



Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes
Thursday, November 7, 2013
1326 Allston Way, Ratcliff Building

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 PM

Present: Abramson, Haramati, Henry, Kelley, Swift, Yep

Absent: Schueler

Leave of absence: Neal

Sean Rose filling in for Secretary Jeff Egeberg

PUBLIC COMMENT: No members of the public were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 3, 2013 were amended to correct the spelling of "Transverse" on Pg. 2, and the results of the vote on Action Item #2 on Pg. 2. The correct results are 7-1-0 (No: Yep). The amended minutes were approved (MSC Henry/Kelley, with a vote of 8-0-0)

CHAIR REPORT: Chair Yep provided a summary of the 11/19 Measure M Council Report co-authored by Chair Yep, Commissioner Schueler, and City staff, indicating that the report reflected the Commission's recommendations. He further stated that the City Clerk informed him that the Street Rehabilitation Policy could not be amended without rescinding the existing policy and adopting a new one. He therefore recommended reviewing the entire policy.

STAFF REPORT: Sean Rose informed the Commission that staff had received the invitation from Commissioner Schueler to join members of the Commission and other staff on a walking tour of the UC Berkeley LID sites. Rose indicated he would follow up with Commissioner Schueler to confirm staff's interest in joining and potentially schedule a future tour.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PRESENTATION: Ben Mandel of Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory gave an informative and useful presentation on High Reflectivity “Cool” Pavement.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Council Referral on Transverse Rumble Strips:** The Transportation Commission’s conclusion and Transportation Division’s recommendation not to implement transverse rumble strips in Berkeley, and the purpose and disadvantages of transverse rumble strips, were discussed. The following motion was passed: The PWC concurs with the logic of the Transportation Commission’s recommendation and recommends evaluating the traffic calming effects of the Allston Way Permeable Paver Project before taking further action, if any, regarding transverse rumble strips (MSC Swift/Henry with a vote of 5-0-1, Abstain: Kelley)
2. **2014 Update to the City’s Local Hazard Mitigation Plan:** The first draft of the 2014 Plan and the City Manager’s invitation for Commission review were discussed. Commissioner Henry indicated that the hazard presented by falling power lines and poles should be included in the Plan. The following motion was passed: Designate Commissioner Henry to draft comments on the Plan to indicate the areas where PWC has expertise, request that PWC be updated on development of the Plan, and include as a comment addressing utility wires and poles to allow first responders to respond in the event of emergencies (MSC Swift/Kelley with a vote of 6-0-0)

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. **LED Street Lights:** Deputy Public Works Director Phil Harrington provided a report on the status of the Citywide LED Street Light Replacement Project. On 10/29, Council approved applying for a loan through CEC. The current plan is to issue an RFP in December for street light conversion and for installation to occur in 2014. The Commission suggested the possibility of conducting public outreach prior to installation.
2. **Permeable Paving Pilot Project:** Sean Rose provided an update on the scope and status of the project. Staff met with Berkeley Unified School District and EBMUD since the last PWC meeting on October 3, 2013. Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2014 at the start of the Berkeley High School summer recess and continue through Fall 2014. Commissioners Haramati and Swift discussed the need for data collection. Commissioner Haramati agreed to send a list of data to staff that may be useful to collect.

3. **Electric Vehicles:** The status of the Council Referral on Electric Vehicle Charging Stations was briefly discussed. In the interest of time, the Commission requested that this item be placed on a future agenda.

FUTURE AGENDAS:

1. December 7, 2013 – PWC Retreat from 9:00 am to Noon: at the Ratcliff Building, 1326 Allston Way. Purpose is for PWC to discuss and to plan work topics and schedule for 2014.
2. Topics for future meetings:
 - i. Sacramento Street Area Improvement District – update on overall effort and recently held public meeting
 - ii. Baseline data for Allston Way Permeable Pavers Project
 - iii. Transportation Grants
 - iv. Electric Vehicles

ADJOURNMENT: 9:48 PM