



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
Minutes  
Thursday, October 2, 2014  
1326 Allston Way, Ratcliff Building, Berkeley, CA  
Willow Room**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:05 PM

Present: Abramson, Elgstrand, Henry, Kelley, Le, Schueler, Swift, Yep

Absent: Neal (Excused)

Staff: Sean Rose (PWC Secretary)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No members of the public were present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 4, 2014 were approved as submitted (M/S/C, Schueler/Neal, 8-0-0).

**CHAIR REPORT:** Chair Yep welcomed Ms. Kim Le as the new Public Works Commissioner. Ms. Le was appointed by Councilmember Max Anderson on September 24, 2014. The other Commissioners and Secretary Rose briefly introduced themselves to Ms. Le, and Ms. Le introduced herself to those in attendance.

Yep provided the Commission with a report on the City Council proclamation at the September 16, 2014 City Council meeting celebrating the first year of implementation of Measure M and the work of the Public Works Commission and the Public Works Department towards accomplishing that.

Yep polled the Commission on interest in having an annual work planning meeting in December. The Commissioners agreed it would be good to have. The meeting will be scheduled as a special meeting requiring City Council approval in advance.

**STAFF REPORT:** Rose announced that at the September 16, 2014 City Council meeting, the American Public Works Association lead accreditor announced to the City Council that he

would be recommending full reaccreditation of the City of Berkeley Public Works Department. The City of Berkeley is one of approximately 90 public works organizations that has achieved APWA accreditation.

**PRESENTATION:** None.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Review and approval of the Paving subcommittee’s draft report to City Council on the 2016 paving plan**

The Commission discussed the paving subcommittee’s draft Council Report scheduled to be presented to the City Council on November 18, 2014. The report recommends that the City Council adopt a Resolution updating the City’s 5-year Street Paving Plan for FY 2016, including two additional green infrastructure installations at the intersections of University and Shattuck and Rose and Hopkins. The report describes the outreach process conducted by the Public Works Commission for the development of the FY 2016 plan. Outreach included inviting a wide cross section of the community to the September 4, 2014 Commission meeting and inviting the Transportation, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, and Community Environmental Advisory Commissions to a Paving subcommittee meeting to hear about and have the opportunity to provide input on the plan. The Commission also discussed the companion Council report from the Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC) also scheduled to be presented to the City Council on November 18, 2014. The CEAC report recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution that green infrastructure be mandated on every block being resurfaced or reconstructed beginning in FY 2016, unless the Public Works Department determines, and the Public Works Commission approves, that it is infeasible to do so. The Commissioners made the following general comments. The comments shown are paraphrased and do not represent all of the comments made:

Henry: Discussed the need to use Measure M funds for pavement reconstruction to the extent possible, and the importance of considering Life Cycle Analysis.

Schueler: Expressed her opinion that generally the CEAC report is consistent with the intent of the bond measure.

Kelley and Swift: Expressed reservations about the impact of the recommendation in the CEAC report on the paving program.

Yep: Discussed the inclusive process employed by the Commission in the development and approval of the paving plan.

The following motion was passed: “Make minor corrections to the PWC subcommittee Council report as discussed at the meeting. Approve the 2016 paving plan as proposed by staff and amended with the addition of the two green infrastructure projects at Shattuck/University and Rose/Hopkins.” (M/S/C, Swift/Schueler, 8-0-0)

**INFORMATION ITEMS:** In the interest of time, discussion of information items on the agenda were deferred to a future meeting.

**FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS:**

1. Sidewalk program
2. Measure M outreach
3. Sanitary sewer consent decree

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:11 pm