

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE,
TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026
2:00 PM**

Redwood Room – 2180 Milvia Street, 6th Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704
Teleconference Location – 1027 Bancroft Way, Apt D Berkeley, CA 94710

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Terry Taplin, Cecilia Lunaparra, and Mark Humbert
Alternate: Mayor Adena Ishii

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MINUTES

Roll Call: 2:03 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Lunaparra, Humbert, Taplin

Election of Chairperson

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Humbert) to elect Councilmember Lunaparra as chairperson.

Vote: All Ayes.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 0 speakers.

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes - November 24, 2025

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/Taplin) to approve the November 24, 2025 minutes.

Vote: All Ayes.

Committee Action Items

The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. The Chair will determine the number of persons interested in speaking on each item. Up to ten (10) speakers may speak for two minutes. If there are more than ten persons interested in speaking, the Chair may limit the public comment for all speakers to one minute per speaker. Speakers are permitted to yield their time to one other speaker, however no one speaker shall have more than four minutes.

Following review and discussion of the items listed below, the Committee may continue an item to a future committee meeting, or refer the item to the City Council.

2. City Manager Referral: Strengthen Berkeley's Micromobility Regulatory Framework to Improve Public Safety, ADA Accessibility, and Operator Accountability

From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor)

Referred: August 25, 2025

Due: March 6, 2026

Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager to develop recommendations for mitigating unsafe shared micromobility riding, improper parking, or device misuse and to strengthen Berkeley's micromobility framework through improved incentives and enforcement, cost recovering fee and penalty structure, right of way and accessibility enforcement, stronger accountability measures, and community engagement and education, and return to the City Council by December 2025, with preliminary research and by April 2026, with final recommendations.

Recommendations should incorporate updates to future operator contracts and internal enforcement process and include the following elements, which, to the extent possible would be structured to shift the onus on the vendors to work with the City of Berkeley and other stakeholders:

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1. Improved Incentives and Enforcement - Clarify and strengthen city enforcement processes for the use by the public – how to report issues associated with micromobility. - The enforcement structure should be such that operators would consider progressive accountability measures for individual users (e.g., mandatory classes, increased fines, revoking ridership privileges).

- Suggest mechanisms for imposing additional penalties by the city on operators failing to address violations in a timely and effective manner. - Suggest mechanisms for enforcing the deployment of existing and emerging technologies by operators, including, to the extent this is not already under consideration, geofencing, speed restrictions, and device locks for sidewalk riding or excessive speed, to prevent unsafe micromobility device use and for effective data collection and sharing.

- Recommend to operators to develop incentive programs rewarding riders who consistently use devices responsibly, such as offering free rides or discounts for properly parking devices, completing safety classes, or taking devices to high-demand areas where parking is limited.

- Recommend any additional operator-funded city incentive programs that reward evidence-based best operational practices by operators.

2. Cost Recovering Fee and Penalty Structure - Implement an operator-paid fee and penalty schedule that fully covers the city's costs of staff time and enforcement infrastructure. - On a pilot basis, explore additional infrastructure contributions from operators, such as funding a specified number of parking corrals, bike racks, or signage based on fleet size, following models such as Bay Wheels in San Francisco. Such improvements should be subject to an engineering assessment for safety and feasibility. - Explore and negotiate leveraging data collected by micromobility devices for other city use. - Consider the expansion of the agreed upon fee, incentive, and enforcement model beyond current e-scooter contracts (Veo Micromobility and Lime) to include other current or future micromobility options (e.g., Bay Wheels).

3. Right of Way and Accessibility Enforcement - Research and recommend additional effective and low-cost infrastructure upgrades, including standardized markings for appropriate parking zones, creating parking corrals in daylighted zones to reduce sidewalk obstruction, and improve compliance with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) (e.g., eliminating or mitigating for instances of micromobility devices impeding public right of way access to those with physical disabilities).

Operators should consider enhancing ADA compliance and accessibility by incorporating features such as Braille labels on devices, emergency buttons accessible to wheelchair users, and prominently displayed contact information that is easily visible at all times of day, subject to technological and contractual feasibility.

