

**SAFE STREETS CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, November 19,  
2025  
6:00 PM**

North Berkeley Senior Center  
1901 Hearst Ave, Berkeley, CA  
94709 Gooseberry Room

**AGENDA**

**A. Preliminary Business**

1. Call to order
2. Land Acknowledgement (Attachment 1)
3. Roll Call
4. Public comment on items not on the agenda

**B. Discussion/Action Items**

5. Approval of minutes from July 2, 2025, Meeting (Attachment 2)- *Secretary*
6. Discussion of Report from Subcommittee on FY 25-26 Workplan (Attachment 3) - *Subcommittee Chair*
7. Adoption of the FY25-26 Workplan and Information Report to Council- *Chair*
8. Discussion, selection and adoption of the 2026 SSCOC Meeting Calendar (Attachment 4)- *Secretary*

**C. Information Items**

9. Informational Presentation on Implementation for Phase 1 of Measure FF, the SAFE STREETS Initiative- *Public Works Director Terrance Davis*

**D. Items for Future Agendas**

These items are not scheduled for discussion or action at this meeting. The Commission may schedule these items to the Action Calendar of a future Commission meeting.

**E. Communications**

**F. Adjournment**

**Attachments:**

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Minutes from July 2, 2025, Meeting
3. Subcommittee Report and FY 25-26 Workplan
4. Proposed 2026 SSCOC Meeting Calendar

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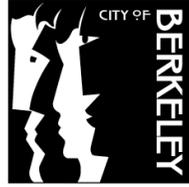
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I hereby certify that the agenda for this regular/special meeting of the Berkeley City Commission on Commissions was posted at the display case located near the walkway in front of the Maudelle Shirek Building, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, as well as on the City's website, on October 31, 2025.

Commission Secretary Amanda Montez  
Senior Management Analyst, Department of Public Works

**Land Acknowledgement Statement**

The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.



**SAFE STREETS CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, July 2, 2025  
5:30 PM**

North Berkeley Senior Center 1901 Hearst Ave, Aspen Room

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

**A. Preliminary Business**

**1. Call to order- 5:37 PM**

**2. Roll call**

Commissioners Present: Zachary Fraser (Alternate), Rena Fischer, Sybil Hatch, Arsh Singh Hothi, Misha Kesselman, Douglas Legg, Liza Lutzker

Commissioner Leave Approved/Absent: Ben Gerhardstein

City Staff Present: Terrance Davis, Director of Public Works; Wahid Amiri, Deputy Director of Public Works; Amanda Montez, Senior Management Analyst in Public Works (Commission Secretary)

Elected Officials In Attendance: Mayor Adena Ishii

Members of the Public: 5

**3. Land Acknowledgement (Attachment 1)**

**4. Public comment on items not on the agenda**

Four members of the public spoke.

**B. Discussion/Action Items**

**5. Officer Election: Chair and Vice Chair -All/Staff**

Public Speakers- 1

Action: M/S/C (Lutzger/Legg) To nominate Douglas Legg as Chair of the Commission.

Vote: Ayes: Fraser (Alternate), Fischer, Hatch, Hothi, Kesselman, Legg, Lutzker; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Gerhardstein.

Action: M/S/C (Lutzger/Fischer) Douglas Legg to serve as Chair of the SSCOC.

Vote: Ayes: Fraser (Alternate), Fischer, Hatch, Hothi, Kesselman, Legg, Lutzker; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Gerhardstein.

Action: M/S/C (Kesselman/Legg) To nominate Arsh Singh Hothi as Vice Chair of the Commission.

Vote: Ayes: Fraser (Alternate), Fischer, Hatch, Hothi, Kesselman, Legg, Lutzker; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Gerhardstein.

Action: M/S/C (Kesselman/Legg) Arsh Singh Hothi to serve as Vice Chair of the SSCOC.

Vote: Ayes: Fraser (Alternate), Fischer, Hatch, Hothi, Kesselman, Legg, Lutzker; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Gerhardstein.

**6. Update and Action to Appointment of Subcommittee Members:  
Commission Workplan Subcommittee -All/Staff  
Public Speakers- 0**

Action: M/S/C (Kesselman /Lutzker) All Commissioners enthusiastically interested in the Subcommittee raise their hands.

Vote: Ayes: Fraser (Alternate), Fischer, Hatch, Hothi, Legg, Lutzker; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Gerhardstein.

Action: M/S/C (Lutzger/ Kesselman) Committee appoints Commissioners Fraser and Hatch and Chair Legg to the Workplan Subcommittee.

Vote: Ayes: Fraser (Alternate), Fischer, Hatch, Hothi, Legg, Lutzker; Noes: None; Abstain: Kesselman; Absent: Gerhardstein.

**7. Informational Presentation on Project Implementation Staffing for Phase 1 of Measure FF, the SAFE STREETS Initiative (Attachment 2)-  
Public Works Director Terrance Davis  
Public Speakers- 4**

**C. Communications**

Four communications were received after the printing of the agenda and are attached to the minutes. They were available for public viewing at the SSCOC meeting.

**D. Adjournment- 8PM**

Action: M/S/C (Hothi/Fischer) To adjourn the meeting at 8PM.

