



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting
City of Berkeley
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**

**Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Corporation Yard, 1326 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA
Willow Room**

MEETING AGENDA

- 7:00 pm CALL TO ORDER: Chair will call the meeting to order; Secretary will call roll.
- 7:05 pm PUBLIC COMMENT: Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes.
- 7:15 pm APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting of February 7, 2019 *
- 7:20 pm CHAIR REPORT:
- 7:25 pm STAFF REPORT:
- 7:30 pm ACTION ITEMS: (Matters for discussion and possible action)
1. Paving Discussion**
 - a. 5-year Paving Plan Schedule
 - b. Council item to bid Paving 2 years at a time
 - c. Work plan to address paving topics this year
 2. Change of June Meeting start time
- 8:30 pm INFORMATION ITEMS: (Action may be taken on any information item at this meeting if a majority of Commissioners votes to move it to an action item. This vote may take place at or before the time the item is scheduled to come up).
1. Sidewalk Program, Nisha Patel
 2. Berkeley Street Lighting, Nisha Patel
 3. Standing Information Item: Subcommittee Reports **
 - Street paving, Ray Yep, John Hitchen
 - T1 implementation, Jim McGrath
 - Utility undergrounding, Ray Yep, Sachu Constantine
 - Watershed management and sanitary sewers, Nic Dominguez
 4. Upcoming City Community Meetings
- 8:50 pm FUTURE AGENDAS:
- 9:00 pm ADJOURNMENT

- * Indicates written material included in packet.
- ** Indicates material to be delivered at meeting.

A complete agenda packet is available for public review at the Engineering Division front desk

ADA Disclaimer:

This meeting is being held in a wheelchair accessible location. To request a disability-related accommodation(s) to participate in the meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact the Disability Services specialist at 981-6400 (V) or 981-6347 (TDD) at least three business days before the meeting date. Please refrain from wearing scented products to this meeting.

SB 343 Disclaimer:

Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the Commission regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at the Public Works Department located at the address below.

Communications Disclaimer:

Communications to Berkeley boards, commissions or committees are public record and will become part of the City's website. Please note: e-mail addresses, names, addresses, and other contact information are not required, but if included in any communication to a City board, commission or committee, will become part of the public record. If you do not want your e-mail address or any other contact information to be made public, you may deliver communications via U.S. Postal Service or in person to the Secretary of the relevant board, commission or committee. If you do not want your contact information included in the public record, please do not include that information in your communication. Please contact the Secretary of the relevant board, commission or committee for further information.

Commission Secretary:

Nisha Patel, Public Works - Manager of Engineering/ City Engineer
Public Works Department/Engineering Division, 1947 Center Street, 4th Floor,
Berkeley, CA, 94704, Telephone (510) 981-6406
TDD: (510) 981-6347, Email: NPatel@cityofberkeley.info



Public Works Commission

DRAFT

Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

Action Minutes
Thursday, March 7, 2019

Willow Room, Corporation Yard, 1326 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 PM

Present: Ray Yep, Nic Dominguez, Jim McGrath, Shane Krpata, Matt Freiberg, Sachu Constantine, Margo Schueler, John Hitchen, and Jackie Erbe

Absent: none

Staff: Nisha Patel, and Beth Thomas

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. David Thill

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for the February 7, 2019 meeting were reviewed and no comments were made.

The minutes were approved as amended (Krpata/Erbe 7/0/2 abstain: Hitchen, Schueler).

CHAIR REPORT:

Margo Schueler was announced as the new commissioner appointed by Mayor Jesse Arrequin. Ray went to the FITES (Facilities Infrastructure Transportation Environment and Sustainability) Committee one of the standing committees that the Council created. Ray discussed that they discussed that they talked about the Council Referral on green infrastructure and new developments on natural gas and prohibiting natural gas infrastructure in new buildings.

STAFF REPORT:

No report.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Presentation on Vision Zero Policy and Action Plan – Beth Thomas, Principal Planner in the Transportation Division of the Public Works Department, presented the following information:
 - The key elements of the City's Vision Zero Policy, adopted March 27, 2017
 - Goal of eliminating traffic deaths and severe injuries by 2028
 - Formation of a multidisciplinary Vision Zero task Force
 - Researching 5 years of data on fatal and severe crashes and engage community in developing an Action Plan
 - Developing assurances against racial profiling
 - The core principles of Vision Zero
 - How Vision Zero differs from the traditional approach to traffic safety
 - The history of Vision Zero
 - How the US compares to other developed countries in its number of traffic deaths per capita
 - The spread of Vision Zero in the US

- The relationship between impact speed and crash severity
 - Demographic differences in crash outcomes
 - The key elements of Vision Zero: engineering, enforcement, education
 - Existing City efforts related to Vision Zero
 - Potential tradeoffs to be addressed
 - Considerations for effective implementation of Vision Zero
 - Completed actions and next steps
 - Vision Zero Task Force formed
 - Formation of Vision Zero Advisory Committee
 - Action Plan adoption by City Council in Fall 2019
2. GI Letter – Nic Dominguez and Jim McGrath prepared a letter of support on the GI Plan. They relayed that they like many aspects of the Plan. The plan includes an estimate of 119 acres of impervious surface to be treated by green infrastructure by 2040. Using newly developed mapping tools, City staff and their consultants have identified projects that would provide water quality, flood control, and infiltration benefits. The City can choose elements of these projects over the next decade and bring the City into compliance with the stormwater permit. Jim relayed some of the Commission’s recommendations for inclusion in the plan to include:
- Staff should develop metrics about the economic benefits of the plan in reducing flooding and increasing water supply by infiltrating runoff
 - City staff meet with Regional Board staff to be sure that the plan will be acceptable
 - Look for GI options in wide streets like Sacramento St.

The letter was approved by the Commission. (McGrath/Constantine 8/0/1).

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Final work plan and subcommittees for 2019 – Changes were made to add Margo Schueler as an alternate to the T1 subcommittee, and a member of the Watershed and Sanitary Sewer Subcommittee.
2. Standing Information Item: Subcommittee Reports
 - a) Street paving – Nisha Patel provided an update on the items staff is working on related to the work plan drafted by Ray Yep
 - b) T1 implementation – Jim McGrath provided an update on the additional funding request for T1 projects.
 - c) Utility Undergrounding – Ray Yep went over the meetings he had regarding the Undergrounding Phase 3 Plan.
 - d) Watershed management and sanitary sewers – discussed above.

FUTURE AGENDAS: Items for the April commission meeting.

1. None discussed.

Motion to ADJOURN - (Mcgrath/ Erbe 8/0/1 abstain Schueler) 10:02 pm.

Commission Secretary:

Nisha Patel, Public Works - Manager of Engineering/ City Engineer
 Public Works Department/Engineering Division, 1947 Center Street, 4th Floor,
 Berkeley, CA, 94704, Telephone (510) 981-6406, Fax: (510) 981-7060
 TDD: (510) 981-6903, Email: NPatel@cityofberkeley.info