



TRANSPORTATION and INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

Thursday, October 15th, 2026, 6:15 pm

Mission: The Berkeley City Council established this Transportation and Infrastructure Commission to advise the City Council on matters related to transportation and public works infrastructure policies, facilities, and services in the City. In addition, the commission functions as the City of Berkeley's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC).

North Berkeley Senior Center

Aspen Room

1901 Hearst Avenue

Berkeley, CA 94709

Join the meeting online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89025072861>

A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS – 6:15 pm

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Public comment on items not on the agenda
4. Approval of minutes from the September 17th, 2026 meeting
5. Approval and Order of Agenda
6. Update on administration and staff
7. Announcements

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS – 6:45 pm

* Written material included in packet

** Written material to be delivered at meeting

The public may speak at the beginning of any item.

1. Informational presentation on Cedar & Grant Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Improvements – 6:45 pm

Staff

Staff will present planned pedestrian and bicyclist safety improvements at the intersection of Cedar & Grant Streets and brief commissioners on next steps in the project's development. The staff presentation will cover existing site conditions, potential improvements and an introduction to the planned Grant Street Bicycle Boulevard Project.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – 7:30 pm

Information items can be moved to Discussion or Action by majority vote of the TIC

1. Temporary Ad Hoc Committee verbal reports, assignments, creation or dissolution

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2. Transportation & Infrastructure Commission [Work Plan](#)
3. Transportation & Infrastructure Commission Mission Statement (enclosed)
4. Council Summary Actions 2024*
5. Link to City Council and Committee [Agendas](#) and Minutes

D. COMMUNICATIONS – 8:00 pm

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – 8:05 pm

F. ADJOURNMENT – 8:10 pm

Agenda Posted: October 9, 2026

The next meeting of the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission is scheduled for November 19, 2026.

A complete agenda packet is available for public review at the Transportation Division and Engineering divisions' front desks.

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DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday, September 17th, 2026, 6:15 pm

North Berkeley Senior Center
Aspen Room
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94709
And via Zoom

A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to order

6:17 pm: Vice Chair Leung called the meeting to order.

6:17 pm: Five members of the public present.

2. Roll call

6:18 pm:

Commissioners Present: Marina Budimir, Amanda Dillon (sworn in at 6:32 pm),
Barry Fike, Naveen Gattu, Adrian Leung, Liza Lutzker

Staff Present: Mark Helmbrecht, Candise Almendral, Noah Budnick,
Roger Miller, Liza McNulty (via Zoom)

3. Public comment on items not on the agenda

6:19 pm: One public comment.

6:20 pm: Seven members of the public present.

4. Approval of minutes from the August 20th, 2026 meeting

6:22 pm: Commissioners reviewed minutes from their August 20th, 2026 meeting

6:24 pm: It was Moved /Seconded (Gattu / Budimir) to amend the minutes to reflect the following: "Allston Street was closed to traffic and the City survived."

6:26 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Budimir, Dillon, Fike, Gattu, Leung, Lutzker

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Excused: Walton, Zaro

Recused: None

6:26 pm: Motion passed 6-0-0-0-2-0

6:26 pm Action: It was Moved /Seconded (Lutzker / Fike) to approve the amended minutes from the August 20th, 2026 commission meeting.

6:27 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Budimir, Dillon, Fike, Gattu, Leung, Lutzker

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Excused: Walton, Zaro

Recused: None

6:27 pm: Motion passed 6-0-0-0-2-0

5. Approval and Order of Agenda

6:27 pm: No comments.

6:27 pm: Eight members of the public present.

6. Update on administration and staff

6:27 pm Action: Transportation Division Manager Mark Helmbrecht provided staffing updates: The Transportation Division has hired an Associate Transportation Engineer, who will start December 7th; the hiring process for the Parking Services Manager position is being finalized; recruitment for the vacated Parking Meter Supervisor position will begin afterwards.

6:29 pm: Commissioners asked the following question: When will the new HAWK traffic signals at Shattuck & Russell and Prince & Martin Luther King Jr. Way be activated?

6:32 pm: Secretary Helmbrecht swore in the new member of the Transportation Infrastructure Commission, Amanda Dillon.

6:33 pm: Seven members of the public present.

6:34 pm: The Transportation Infrastructure Commissioners welcomed and introduced themselves to Commissioner Dillon.

7. Announcements

6:38 pm: No announcements.

