



**TRANSPORTATION and INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 6:15 pm**

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

**A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS – 6:15 pm**

**1. Call to order**

**6:16 pm** Chair Zaro called the meeting to order.

*6:17 pm: Four members of the public present.*

**2. Roll call**

**6:17 pm:**

Commissioners Present: Naveen Gattu, Arsh Singh Hothi (arrived at 6:25 pm)  
Adrian Leung, Liza Lutzker, Julia Moss, Holly Scheider  
(arrived at 6:25 pm), Kim Walton (arrived at 6:21 pm),  
Ren Zaro

Staff Present: Wahid Amiri, Mark Helmbrecht, Ron Nevels, Noah  
Budnick, Babak Dorji, Elliott Schwimmer, Eric Anderson,  
Thaddeus Wozniak (consultant, Nelson\Nygaard)

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

**6:17 pm:** One public comment.

**4. Approval of minutes from the August 21st, 2025, meetings**

**6:19 pm Action:** It was Moved / Seconded (Moss/Gattu) to approve the minutes from the August 21st, 2025 commission meeting.

**6:19 pm: Vote:**

Ayes: Gattu, Leung, Lutzker, Moss, Zaro

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hothi, Scheider, Walton

Excused: None

Recused: None

**6:19 pm: Motion passed 5-0-0-3-0-0**

## 5. Approval and Order of Agenda

**6:20 pm Action:** Chair Zaro proposed moving discussion/action item B2 to the first agenda item. It was Moved / Seconded (Zaro / Leung) to accept this proposal and approve the agenda.

**6:20 pm: Vote:**

Ayes: Gattu, Leung, Lutzker, Moss, Zaro

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hothi, Scheider, Walton

Excused: None

Recused: None

**6:20 pm: Motion passed 5-0-0-3-0-0**

## 6. Update on administration and staff

**6:21 pm:** Manager of Transportation, Mark Helmbrecht, provided an update on division hiring efforts: there are no current staffing changes, and the hiring freeze is still in effect. Manager of Engineering, Ron Nevels, provided an update on the approval received to recruit for the Associate Civil Engineer position.

Commissioner Lutzker asked for updates on the Supervising Traffic Engineer position recruitment and for an update on daylighting implementation and programming.

Commissioner Walton conveyed support for programming daylighting areas with bike and micromobility parking.

*6:30 pm: Five members of the public present.*

## 7. Announcements

**6:32 pm:** Commissioner Zaro announced on August 24<sup>th</sup>, a pedestrian was struck by a driver and later passed away from their injuries; this past Tuesday, two pedestrians and a cyclist were hit by a driver; there is a vital need to recognize the inherent harm involved with people driving automobiles in connection with pedestrian and bicyclist safety.

## B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

### 1. Informational presentation on the Adeline Quick Build and Adeline Transportation Improvements projects

**6:35 pm:** Public Works staff presented an update on the Adeline Quick Build Project and the longer-term Adeline Transportation Improvements Project. These combined efforts are intended to improve safety on a Vision Zero High-Injury Street, delivering near-term changes and planning for a permanent, community-driven design.

**6:43 pm:** Commissioners asked clarifying questions on the following: Are the slip lanes located at Ashby and Adeline part of the Adeline Quick Build and Adeline Transportation

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Improvements projects; how will the quick build coordinate with crossing improvements along the Bike Boulevard project; what are the construction timelines?

**6:46 pm:** 1 public comment.

*6:47 pm: 6 members of the public present.*

**6:48 pm:** Commissioners conducted a discussion. Commissioner Zaro repeated a question received from the public: What sort of pedestrian safety improvements will be part of the quick build, and will they be included as permanent in the Adeline Transportation Improvement Project?

Commissioners made the following recommendations for community engagement: outreach to Malcolm X and Sylvia Mendez elementary schools; include faith based and health care facilities, senior housing and other senior organizations; encourage schools to help name the project; reach out to Healthy Black Families. Commissioner Gattu asked a clarifying question about when the City of Oakland's nearby work will be completed. Commissioner Zaro agreed with the aforementioned comments.

## 2. Telegraph Avenue Multimodal Corridor Study

**6:53 pm:** Public Works staff presented an update on the Telegraph Avenue Multimodal Corridor Study and asked the Commission to take action by recommending the preferred conceptual design to the City Council for their approval. Staff reviewed the analysis that went into the study and the concept design selection process. Staff summarized stakeholder feedback and survey results. Staff also discussed next steps for the project.

**7:20 pm:** Commissioners asked clarifying questions on the following: Did the raised bike lane get removed from concept 3B; what is the status of the elevated bike lane and disability access; does the preferred concept maintain most parking; is it true that it'll be hard to implement left turn bans because it's difficult to implement diverters and change behavior; does transit time and vehicle delays include Oakland's changes; how the proposed Dwight Triangle changes impact transit; have protected intersections been considered; are wheelchairs users exiting buses into bike lanes in any of these plans; will bus stops have pedestrian crossings?

**7:36 pm:** One public comment.

**7:40 pm:** Commissioners commented on: including the Walk Bike Berkeley and disabled community members' comments in the presentation; acknowledging concept 3B provides access to businesses on Telegraph; recognizing Telegraph Avenue's connection to Oakland and the importance of continuing the same design; supporting closing the slip lane at the Dwight Triangle, doing a pedestrian count, comparing the number of pedestrians to the number of drivers using the triangle, and using this information to help make the case for pedestrian improvements; concerns over the pass/fail element of scoring methodology, absence of an existing Berkeley plan that speaks to maintaining traffic circulation; considering the feasibility of pedestrian scrambles; removing additional parking for transit lanes and other uses.

