



# TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## REGULAR MEETING

### MINUTES

Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 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 (arrived 7:30pm), Adrian Leung (arrived 8:05pm) Karen Parolek, Kim Walton, Sofia Zander

Commissioners Absent: None

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

3. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda: 1 speaker

4. Approval of Draft Action Minutes of [October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021](#)

**Action:** It was Moved/Seconded (Bruzzone/Parolek) to approve the minutes as written.

Ayes: Bruzzone, Ghosh, Gosselin, Parolek, Walton, Zander

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Greene, Leung

**Motion carried 6-0-0-2**

5. Approval and Order of Agenda

**Action:** It was Moved/Seconded (Parolek/Ghosh) to approve the order of the Agenda.

Ayes: Bruzzone, Ghosh, Gosselin, Parolek, Walton, Zander

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Greene, Leung

**Motion carried 6-0-0-2**

6. Update on Administration/Staff

Traffic Engineering is close to full staffing. New Traffic Engineer Kim Pham was recently hired.

7. Announcements

Chair Ghosh requests information regarding the forthcoming Commission Consolidation. Commission Secretary Farid Javandel is currently drafting the timeline for transition.

**7:30pm:** Commissioner Greene present at the meeting. Commissioner Zander absent.

## **B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Southside Complete Streets Project**

Eric Anderson, City of Berkeley Senior Planner, with Ryan Parks and Craig Schoenberg of Toole Design, provided an update on the Southside Complete Streets goals, options, and proposals. The primary goals of the project are safety, transit, and economic and cultural vitality.

No action.

Speakers: 15

**8:05pm:** Commissioner Adrian Leung present.

### **2. GoBerkeley SmartSpace Parking Pilot Draft Proposals**

Gordon Hansen, Senior Planner with the City's Transportation Division, provided a presentation on the GoBerkeley parking pilot program.

No action.

Speakers: 5

**9:49pm: Action:** It was Moved/Seconded (Parolek/Ghosh) to extend the meeting to 10:30pm.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Zander

**Motion carried 7-0-0-1**

### **3. BerkDOT**

Farid Javandel, Deputy Director of Transportation, shared the results of a recent in-person survey of Berkeley citizens aimed at determining support for a Berkeley Department of Transportation and Infrastructure. The survey was conducted by EMC Research. Farid Javandel and Public Works Director Liam Garland will report back to the Commission in 2022.

No action.

Speakers: 2

**10:34pm: Action:** It was Moved/Seconded (Parolek/Ghosh) to extend the meeting by 20 minutes until 10:55pm.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Zander

**Motion carried 7-0-0-1**

### **4. Vision 2050 Infrastructure Bond**

Farid Javandel provided a presentation on the infrastructure bond and the long-term plans to support aging infrastructure in Berkeley. Transportation

Commissioners requested an end-date on asphalt and encouraged connecting visionary infrastructure ideas to dollar amounts. Emphasis was made on the importance of having a functional and safe pedestrian and bicycle network.

No action.

Speakers: 1

### **C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Subcommittee Reports and Assignments: Verbal Reports from Subcommittees
2. Council Summary Actions 2021
3. Link to 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**

1. Charles Siegel – “Divert Through Traffic on Telegraph to Haste”
2. Walk Bike Berkeley and Bike East Bay Letter re: Southside Complete Streets
3. Sam Kaplan-Pettus – Southside Complete Streets (public comment)

### **E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Southside Complete Streets

### **F. ADJOURNMENT**

**Action:** It was Moved/Seconded (Parolek/Walton) to adjourn at 10:49pm.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Zander

**Motion carried 7-0-0-1**

Public Present: 45

Speakers: 24

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