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Department grant application:

Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Safe Routes to Transportation & Bay Trail Cycle 2 grant program

6:40 pm: Parks, Recreation and Waterfront staff Liza McNulty presented on the requirements set forth by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Complete Streets Policy (Metropolitan Transportation Commission Resolution 4493, May 2022) and requested that the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission, in its capacity as the City of Berkeley Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), review the MTC Complete Streets Checklist for the City's Berkeley Pier-Ferry Project: Landside Active Transportation Construction Project grant application to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Safe Routes to Transit and Bay Trail (SR2TSB) Cycle 2 grant program and pass a motion supporting staff's determination of compliance with the MTC Complete Streets Policy.

6:49 pm: Commissioners asked the following clarifying questions: What is the "laydown" area; has the grant been submitted; is the cycle-track new infrastructure; where will it be placed; what is the non-construction spending; is there an update on Hs Lordships; how many cars will the parking lot accommodate; will the parking capacity change; will parking still be available?

6:55 pm: Three public comments.

7:00 pm: Commissioners commented on their excitement and support for the project and numerous summer camps in the area, which will make the project great for children.

Commissioners asked the following clarifying questions: Is there an estimated cost for the project; what is the funding amount of the grant; what is dredging? Commissioners noted the work being performed is preparatory work for opening the pier to electric ferries and asked if this project will trigger the green infrastructure requirements.

7:05 pm: Six members of the public present.

7:14 pm: Commissioners asked additional clarifying questions and made the following comments: What is the plan for bike parking; will there be secure bike cages; the checklist refers to "accidents"; can that word be changed.

Commissioners discussed the preventable nature of traffic crashes, why they do not use the word "accident" and made reference to the book, "There Are No Accidents." Commissioners asked an additional clarifying question: Is this program part of the University Avenue high-injury street network?

7:14 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Gattu / Fike) to Support the City Manager and the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Department's statement of compliance that the Berkeley Pier-Ferry Project: Landside Active Transportation Construction Project meets the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Complete Streets Policy (MTC adopted Resolution 4493) for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Safe Routes to Transit and Bay Trail (SR2TSB) Cycle 2 grant program, in the Commission's capacity as the City of Berkeley Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) with the amendment to change the wording from "accident" to "crash" in the department's statement of compliance.

7:14 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Budimir, Dillon, Fike, Gattu, Leung, Lutzker

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Excused: Walton, Zaro

Recused: None

7:15 pm: Motion passed 6-0-0-0-2-0

2. Measure FF SAFE STREETS Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC) member nomination

7:15 pm: Commissioners voted on nominations for up to one member to serve on the SAFE STREETS Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC). As stated in Measure FF (2024), the City shall create a SAFE STREETS Citizen Oversight Committee of seven members. The committee will oversee Measure FF expenditures and progress reports, ensure compliance, evaluate tax impact and meet periodically. Measure FF states that the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission may appoint up to two of those members. At the March 27, 2025, Commission meeting, commissioners appointed two members. On August 18, 2026, one of those members resigned from the Commission and, thus, from the oversight committee, leaving a vacant appointment.

7:15 pm: Commissioner Budimir nominated herself to serve on the oversight committee.

7:26 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Leung / Lutzker) to accept the nomination of Commissioner Budimir to serve on the SSCOC.

7:26 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Budimir, Dillon, Fike, Gattu, Leung, Lutzker

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Excused: Walton, Zaro

Recused: None

7:26 pm: Motion passed 6-0-0-0-2-0

7:27 pm: Commissioner Lutzker nominated Commissioner Gattu to serve on the oversight committee.

7:27 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Leung / Lutzker) to accept the nomination of Commissioner Gattu to serve on the SSCOC.

7:27 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Budimir, Dillon, Fike, Gattu, Leung, Lutzker

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Excused: Walton, Zaro

Recused: None

7:27 pm: Motion passed 6-0-0-0-2-0

7:28 pm: Vice Chair Leung closed nominations for members of the Measure FF SAFE STREETS Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC).

3. Measure FF SAFE STREETS Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC) member election

7:28 pm: Commissioners acted on nominations to the Measure FF SAFE STREETS Citizen Oversight Committee.

7:35 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Fike / Lutzker) to appoint Commissioner Gattu to represent the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission on the Measure FF SAFE STREETS Citizen Oversight Committee.

7:35 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Budimir, Dillon, Fike, Gattu, Leung, Lutzker
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Excused: Walton, Zaro
Recused: None

7:36 pm: Motion passed 6-0-0-0-2-0

7:36 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Lutzker / Fike) to appoint Commissioner Budimir to serve as an alternate representative to the Measure FF SAFE STREETS Citizen Oversight Committee, pending confirmation from the City Clerk's office.

