



ACTION MINUTES
Transportation Commission
Regular Meeting
April 20, 2017

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue (at MLK)
Berkeley, CA

A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Thomas at 7:04 PM

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Anthony Bruzzone (lv 10:04), Ben Gerhardstein, Mark Humbert, Donald Lathbury (arr 7:06), Karen Parolek, Ghanya Thomas

Commissioners Absent: Barnali Ghosh (L/A), Sofia Zander (L/A)

Staff Present: Farid Javandel, Eric Anderson, Tamlyn BrightGuests

3. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

Speakers: 3

4. Approval of Draft Action Minutes of March 16, 2017 Action: It was M/S (Gerhardstein/Parolek) to adopt the minutes of March 16 as written. Ayes: Bruzzone, Gerhardstein, Humbert, Lathbury, Parolek, Thomas Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: None *Motion carried.*

5. Approval and Order of Agenda

Action: It was MSC (Parolek/Humbert) Unanimous to take up B4 (Bike Plan) first and the remainder in order. *Carried.*

It was MSC (Gerhardstein/Bruzzone) Unanimous to take up Item B3 (Hopkins/The Alameda) second, and the remainder in numerical order. *Carried.*

6. Update on Administration/Staff

7. Announcements – Bike to Work Day is May 11; One-Way Car Share program begins April 30

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Sidewalk Maintenance Program Policies

Speakers: 1

After discussion of and amendments to the Draft 4/20/17 Recommendations for Sidewalk Repair Program from the Pedestrian Subcommittee (Thomas, Bruzzone) the Commission took the following action: It was M/S (Bruzzone/Parolek) to refer the draft Sidewalk Program recommendations as currently amended to the Public Works Commission and the Commission on Disability asking for feedback; include the 4/29/2014 Staff report (to Council) "Status of Sidewalk Repairs" as an attachment to the referral; and schedule it for discussion and action on June 15 before sending final recommendations to Council.

Ayes: Bruzzone, Gerhardstein, Humbert, Lathbury, Parolek, Thomas Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: None *Motion carried.*

2. 2017 Project Delivery Recommendations

Speakers: 0

Action: It was M/S (Gerhardstein/Humbert) to approve the April 20 recommendations of the Project Delivery Subcommittee (Gerhardstein, Ghosh, Lathbury) as amended: The City of Berkeley is committed to improving transportation infrastructure through the

implementation of capital improvement projects. It is important to maximize limited resources and seek every available revenue source to increase the number of projects that will improve transportation in the City. These projects need to be delivered on time and consistent with the City's policies to avoid rushed jobs and missed funding and transportation enhancement opportunities. To do that it is critical that the Public Works Department and the Transportation Division develop a working relationship that is responsive to the increased need for capacity and expertise.

Recommendation

The Transportation Commission recommends that City Council and City Manager support the following recommendations in the Public Works Department to ensure that the Transportation and Engineering Divisions' capital improvement pipeline deliver quality transportation projects efficiently.

1. **Increase staff capacity:** Increase the project development and project delivery capacity within the Transportation Division. Since the Transportation Division currently relies on Public Works engineers who do not report to the Transportation Manager to build projects, there is a potential for accountability issues. In addition, neither the Public Works Department as a whole and the Transportation Division in particular have enough engineering capacity to deliver the City's street projects on time.
2. **Build specific expertise:** Provide additional training opportunities on pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facility design for all engineers who work on street projects. Currently engineers may have broad knowledge on capital projects (e.g. buildings, sewers, streets, etc.) but they may lack knowledge of important transportation-specific city policies (e.g. Complete Streets) and up-to-date multi-modal design guidelines.
3. **Enhance collaboration:** Establish or enhance systems to ensure better communication and collaboration between the Transportation and Engineering Divisions across all stages of transportation capital project planning, development, and delivery.