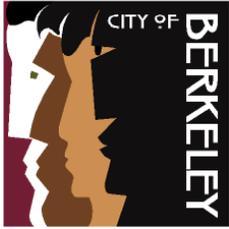
Vote: Ayes: Fraser (Alternate), Fischer, Hatch, Hothi, Kesselman, Legg, Lutzker; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Gerhardstein.

**Attachments:**

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Memorandum: Project Implementation Staffing for Phase 1 of Measure FF, the SAFE STREETS Initiative

3. Presentation: Project Implementation Staffing for Phase 1 of Measure FF, the SAFE STREETS Initiative
4. Communications

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INFORMATION CALENDAR  
**(TBD PENDING SSCOC ACTION)**

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Safe Streets Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC)  
Submitted by: Douglas Legg, Chairperson, SSCOC  
Subject: Safe Streets Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC) Workplan for FY25-26

INTRODUCTION

This work plan outlines the SSCOC's objectives and actions for its inaugural year, Fiscal Year 2025-26.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

As the first proceeds from the parcel tax will not be deposited with the City until December 2025, there will be limited expenditures made during the fiscal year. The Department of Public Works does not anticipate issuing its first report on Prop. FF activities and expenditures until August 2026. As such, the committee intends to educate itself on the state of pavement and sidewalk conditions and safety challenges in the City of Berkeley. We hope to learn from the Department of Public Works about the baselines they are working from to achieve the goals set forth in the parcel tax measure.

The Committee's Workplan supports the City's Strategic Plan Priorities, advancing the goal to provide state-of-the-art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities.

BACKGROUND

Approved in November 2024, Measure FF authorized the City of Berkeley to levy a parcel tax to finance street and sidewalk repair and traffic safety improvement. The revenues from the measure are to be used only for the purposes of enhancing streets, sidewalks and pedestrian paths within the City limits by funding the following types of projects:

- 1) Repair, repaving and reconstruction of streets, sidewalks and pedestrian paths
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The goal of the tax is to achieve the following by December 31, 2036:

- 1) Raise Berkeley's Pavement Condition Index (PCI) to or above 70 (rated as "Good" by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission), ideally with no streets having a PCI below 50
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- 3) Significantly reduce or eliminate fatal and severe traffic crashes throughout the city, particularly involving pedestrians or cyclists.
- 4) Achieve the above three goals in a way that is in line with current best practices, ensures accessibility for all users, enhances the sustainability and resiliency of Berkeley's public right-of-way facilities, and provides benefits to Berkeley's entire community.

The Safe Streets Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC) was established following the passage of City of Berkeley Measure FF to review expenditures and progress reports from the City Manager and City Auditor to ensure compliance with the measure, evaluate the impacts and outcomes of tax expenditures on the measures state goals, and prepare public reports on the committee's findings.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

Improved PCI enhances the sustainability and resiliency of Berkeley's public right-of-way facilities, and provides benefits to Berkeley's entire community with reduced emissions through better vehicle milage, improved drainage to the bay with green infrastructure improvements and safer roads to encourage fewer cars and increased pedestrian and bicycle use.

#### POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

None at this time.

#### FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

None at this time.

#### CONTACT PERSON

Amanda Montez, Senior Management Analyst, Public Works (510) 981-6317

#### Attachments:

1: Workplan

**City of Berkeley**  
**Safe Streets Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC)**  
**FY 2025-26 Work Plan**

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### **October/November**

- Discussion of the current paving plan and City's Pavement Condition Index scores and distribution throughout the City to provide context to planned Measure FF expenditures.
- Presentation on projects related to streets, sidewalks, safety improvements and environmental enhancements included in the Capital Improvement Plan adopted by the City Council in June 2025.
- Review the status of filling positions in Public Works Measure FF staffing plan and expenditures on projects which received funding from City Council in the FY 2025-26 budget.
- Presentation on criteria staff plan to use in prioritizing Measure FF projects.

### **January/February**

- Review of the Draft FY 2027-31 CIP projects related to streets, sidewalks, safety improvements and environmental enhancements.
- Presentation by Public Works on their framework for meeting the pavements condition, sidewalk repair, and fatal and severe crashes in the City.
- Review the status of filling positions in Public Works Measure FF staffing plan and expenditures on projects which received funding from City Council in the FY 2025-26 budget.

### **April/May**

- Review new 5-year pavement plan and its assumptions about Measure. FF and other funding sources.
- Review adopted FY 2027-31 CIP.
- Review anticipated Measure FF budget and projects for FY 2026-27.
- Discuss annual report to Council and information and data that the Committee would like City staff to provide to support preparation of the report.

### **October**

- Final first report submitted to City Council.

**Safe Streets Citizen Oversight  
Committee November 19, 2025  
Meeting 2  
Agenda Item 8  
Proposed Meeting Calendar for 2026\***

Proposed January/ February Meeting Dates (please select 1)

- January 29
- February 18
- February 26

Proposed April /May Meeting Dates (please select 1)

- April 9
- April 23
- April 30
- May 7
- May 14

Proposed October Meeting Dates

- October 15
- October 22

\*All proposed dates are for a meeting that would be scheduled from 6-7:30pm