7:36 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Budimir, Dillon, Fike, Gattu, Leung, Lutzker
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Excused: Walton, Zaro
Recused: None

7:36 pm: Motion passed 6-0-0-0-2-0

4. Discussion of bikeway treatments and the paving program

7:37 pm: Commissioners discussed how the adopted Bicycle Plan treatments are coordinated with the annual Street Rehabilitation program and made the following comments: Commissioners requested a presentation from staff detailing additional specifics on the bikeway treatments on street paving that will occur next year and how the bike plan will be applied to the paving plan for Virginia, Woolsey, Russell, and Rose streets; the Bike Plan details on bike boulevards and paving were noted; Commissioners discussed the current design of traffic circles and addressing traffic safety concerns for bicyclists and pedestrians around traffic circles.

Commissioners asked the following clarifying questions: How does the City's budget affect the bikeway treatments and paving program; can the Commission meet on plans in the future that do not incorporate all the recommendations from the various City plans or deliver everything on budget?

7:57 pm: Two public comments.

8:00 pm: Five members of the public present.

8:00 pm: Commissioners asked an additional question and made the following comment: Can there be regular updates to the commission on street design? Research is strongly encouraged on fire departments that conduct ride-along tests.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Temporary Ad Hoc Committee verbal reports, assignments, creation or dissolution

8:16 pm: Commissioners addressed the following: The Construction Mitigation Subcommittee will start soon; the necessity for addressing the Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG)) and accessibility concerns; researching the City's requirements for developers to repave the city streets when disturbing them; the need to create a Pedestrian Plan committee.

Commissioners asked the following clarifying questions: Will the Pedestrian Plan committee be consulted on the Pedestrian Plan update scope of work; how do you make it inviting for pedestrians to walk or roll; what are the best methods for closing off streets?

8:24 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Gattu / Lutzker) to create a Pedestrian Plan Update Temporary Ad Hoc Committee.

8:24 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Budimir, Dillon, Fike, Gattu, Leung, Lutzker

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Excused: Walton, Zaro

Recused: None

8:24 pm: Motion passed 6-0-0-0-2-0

8:25 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Gattu / Lutzker) to appoint Commissioners Gattu and Budimir to serve on the Pedestrian Plan Update Temporary Ad Hoc Committee.

8:25 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Budimir, Dillon, Fike, Gattu, Leung, Lutzker

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Excused: Walton, Zaro

Recused: None

8:25 pm: Motion passed 6-0-0-0-2-0

8:25 pm: Four members of the public present.

2. Transportation & Infrastructure Commission Work Plan

8:26 pm: Commission Lutzker recommended that the Commission should take the Bike Plan update off its work plan and end the Bike Plan Update Temporary Ad Hoc Committee.

D. COMMUNICATIONS

8:28 pm: No communications.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8:29 pm: Traffic circles, safety data on traffic circles; traffic circles compared to diverters; speed bumps; how safe are traffic circles compared to speed bumps and diverters; staff collecting and reviewing useful data (including gathering data from the Berkeley Police Department); Commissioner Zaro will be graduating soon and moving to Philadelphia and the Commission will need to agendize the new chair vote.

F. ADJOURNMENT

8:44 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Gattu / Fike) to adjourn the meeting.

8:44 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Budimir, Dillon, Fike, Gattu, Leung, Lutzker

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Excused: Walton, Zaro

Recused: None

8:44 pm: Motion passed 6-0-0-0-2-0

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The next meeting of the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 6:15 pm, at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave, Berkeley, CA 94709.

Administrative Procedures from the City of Berkeley Commissioners' & Board Members' Manual, 2025 Edition, pages 62-63 regarding minutes:

Although the Brown Act does not require minutes, except for closed sessions, the Commissioners' Manual does require minutes of commission meetings. When required, minutes are limited to action minutes only. The draft minutes must be converted to PDF and posted on the City's website within seven days after the meeting. Minutes are unofficial until approved by the commission.

The secretary shall keep an accurate record of the commission's proceedings and transactions. The secretary shall provide action minutes similar to those provided to the Council by the City Clerk. Action minutes list the date, time, and place of the meetings; the staff in attendance; the commissioners present and absent; and a clear and concise description of final actions taken. Approved motions are indicated by "moved, seconded, and carried" and include a breakdown of the vote. The vote breakdown includes the commissioners voting yes, no, abstain, absent, recused, and reason for recusal. Reasons for making a motion, debate, content of public comments, and audience reaction are not to be included.