The operator fee should, to the extent possible, incorporate the costs of all such measures. - Incorporate systems to reduce unsafe behaviors, including geofencing, speed restrictions, and device locks for sidewalk riding or excessive speed. Such measures and mechanisms would be at the discretion of the City Manager.

4. Stronger Accountability Measures - The City of Berkeley should continue, through contracting tools, to reflect the shared responsibility of operators in ensuring that unsafe behaviors and public nuisances are proactively addressed, as negative perceptions could threaten the long-term viability of these services. Operators should be held accountable for protecting the public perception and social acceptance of micromobility.

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- Enhance the currently required submission of monthly reports by operators to City staff with the production of biannual (twice per year) reports to the full Council, including, but not limited to detailing moving and parking violations, number of repeat offenders, safety class attendances, warnings issued, penalties applied, and any ridership privileges revoked.

- Require operators to provide mandatory certifiable rider safety training with recurring reminders through apps and other means. Training should cover safe riding practices, proper parking, and the impact on vulnerable populations, including children, seniors, and people with disabilities.

5. Community Engagement and Education - Centralize and streamline the city's website to ensure all micromobility program details and reporting instructions are easy to find and access in one location. - Explore creating a micromobility information hub with all relevant information in one place (a separate website or a robust micromobility webpage). - Expand education campaigns via signage, classes, media, and social media to increase awareness of proper micromobility use. - Develop and provide materials for residents to understand reporting processes, safe riding practices, and ADA considerations. - Partner with operators to create public-private partnerships with educational institutions, community and advocacy organizations, and affordable housing providers to further promote equitable outreach and education campaigns and responsible device use. - Special attention should be given to family and youth education. Operators and the City should partner with schools and community groups to equip parents with resources to educate their children on micromobility safety. These coordinated approaches integrate infrastructure improvements, rider safety, enforcement, operator accountability, public education, and rider incentives, providing a framework for a safer, more equitable, and sustainable micromobility system in Berkeley.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

Action: 1 speaker. Presentation made and discussion held. Item continued to a future meeting.

Unscheduled Items

These items are not scheduled for discussion or action at this meeting. The Committee may schedule these items to the Action Calendar of a future Committee meeting.

3. Referral: Amendments to the Berkeley Green Code for Newly Constructed Buildings and Existing Construction

From: Councilmember Tregub (Author)

Referred: September 2, 2025

Due: March 6, 2026

Recommendation: 1. Refer to the City Manager amendments to the Berkeley Green Code, BMC Chapter 19.37, to require AC/Heater to Heat Pump conversions for certain existing residential buildings; and 2. Refer to the City Manager the adoption of a Single Margin Energy Reach Code or another Green Building standard for certain residential and mixed-use new construction.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

Unscheduled Items

4a. Enforcement of Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG)

From: Commission on Disability

Referred: May 20, 2025

Due: March 31, 2026

Recommendation: The Berkeley City Council shall refer to the City Attorney the requirement to include, in all City of Berkeley contracts that impact the public right-of-way, a clause that obligates City contractors to comply with the Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG).

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Thomas Gregory, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6300

4b. Companion Report: Enforcement of Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG)

From: City Manager

Referred: May 20, 2025

Due: March 31, 2026

Recommendation: The City Manager recommends that the Public Right-of Way Accessibilities Guidelines item be referred to the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment and Sustainability Committee for discussion of potential impacts.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

5. Adoption of the 2025 California Fire Code with Local Amendments

From: City Manager

Referred: December 2, 2025

Due: June 12, 2026

Recommendation: At the December 2, 2025 meeting, the City Council referred Sections 503.2.1, 503.2.2, and 503.4.1 and Appendix D, including section D105.2, of the Fire Code to the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability (FITES) Policy Committee to develop and recommend revisions for Council consideration by April 2026.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473

Items for Future Agendas

- **5-Year Paving Plan Update**

Action: M/S/C (Lunaparra/Taplin) to add a discussion item on the 5-year paving plan update to the next agenda.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Humbert) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All Ayes

Adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee meeting held on January 21, 2026.

Denise Burgara, Assistant City Clerk

Communications

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