



# TRANSPORTATION and INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 7:00 pm

## A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

### 1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Farid Javandel at 7:00 pm.

### 2. Roll call

Commissioners Present: Noelani Fixler, Sam Greenberg, Liza Lutzker,  
Karen Parolek, Kim Walton, Ray Yep

Commissioners Absent: Barnali Ghosh (excused), Adrian Leung (excused)

Staff Present: Farid Javandel, Beth Thomas, Alisa Shen,  
Alisha Gard

### 3. Public comment on items not on the agenda

No speakers.

### 4. Approval of [minutes](#) from regular meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

Ayes: Fixler, Greenberg, Lutzker, Parolek, Walton, Yep

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ghosh, Leung

**Motion passed 6-0-0-2**

### 5. Update on administration and staff

Secretary Javandel provided updates on the following: staff vacancies and their impact on applications for and delivery of grant projects; per City Council, the Hopkins plans will proceed; I-80 Gilman improvements continue, and the bike and pedestrian bridge is nearing completion; and, the Southside Complete Streets project is on track. No action.

### 6. Commission member introductions

No action.

## B. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

### 1. Chair and Vice Chair Elections

**Action:** The present members of the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission moved to elect Karen Parolek as Chair.

Ayes: Fixler, Greenberg, Lutzker, Parolek, Walton, Yep

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ghosh, Leung

**Motion passed 6-0-0-2**

**Action:** It was Moved / Seconded (Yep, Lutzker) to nominate Sam Greenberg as Vice Chair.

Ayes: Fixler, Greenberg, Lutzker, Parolek, Walton, Yep

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ghosh, Leung

**Motion passed 6-0-0-2**

## **2. Adeline at Ashby BART Project**

Beth Thomas, City of Berkeley Principal Planner, and Phil Erickson of Community Design + Architecture, provided a presentation to the Commission.

Public Comment: 6 speakers

**9:25 pm – Action:** It was Moved / Seconded (Parolek / Walton) to extend the meeting until 10:00 pm.

Ayes: Fixler, Greenberg, Lutzker, Parolek, Walton, Yep

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ghosh, Leung

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

**10:00 pm – Action:** It was Moved / Seconded (Parolek / Walton) to extend the meeting until 10:20 pm.

Ayes: Fixler, Greenberg, Lutzker, Parolek, Walton

Noes: Yep

Abstain: None

Absent: Ghosh, Leung

**Motion carried 5-1-0-2**

**Action:** It was Moved/Seconded (Walton / Greenberg) that the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission recommends to Council moving forward with option 2, and would like the following four items to also be considered:

1. Creating accessible pedestrian and wheelchair access from the plaza to the BART station entrance on the western edge of the Adeline plaza with 24/7 access and that does not solely rely on functional elevators;
2. Continuing efforts to realize the vision in the Adeline corridor plan for shopfronts in the new development to meet the western edge of the Adeline plaza to ensure activation of the plaza through business and community activity;
3. Continuing to investigate all possible solutions to increase safety, possibly by reducing crossing distances and eliminating slip turn lanes, at the Adeline / Ashby intersection as it will potentially be considered with Reconnecting Communities grant along Ashby; and
4. Looking for additional grant opportunities, such as Safe Routes to Transit, to improve pedestrian access to the station from the surrounding areas.

Ayes: Fixler, Greenberg, Lutzker, Parolek, Walton, Yep  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Ghosh, Leung

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

**10:17 pm – Action:** It was Moved / Seconded (Parolek / Lutzker) to extend the meeting until 10:40 pm.

Ayes: Fixler, Greenberg, Lutzker, Parolek, Walton  
Noes: Yep  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Ghosh, Leung

**Motion carried 5-1-0-2**

**3. Berkeley Strategic Transportation (BeST) Plan Update and Transit-First Policy Implementation Plan**

Beth Thomas, Principal Planner, provided a presentation and received comments from Commissioners.

Public Comment: 2 speakers

No action.

**C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Subcommittee Reports and Assignments  
Actions required: Appoint subcommittee to work with staff on the bike plan update; appoint subcommittee to review the 5-year paving plan
2. Council Summary Actions 2022
3. [Link to Council and Committee Agendas and Minutes](#)
4. Transportation and Infrastructure Commission Mission Statement – TBD
5. Work Plans
  - a. [Transportation Commission](#)
  - b. [Public Works Commission](#)
6. Subcommittees and Liaisons

**D. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. John Givens. Email to the TIC with the subject “Oct 20 Meeting: Adeline Street Redesign: 2 lanes and NO GAP!” Received via email by Public Works Deputy Director Farid Javandel on 10/18/2022.
2. Abbie Turiansky. Email to the TIC with the subject “Oct 20 Meeting: Adeline Street Redesign: 2 lanes and NO GAP!” Received via email by Public Works Deputy Director Farid Javandel on 10/18/2022.
3. Teresa Clarke. Email to the TIC with the subject “Oct 20 Meeting: Adeline Street Redesign: 2 lanes and NO GAP!” Received via email by Public Works Deputy Director Farid Javandel on 10/18/2022.

**E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Create and assign subcommittees; appoint members  
Review City Council referrals  
Vision Zero update  
5-year paving plan update

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

**Action:** It was Moved / Seconded (Walton / Fixler) to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 pm.

Ayes: Fixler, Greenberg, Lutzker, Parolek, Walton, Yep

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ghosh, Leung

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

Public Present: 30

Speakers: 8

*The next virtual meeting of the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission is scheduled for Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 pm.*

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