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Measure FF Cedar Street & Grant Street Median Crossing Project

Informational Presentation to the
Transportation & Infrastructure Commission

October 15, 2026

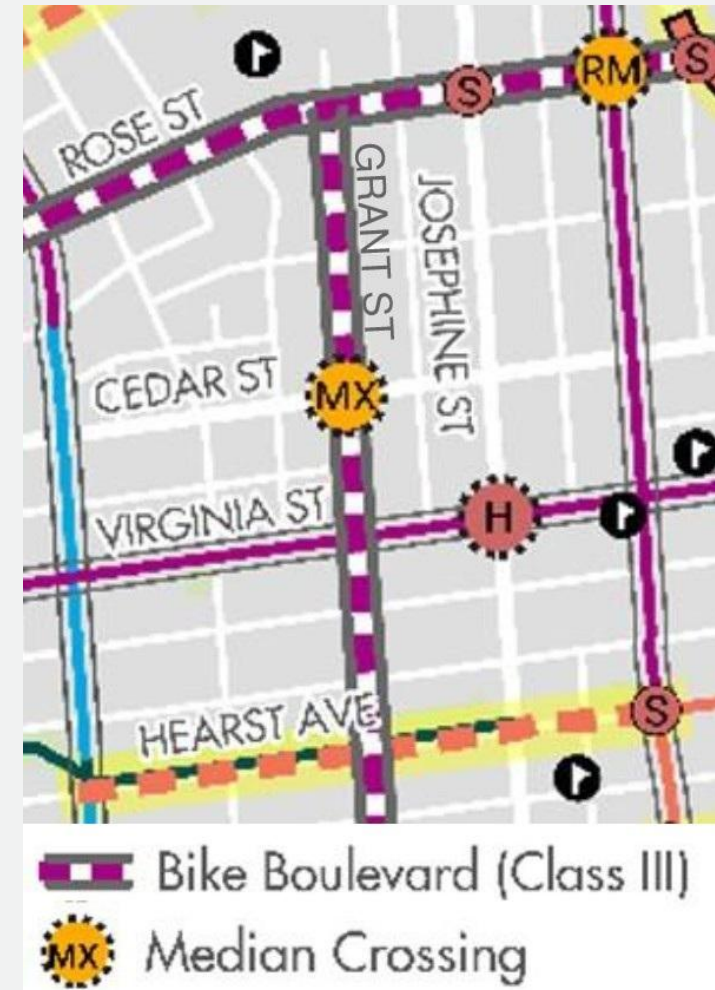
Presented by Ken Jung, Supervising Civil Engineer
Public Works Department – Measure FF Group

Measure FF Overview

- Also known as the SAFE STREETS Initiative
- Passed by voters on November 5, 2024
- Adopted as Ordinance on December 10, 2024 and codified in BMC Chapter 7.11
- Projected to generate approximately \$15 million annually over 14 years
- Funding for street and sidewalk repairs (60%), safety improvements (30%), and environmental infrastructure (10%) projects
- SSCOC citizen oversight committee reviews Measure FF expenditures

Cedar Street & Grant Street Median Crossing Project

- Goal: Install median crossing to improve pedestrian and bike safety in support of a future Grant Street bike boulevard
 - Recommended in Council-approved 2026 Bike Plan
 - Cedar Street is a High Injury Street per the 2019 Vision Zero Action Plan
- Awaiting notification on grant application for Grant Street bike boulevard by end of 2026
 - If successful, would be part of a separate project under Transportation Division



