



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

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

A. Preliminary Business

1. Call to order- 6:03PM
2. Land Acknowledgement (Attachment 1)
3. Roll Call
Commissioners Present: Rena Fischer, Ben Gerhardstein, Sybil Hatch, Arsh Singh Hothi, Douglas Legg, Liza Lutzker
Commissioner Absent: Zachary Fraser (Alternate), Misha Kesselman
City Staff Present: Terrance Davis, Director of Public Works; Wahid Amiri, Deputy Director of Public Works; Ron Nevels, City Engineer; Amanda Montez, Senior Management Analyst in Public Works (Commission Secretary); Marrk Callier, Senior Management Analyst in Public Works; Carmen Valdez, Retired Annuitant in Public Works.
4. Public comment on items not on the agenda
Two members of the public spoke.

B. Discussion/Action Items

5. Approval of minutes from July 2, 2025, Meeting (Attachment 2)- *Secretary*
Public Speakers-0

Action: M/S/C (Hothi/Hatch) To approve and adopt the Draft Meeting Minutes from the July 2, 2025 Meeting with corrected spellings of commissioner names.
Voice Vote: Ayes:6; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Fraser, Kesselman

6. Discussion of Report from Subcommittee on FY 25-26 Workplan (Attachment 3) - *Subcommittee Chair*
Public Speakers- 1

7. Adoption of the FY25-26 Workplan and Information Report to Council- *Chair*
Public Speakers- 0

Action: M/S/C (Gerhardstein/Lutzker) To adopt the Workplan and submit it to Council with the following edit:

Edit the second bullet of the section titled "January/February" to read:

"Presentation by Public Works on their framework and plan for evaluating progress toward meeting the pavement condition, sidewalk repair and fatal and severe crash elimination (Vision Zero) goals in the City."

Voice Vote: Ayes:6; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Fraser, Kesselman

8. Discussion, selection and adoption of the 2026 SSCOC Meeting Calendar (Attachment 4)- *Secretary*
Public Speakers- 0

Action: M/S/C (Gerhardstein/Lutzker) To adopt a meeting schedule for 2026 with the following dates scheduled from 6-7:30PM:

February 26, 2026; May 7, 2026; and October 22, 2025

Voice Vote: Ayes:6; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Fraser, Kesselman

C. Information Items

9. Informational Presentation on Implementation for Phase 1 of Measure FF, the SAFE STREETS Initiative- *Public Works Director, Terrance Davis*
Presentation attached to the Draft Minutes at Attachment 5

Action: M/S/C (Gerhardstein/Lutzker) To extend the meeting closure from 7:30 to 8PM.

Voice Vote: Ayes:6; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Fraser, Kesselman

Action: M/S/C (Gerhardstein/Hothi) To extend the meeting closure from 8PM to 8:15PM.

Voice Vote: Ayes:6; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Fraser, Kesselman

Action: M/S/C (Hothi/Hatch) To extend the meeting closure from 8:15PM to 8:20PM.

Voice Vote: Ayes:6; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Fraser, Kesselman

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.

None proposed.

E. Communications

None.

F. Adjournment- 8:17PM

Action: M/S/C (Hothi/Gerhardstein) To adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: Ayes:6; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Fraser, Kesselman

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