



TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday, January 20th, 2022, 7:00pm

A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Ghosh at 7:00pm

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Anthony Bruzzone, Barnali Ghosh, Kate Gosselin, Beverly Greene, Adrian Leung, Liza Lutzker, Karen Parolek, Kim Walton

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Farid Javandel, Eric Anderson, Alisha Gard, Beth Thomas, Ken Jung

3. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda: None

4. Approval of Draft Action Minutes of November 18, 2021

Action: It was Moved/Seconded (Ghosh/Gosselin) to approve the minutes with the following edits: strike any suggestion of consensus from summaries of discussions of GoBerkeley and Vision 2050, as Transportation Commissioners did not arrive at any specific agreement on these items.

Ayes: Bruzzone, Ghosh, Gosselin, Greene, Leung, Parolek, Walton

Noes: None

Abstain: Lutzker

Absent: None

Motion carried 7-0-1-0

5. Approval and Order of Agenda

Action: It was Moved/Seconded (Parolek/Greene) to eliminate item B2 (Nominations for Transportation Commission Chair and Vice-Chair) from the agenda.

Ayes: Bruzzone, Ghosh, Gosselin, Greene, Leung, Lutzker, Parolek, Walton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried 8-0-0-0

6. Update on Administration/Staff

Ken Jung has been promoted to Supervising Civil Engineer in the Transportation Division.

Roger Mason has been promoted to Public Works Supervisor.

New Traffic Engineering Assistant Arielle Abdon joined Traffic Engineering.

As of February 1st, 2022, the Transportation and Engineering divisions will report to Public Works Deputy Director Farid Javandel.

7. Announcements

Commissioner Liza Lutzker was appointed to the Transportation Commission by Councilmember Bartlett.

Chair Ghosh extends thanks to former Commissioner Sofia Zander for her time served on the Transportation Commission.

Per Commissioner Greene, AC Transit will be holding a virtual meeting to discuss redistricting on 1/24/2022.

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Commission Reorganization

Farid Javandel, Deputy Director of Public Works, provided an update on the ongoing consolidation of the Transportation and Public Works Commissions. Farid is currently writing a council report to provide the establishing resolution; the full text of the report will be published 10 days before the council meeting.

Action: It was Moved/Seconded (Greene/Walton) to have both nominations and elections for Transportation Commission Chair and Vice-Chair at the February 2022 Transportation Commission meeting.

Ayes: Bruzzone, Ghosh, Gosselin, Greene, Leung, Lutzker, Parolek, Walton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried 8-0-0-0

Speakers: 0

2. Southside Complete Streets

Transportation Division Senior Planner Eric Anderson and Cindy Zerger of Toole Design provided a presentation on the selected conceptual designs for each Southside corridor (Bancroft, Telegraph, Dana, and Fulton). City Council will approve a concept design on February 22, 2022. The Southside project goals include safety, transit, and economic vitality. Part of the discussion was around how a street is built versus how a street is operated; the Southside project seeks to recommend a design that will function well for all use cases.

Action: It was Moved/Seconded (Parolek/Ghosh) that the Transportation Commission: support Bancroft Option #1, support prioritized transit lanes on Bancroft and Telegraph, and ask staff to consider a wider sidewalk on the south side to create a pedestrian corridor between downtown and Telegraph; that the Transportation Commission support Fulton Option #1; and that the Transportation Commission support Telegraph Option #4. The Commission strongly recommends that staff demonstrate how Option #4 can be operationalized as a car-free street with a transit lane, and with 2-way bike and micromobility facilities. Finally, the Transportation Commission is in favor of making the Dana project permanent.

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Ayes: Bruzzone, Ghosh, Gosselin, Greene, Leung, Lutzker, Parolek,
Walton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried 8-0-0-0

Speakers: 5

3. BerkDOT

Public Works Deputy Director Farid Javandel provided an update on the survey results posted to the [Reimagining Public Safety Taskforce page](#). The City's consultant is looking for someone to author legislation at a state-level.

No action.

Speakers: 1

4. Ashby Interchange

The Ashby Interchange [Project Website](#) provides sample views and perspectives plus a project timeline and milestones. In December 2021 the Draft Environmental Document was released, thus beginning a 45-day review period through 1/31/22. Comments may be made via an online comment form or by emailing comments@I80Ashby.com. The project design is ongoing.

Discussion only; no action.

Speakers: 1

Action: It was Moved/Seconded (Parolek/Gosselin) to extend the meeting until 10:20pm.

All ayes – motion carried

C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Subcommittee Reports and Assignments – no verbal reports
2. Council Summary Actions 2022
3. Council and Agenda Committee Agendas and Minutes:
<https://www.cityofberkeley.info/citycouncil/>
4. Transportation Commission Mission Statement
5. Transportation Commission Work Plan: <http://bit.ly/BerkTCWorkPlan>
6. Transportation Commission Subcommittees and Liaisons

D. COMMUNICATIONS

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Transportation Commission Chair and Vice-Chair nominations and elections
Bike Plan
BerkDOT
Project Updates
Commission Consolidation

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F. ADJOURNMENT 10:20pm

Action: It was Moved/Seconded (Ghosh/Greene) to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Bruzzone, Ghosh, Gosselin, Greene, Leung, Lutzker, Parolek,
Walton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried 8-0-0-0

Public Present:23

Speakers: 7

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