



Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**  
Action Minutes  
Thursday, April 5, 2018  
Corporation Yard, 1326 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA  
Willow Room

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

Present: Yep, Henry, Kelley, Hitchen, Dominguez, Coates, McGrath, Freiberg, and Cathy Fogel for Margo Schueler;

Absent: Margo Schueler (excused)

Staff: Nisha Patel (Manager of Engineering/ City Engineer- PWC Secretary), Scott Ferris, Andrew Brozyna, Joe Enke, Elmar Kapfer, and Nelson Lam

Public: Sydney Ferris

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Andy Kelley noted that he was excused for the February 1, 2018 Meeting but not the March 1, 2018 meeting. Matthew Freiberg corrected the spelling of his last name on the February 1, 2018 meeting minutes. Minutes for the January 4, February 1, and March 1, 2018 minutes were approved as amended (1<sup>st</sup> motion- Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion- Hitchen, 2 Abstained- Kelly and McGrath 5/0/2).

**CHAIR REPORT:** None

**STAFF REPORT:**

1. Joe Enke reported that the Shattuck/University bus pad project has completed construction. The Rose/Hopkins bio-swale construction is underway. The Woolsey cistern project is going to bid. The 2018 street paving projects are going to bid.
2. Nisha Patel reported that the letter to the CPUC regarding undergrounding has been submitted. The design for the Bayview undergrounding project has been completed.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. PWC meeting and public input process  
Ray Yep outlined his plans for running the PWC meetings, as follows:
  - The public can provide comments on items not on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting, up to 3 minutes.

- The public can provide comments on action items after the commission has discussed it and prior to the commission taking action, up to 3 minutes.
- Commission discussions shall use a queuing process to allow equal opportunity for commenting.
- Decorum shall be practiced by all commissioners and public participants.

2. Measure T1 update

Andrew Brozyna and Scott Ferris reported that staff has prepared the 2<sup>nd</sup> progress report to Council on Measure T1. It is planned to go to Council on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Specific comments included:

- A consultant contract to provide program assistance will go to Council on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The municipal pier has completed conceptual design. The project is adding a study for ferry service.
- The planned bio-swale at King Park has potential impacts to trees. Staff is considering another site.

Ray Yep reported that the PWC is no longer pursuing a Council resolution on T1. He has met with Phil Harrington and Scott Ferris and agreed to the following for PWC involvement.

- Staff will meet with the T1 subcommittee on a quarterly basis for more in-depth discussions.
- Ray will work with Nisha to schedule presentations on T1 projects of interest.
- Staff will work with a consultant for program assistance.

The commissioners made comments of appreciation for the excellent report and for progress with managing the program.

3. University Avenue presentation

Nelson Lam made a presentation on the conceptual design of University Avenue west of I-80 to the Marina. He discussed four alignment options and their respective costs. Staff has selected a preferred option and plans to hire a design consultant. Construction is planned to begin in 2020. Commissioners emphasized the need to address sea level rise.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. Standing Information Item: Subcommittee Reports
  - a) Street paving – Larry Henry reported that several commissioners are going to UC Davis the next day to learn about life cycle cost analysis. The subcommittee is planning to use Shattuck Avenue as a demonstration project.
  - b) T1 implementation – this was discussed under Action items.
  - c) Utility Undergrounding – Ray Yep reported that the subcommittee is working to implement the Phase 3 work.
  - d) Watershed management and sanitary sewers – Nic Dominguez handed out an updated list on the review of the Watershed Management Plan and asked the PWC to review it.
  - e) Sidewalks, street lighting, street sweeping – John Hitchen reported that the Transportation Commission’s approved a new sidewalk policy and a recommendation report to Council is being drafted. John has met with Nisha and Don Irby to understand the background on sidewalk program.

**FUTURE AGENDAS:** Items for the future

1. Watersheds
2. Street paving program
3. Nominate Jim McGrath to ACTC regarding Ashby interchange project

**Motion to ADJOURN** - (McGrath/Freiberg 9/0/0) 9:45 pm

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