



TRANSPORTATION and INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Thursday, October 10th, 2024, 6:15 pm

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA, 94709

A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to order

6:15 pm: Chair Zaro called the meeting to order.

2. Roll call

6:15 pm:

Commissioners Present: Barnali Ghosh, Liza Lutzker, Julia Moss, Karen Parolek, Kim Walton, Ray Yep, Ren Zaro

Excused: Adrian Leung

Commissioners Absent: Alison Bernstein

Staff Present: Terrance Davis, Wahid Amiri, Ron Nevels, Noah Budnick

6:15 pm: Two members of the public present.

3. Public comment on items not on the agenda

6:16 pm: No public comments.

4. Approval of minutes from September 19th, 2024

6:16 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Parolek / Yep) to approve the minutes.

6:17 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Ghosh, Lutzker, Moss, Parolek, Walton, Yep, Zaro

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Bernstein

Excused: Leung

Recused: None

6:17 pm Motion passed 7-0-0-1-1-0

5. Approval and Order of Agenda

6:17 pm: No changes.

6. Update on administration and staff

6:18 pm: Deputy Director Wahid Amiri provided updates and answered Commissioner questions about the Transportation Division's staffing and vacancies, including Supervising Transportation Engineer, two Associate Transportation Engineers and an

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Assistant Transportation Engineer for traffic calming; interviews for Senior Planner for Vision Zero; and the hiring of an Assistant Management Analyst and part-time transportation engineering consultants.

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

6:21 pm: Engineering Division Manager Ron Nevels provided updates and answered Commissioner questions about the Engineering Division's hiring and recruitment efforts, including Associate Civil Engineer, Assistant Public Works Engineer interviews, Chief of Party and intern.

Commissioner Yep commented on the paving progress report that the City emailed that day. Commissioner Walton asked if there's a maximum amount of time that a staff person can work "out of class." Commissioner Lutzker asked how the department is preparing for the passage of either measure EE or FF.

6:29 pm: Four members of the public present.

7. Announcements

None.

B. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. Public Works Director Terrance Davis introduction

6:30 pm: Public Works Director Terrance Davis introduced himself to the commission and the public.

6:54 pm: Four public comments.

7:00 pm: Commissioner made comments on the importance of authentic community engagement, education and dialogue, partnerships with the University of California, Berkeley, the need to do pre- and post-project analysis and inclusive communication and examples of good transportation-related communications.

2. Vision 2050 presentation

7:25 pm: Commissioner Yep gave a presentation on Vision 2050.

7:25 pm: Three members of the public present.

No public comments.

7:48 pm: Commissioners made comments on funding, Measure L, adaptive planning.

7:49 pm: Two members of the public present.

3. BerkDOT presentation

7:50 pm: Commissioner Ghosh gave a presentation on BerkDOT.

8:16 pm: Commissioner Lutzker continued the presentation on BerkDOT.

8:16 pm: Three members of the public present.

No public comments.

8:22 pm: Commissioners asked questions and made comments about moving BerkDOT forward, asking for funding and staffing, leaders working together, past outreach and community engagement in support of engineering and safety to address the 700 people hit by drivers every year in Berkeley.

8:33 pm: Two members of the public present.

8:44 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Parolek / Walton) to extend the meeting to 8:55 pm.

8:44 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Ghosh, Lutzker, Moss, Parolek, Walton, Yep, Zaro

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Bernstein

Excused: Leung

Recused: None

8:44 pm Motion passed 7-0-0-1-1-0

C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

D. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8:46 pm: Vice Chair Parolek asked that the “update on administration and staff” be changed to “update from administration and staff.” Commission Lutzker requested an update on the crossing guard program.

E. ADJOURNMENT

8:51 pm: Chair Zaro adjourned the meeting.

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The next meeting of the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission is scheduled for Thursday, November 21st, 2024 at 6:15 pm, at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave, Berkeley, CA 94709.

Administrative Procedures

From the City of Berkeley Commissioners' Manual, 2019 Edition, page 70 regarding minutes:

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

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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