Ayes: Bruzzone, Gerhardstein, Humbert, Lathbury, Parolek, Thomas Noes: None
Abstain: None Absent: None *Motion carried.*

3. **Safe Routes to School Project - Hopkins/ The Alameda Protected Intersection**

Speakers: 0

No action. *Carry over to next meeting.*

4. **Bicycle Plan**

Speakers: 3

The Commission reviewed 4/18/17 Staff memo *Berkeley Bicycle Plan Update 2017 Recommended Revisions*, and the 3/24/17 Staff Memorandum to AC Transit and Alameda CTC Staff (For full text of Memo see D3 in 5/18/17 agenda packet online: http://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/Commissions/Commissions_Transportation_Commission_Homepage.aspx)

Action: It was M/S (Gerhardstein/Bruzzone) that the TC recommend Staff make changes to the 3/24/17 Staff Memorandum to AC Transit and Alameda CTC Staff in the spirit of clarifying that the Plan will study how to enhance the bicycle network on Complete Street corridors with the following edits:

1) Amend sentences under Pg. ES-11 Recommended Text: to read "...Studies to consider the inclusion of bikeways *will be coordinated with* proposed improvements

to transit performance on Primary Transit Routes...” and “...At the conclusion of the Complete Streets Corridor Study process, design alternatives which *will have a significant negative effect on transit* on Primary Transit Routes will not be recommended. Criteria to define what constitutes a *significant* negative effect on transit will be developed and applied during the Study process for each corridor”;
2) Amend sentences under Pg. ES-17 Recommended text: to read “...*utilizing the latest state and nationally accepted guidance for design best practices* such as the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) *Transit Street Design Guide* and *Urban Street Design Guide*. AC Transit Major Corridors Study and the forthcoming AC Transit *Design Standards and Guidelines Manual for Safe and Efficient Multimodal Transit Stops and Corridors* *will also be consulted*”; and
3) Make these changes in the above sections and wherever they appear in the rest of the document.

Ayes: Bruzzone, Gerhardstein, Humbert, Lathbury, Parolek, Thomas Noes: None
Abstain: None Absent: None *Motion carried.*

5. Sanctuary Transit Policy (BART)

Action: It was M/S (Lathbury/Gerhardstein) to communicate the following message to Council at its April 25 meeting:

The Transportation Commission urges the Council to support ongoing efforts by members of the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Board to make BART safe, accessible, and welcoming for all riders. Thousands of Berkeley residents and workers depend on BART, including undocumented residents and their families. Consistent with City policy, all immigrants, regardless of documentation status, should feel comfortable riding BART. These riders should be able to approach BART authorities without fear of deportation. The system's fiscal solvency is improved with more riders, and safety on BART is improved when all riders feel they can approach BART staff and BART police should they have a concern.

Ayes: Gerhardstein, Humbert, Lathbury, Parolek, Thomas Noes: None Absent: Bruzzone (*recused himself from participating in discussion and vote*) *Motion carried.*

C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Subcommittee Reports (Verbal reports from Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittees and Liaisons to PWC, COD, and goBerkeley Advisory Group)
2. Council Summary Actions 2017
3. Link to Council and Agenda Committee Agendas and Minutes:
<http://www.cityofberkeley.info/citycouncil/>
4. National Safety Council: April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Link: 

D. COMMUNICATIONS

Received at March 16 meeting and published in April 20 web agenda

http://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/Commissions/Commissions_Transportation_Commission_Homepage.aspx :

1. 2/16/17 Draft TC Minutes (approved and published)
2. 3/9/17 Staff memo to AC Transit Staff re Berkeley Bicycle Plan 2017 Recommended Changes
3. 3/16/17 Recommendations from Project Delivery Subcommittee (Gerhardstein, Parolek, Bruzzone)
4. The Alameda/ Hopkins Safe Routes to School: Analysis of Bike/Ped collision data, design issues and countermeasures
5. Top Proposed Changes and Amendments to the “Council” Draft of the Berkeley Bicycle Plan Update and Appendices (Michael Katz)

Received after March 16 meeting:

6. 3/16/17 Michael Katz - *Bike collisions vs. "protected" intersections 2006-2015**
7. 3/24/17 Charles Siegel - *North End of Milvia Bike Track* with attachment "Milvia Bike Boulevard Design"*

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ashby/Hwy 13 Corridor Projects Update - June	ACTC Annual Report w/ Meas. BB Distribution - May
Traffic Calming Program Update 2017 - June	COD Referral: Sidewalk stencils vs. signs - TBD
Hopkins/The Alameda SR2S Project - May	I-80/Gilman Interchange Project – ACTC Presentation
Revising the Pedestrian Plan	

F. ADJOURNMENT

It was MSC (Parolek / Gerhardstein) to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 PM. Unanimous.

Public Present: 7

Speakers: 7

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