Schueler/Dominquez, 6-0-0)*

5. **Nominate Public Works Commission Chair and Vice Chair for 2017:** Agenda was re-ordered. This was the second action item discussed. Two nominations were made and accepted.

**Action by Commission:**

A. Nominate Commissioner Schueler for Chair.

*(M/S/C, Kelley/Henry, 6-0-0)*

B. Nominate Commissioner Yep for Vice Chair.

*(M/S/C, Schueler/Henry, 6-0-0)*

6. **Determine Public Works Commission schedule of meetings in 2017; request additional meetings from Council:** Agenda was re-ordered. This was the third action item discussed.

**Action by Commission:**

A. Meet the first Thursday of every month except August and December.

*(M/S/C, Dominguez/Henry, 6-0-0)*

B. Request the City Council to authorize the PWC to hold up to six additional Special Meetings to address planning and T1 Bond Measure needs.

*(M/S/C, Schueler/Freiberg, 6-0-0)*

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. **Renaming of Keeler Walk (Path #32) to John Muir Path:** Commissioner Yep volunteered to prepare a summary document for discussion at next PWC meeting. This item was continued to the February 2, 2017 meeting.
2. **Renaming of “The Short Cut” (Path # 45) to Oxford School Path:** This item was continued to the February 2, 2017 meeting.
3. **Standing Information Item - Subcommittee Reports:** Subcommittee chairs gave brief reports from the following subcommittees:
  - Utility Underground – written update provided.
  - Watershed – written update provided.

**FUTURE AGENDAS:**

**ADJOURN:** 9:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned (M/S/C, Schueler/Yep 6,0,0)