Commissioners asked additional clarifying questions: How much of the Telegraph Avenue Multimodal Corridor project is funded; what is the plan for finding more funding;

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could it fall under FF funding; does funding rely on federal sources; could the lack of funding lead to potential confusion, delays, rushed process, and disjointed engagement?

Commissioners commented on the following: a project in Boston was said to be defunded because it proposed reducing car lanes; expressed appreciation for the City of Berkeley working with AC Transit; support for students taking the bus; encouraged transit improvements; highlighted potential for increased transit ridership; shared AC Transit's concerns about timing of survey; expressed the need for additional bus islands, posts and designs to deter drivers from using bus lanes; communicated that the Durant bus improvements are working well; interested in seeing a plan that prioritizes bus riders; reiterated that concept 3B is really good and desires to see transit improvements added; shared their strong support of closing the slip lane at Dwight Triangle.

**8:02 pm Action:** It was Moved / Seconded (Hothi/Scheider) to recommend Concept 3B with the following requests:

1. The City will work closely with AC Transit to reduce transit delays and improve transit times to the largest extent possible;
2. At a time to be determined, the City will bring back several design options for closing the Dwight slip lane; and,
3. The City will include intersection and bus stop designs to review.

**8:04 pm: Vote:**

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Excused: None

Recused: None

**8:04 pm: Motion passed 8-0-0-0-0**

**8:04 pm:** Commission Walton left.

**3. Draft letter on Bike Plan Update**

**8:05 pm:** The Transportation and Infrastructure Commission's Temporary Ad Hoc Bike Plan Update Committee presented a draft letter to the City Council about the Bike Plan update. The temporary ad hoc committee sought discussion and feedback and commission approval to send the letter to the City Council.

Commissioner Lutzker introduced the letter's focus on policy, and that it is consistent with Council priorities and resolutions in order to ensure input into the plan is accurate. Commissioner Lutzker reported that the temporary ad hoc committee met with staff and addressed inaccuracies in the draft letter.

*8:07 pm: Two members of the public present.*

**8:13 pm:** One public comment.

**8:16 pm:** Commissioner Lutzker reviewed edits based upon a recent meeting with City staff and on a separate meeting of the Fire and Disaster Safety Commission.

*8:17 pm: One member of the public present.*

**8:24 pm:** Commissioners discussed the draft letter.

*8:25 pm: No members of the public present.*

**8:37 pm Action:** It was Moved / Seconded (Scheider / Hothi) to approve the draft letter on the Bike Plan Update:

**8:37 pm: Vote:**

Ayes: Gattu, Hothi, Leung, Lutzker, Moss, Scheider, Zaro

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Walton

Excused: None

Recused: None

**8:37 pm: Motion passed 7-0-0-1-0-0**

**4. Amend standing agenda item C1 as "Temporary Ad Hoc Committee verbal reports, assignments, creation or dissolution"**

**8:38 pm:** Commissioners discussed the amendment.

**8:41 pm Action:** It was Moved / Seconded (Leung / Gattu) to amend the Commission's standing meeting agenda item C1 as "Temporary Ad Hoc Committee verbal reports, assignments, creation or dissolution.

**8:41 pm: Vote:**

Ayes: Gattu, Hothi, Leung, Lutzker, Moss, Scheider, Zaro

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Walton

Excused: None

Recused: None

**8:41 pm: Motion passed 7-0-0-1-0-0**

**8:43 pm Action:** It was Moved / Seconded (Lutzker / Moss) to extend the meeting to 8:50 pm.

**8:43 pm: Vote:**

Ayes: Gattu, Hothi, Leung, Lutzker, Moss, Scheider, Zaro

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Walton

Excused: None

Recused: None

**8:43 pm: Motion passed 7-0-0-1-0-0**

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

**8:43 pm Action:** It was Moved / Seconded (Lutzker / Zaro) to Add Commissioner Gattu to the Temporary Ad Hoc Bike Plan Update Committee.

**8:43 pm: Vote:**

Ayes: Gattu, Hothi, Leung, Lutzker, Moss, Scheider, Zaro

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Walton

Excused: None

Recused: None

**8:43 pm: Motion passed 7-0-0-1-0-0**

**8:45 pm Action:** It was Moved / Seconded (Zaro/Lutzker) to appoint Commissioner Lutzker as the liaison to Disaster and Fire Safety Commission.

**8:45 pm: Vote:**

Ayes: Gattu, Hothi, Leung, Lutzker, Moss, Scheider, Zaro

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Walton

Excused: None

Recused: None

**8:45 pm: Motion passed 7-0-0-1-0-0**

### **D. COMMUNICATIONS**

**8:45 pm:** No communications.

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

**8:46 pm:** Recommendation made to name "5 ½ Street" alleyway as Jeronimus Alley.

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## F. ADJOURNMENT

**8:46 pm Action:** It was Moved / Seconded (Zaro/Leung) to adjourn the meeting.

**8:46 pm: Vote:**

Ayes: Gattu, Hothi, Leung, Lutzker, Moss, Scheider, Zaro

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Walton

Excused: None

Recused: None

**8:46 pm: Motion passed 7-0-0-1-0-0**

*The next meeting of the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 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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