



**TRANSPORTATION and INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES**

Thursday, June 12th, 2025, 6:15 pm

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

A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to order

6:22 pm: Vice Chair Leung called the meeting to order.

2. Roll call

6:22 pm:

Commissioners Present: Naveen Gattu, Arsh Singh Hothi, Adrian Leung, Julia Moss
Holly Scheider (arrived at 6:27 pm), Kim Walton

Excused: Liza Lutzker and Ren Zaro

Staff Present: Wahid Amiri, Noah Budnick, Ron Nevels, Ricardo Salcedo, Elliott Schwimmer, Charmine Solla (consultant), Thaddeus Wozniak (consultant)

6:18 pm: 4 members of the public present

3. Public comment on items not on the agenda

6:22 pm: Two public comments.

4. Approval of minutes from the May 15th, 2025 meetings

6:30 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Hothi / Walton) to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2025 commission meeting.

6:31 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Gattu, Hothi, Leung, Scheider, Walton

Noes: None

Abstain: Moss

Absent: None

Excused: Lutzker, Zaro

Recused: None

6:31 pm: Motion passed 5-0-1-0-2-0

5. Approval and Order of Agenda

6:32 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Leung/ Hothi) to approve the order of agenda.

6:32 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Gattu, Hothi, Leung, Scheider, Walton, Moss

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Excused: Lutzker, Zaro

Recused: None

6:32 pm: Motion passed 6-0-0-0-2-0

6. Update on administration and staff

6:32 pm: Deputy Director Wahid Amiri provided staffing updates and answered Commissioner questions about: the hiring of a Parking Services Manager (position was vacant for two years); the primary collision factor that resulted in the pedestrian fatality at Ada and California was an 87-year-old driver who believed their car would brake automatically; Public Works performed a traffic study at Ada and California and is working to implement proposed safety improvements as a quick build with paint to test and determine if it should be made permanent with funding.

6:42 pm: Five members of the public present

Commissioner Leung asked a follow-up question on strategies to address dangers related to senior drivers.

Deputy Director Amiri provided administration updates on the following topics: Marin Avenue project, from Marin to the Circle; Quick build at 6th and Addison; Zachary's Corner right turn slip lane; updating the Vision Zero Action Plan.

Engineering Manager Ron Nevels provided updates and answered Commissioners' questions about Engineering Division staff vacancy rates including: one Engineering Inspector resignation and nine current vacancies (23-percent staff vacancy rate).

Interim Supervising Civil Engineer Ricardo Salcedo provided updates from the Stormwater work unit: the City won a \$500,000 grant from the California Water Resources Board to work on Codornices Creek, construction begins next summer; Stormwater Master Plan update: data collection is complete (pipes, as-builts, maintenance history), public input collected – 60 responses from the online survey (similar survey in Oakland had 200), community meeting scheduled for late-July to present master plan objectives and goals, master plan findings will be presented at August 21st commission meeting, actively working to accurately model how stormwater flows through the city using LiDAR (as drones were not successful) and running hydrology scenarios, access agreements needed to access property owners backyards, the next steps are developing a capital plan and method for prioritizing it, gathering public input and presenting final report to City Council in June 2026.

Commissioner Walton asked a question on the City's philosophy for turkey crossing signage.

7. Announcements

7:28 pm: Commissioner Walton confirmed there will be no Transportation and Infrastructure Commission meeting in July.

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Informational presentation on the Telegraph Avenue Multimodal Corridor concept design alternatives

7:28 pm: Senior Planner, Elliott Schwimmer and consultant presented on the study area, background, goals and objectives, existing conditions, corridor analysis, the project's schedule, design concepts, the project's vision statement aligning with the City of Berkeley's Vision Zero Policy and Vision Zero Action Plan, discussed next steps, and solicited feedback from Commissioners on the Telegraph Multimodal Corridor Study, which covers Telegraph Avenue from the Berkeley-Oakland border at Woolsey Street to Dwight Way.

7:29 pm: Four members of the public present

7:54 pm: Commissioners asked clarifying questions on the following topics: existing Residential Parking Permit program areas near the project; percentage of signalized intersection that will have pedestrian countdowns; AC Transit's position on the project; differences in left turn options; the different widths of Telegraph on certain segments; signal timing; the process for evaluating transit speed and reliability; assessing loading zone needs and locations; the methodology behind modeling; using a travel time study versus travel demand study.

8:09 pm: Three members of the public present

8:09 pm: One public comment.

8:12 pm: Commissioners asked follow-up questions and commented on the following topics: utilizing and developing vertical deflection to improve design and transit service; exploring future utilization of speed cushions; impact of changing bus routes; infrastructure addressing illegal parking by ride hailing and on-demand delivery drivers; physical protection for bike lanes; cost differential between concepts; transit users and drivers involvement in field survey; sidewalk surveys; the process for determining options to be implemented.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

8:26 pm: No reports.

D. COMMUNICATIONS

8:26 pm: No communications.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8:27 pm: Commissioner's and staff suggested the following topics for future meeting agenda items: National Safe Systems Training presentation; to Marin Avenue improvement; more time for staff reports.

F. ADJOURNMENT

8:29 pm: Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Leung/ Walton) to adjourn the meeting.

8:29 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Gattu, Hothi, Leung, Scheider, Walton, Moss

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Excused: Lutzker, Zaro

Recused: None

8:29 pm: Motion passed 6-0-0-0-2-0

The next meeting of the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission is scheduled for Thursday, August 21st, 2025, 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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