Cedar Street & Grant Street Median Crossing Project

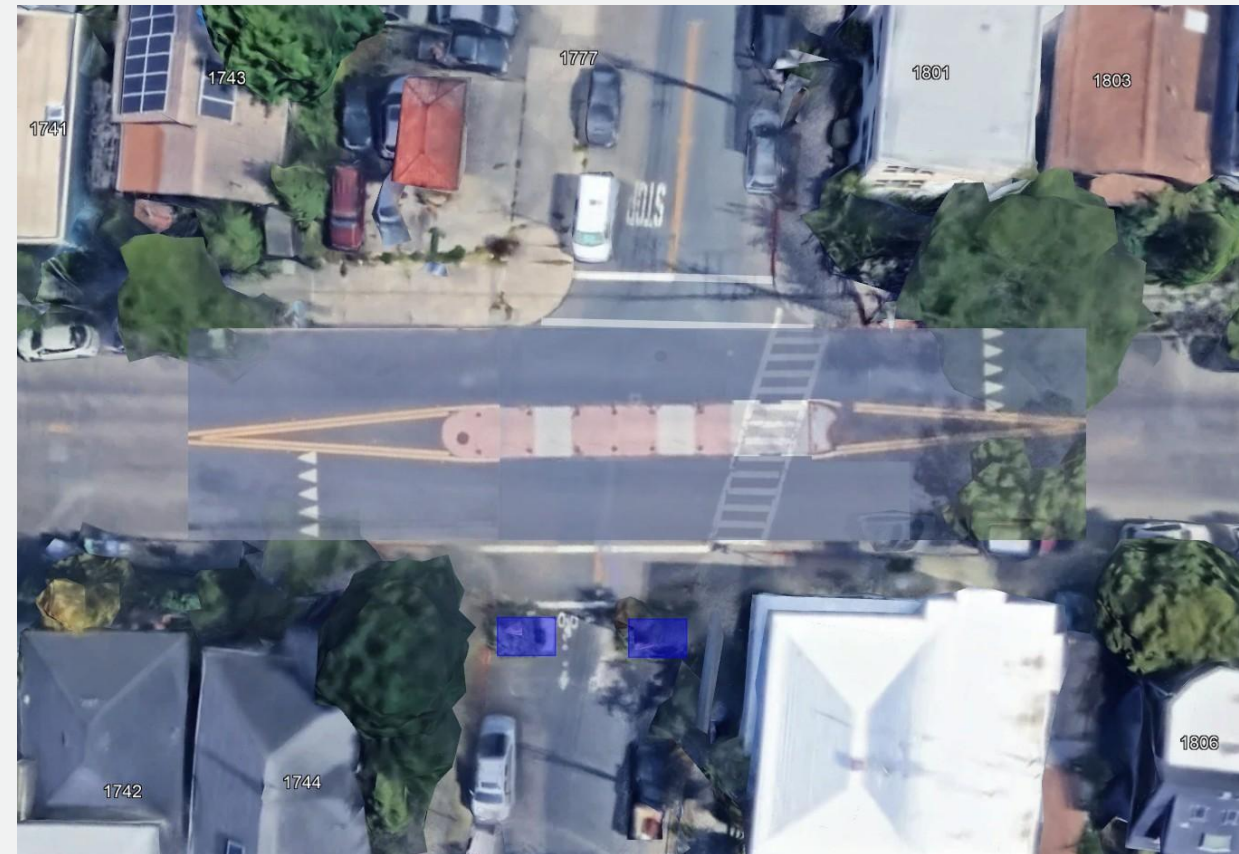


Existing Conditions
Facing East along Cedar Street

Cedar Street & Grant Street Median Crossing Project



Existing Conditions



Rough Sketch of Proposed Median
Blue rectangles are existing diverters

Cedar Street & Grant Street Median Crossing Project

- Physical Improvements:
 - Median refuge for pedestrians and bikes
 - ADA-compliant curb ramps*
 - Regrading* and repaving intersection
 - Pavement markings, striping, signage
- * Indicates most challenging aspects of design
- Limited Measure FF funding: \$100,000 including soft costs, survey, and construction
 - Incorporate work into Measure FF FY27 Streets Rehabilitation Project for cost efficiency

Cedar Street & Grant Street Median Crossing Project

- Next Steps:
 - Develop concept design
 - Outreach
 - Website
 - Public meeting, estimated November/December 2026
 - Develop final design, taking into account community feedback
 - Bid & Construct as part of Measure FF FY27 Streets Rehabilitation Project, estimated to start mid-2027



Thank You

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9/17/26

Transportation and Infrastructure Commission
City of Berkeley
1947 Center Street, 4th Floor
Berkeley, CA 94704

Re: Support for Complete Streets Checklist – Berkeley Ferry Terminal and Pier
Replacement Project

Dear Chair and Commissioners,

On behalf of Visit Berkeley, I am writing to express our support for the Complete Streets checklist before you tonight, which will allow the City to submit for MTC grant funding in support of the Berkeley Ferry Terminal and Pier Replacement Project. The project would reopen the long-closed Berkeley Pier to public access and establish a new ferry connection between Berkeley and San Francisco using zero-emission, battery-electric vessels, while adding waterfront infrastructure that strengthens emergency response capacity.

As Berkeley's destination marketing organization, Visit Berkeley works to bring visitors to the city's hotels, restaurants, and attractions. A direct ferry connection to San Francisco would give regional travelers an easy way to reach Berkeley without a car, strengthening our ability to market Berkeley as an accessible, sustainable destination and supporting the broader visitor economy these Complete Streets improvements are designed to serve.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued work on Berkeley's waterfront and transportation planning.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Church

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeffrey Church".

President & CEO
Visit Berkeley