

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

**Wednesday, March 4, 2026
2:00 PM**

Redwood Room – 2180 Milvia Street, 6th Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Terry Taplin, Cecilia Lunaparra, and Mark Humbert

Alternate: Mayor Adena Ishii

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MINUTES

Roll Call: 2:02 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Taplin, Humbert, and Vice-Mayor Lunaparra

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 0 speakers.

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes - February 4, 2026

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/Taplin) to approve the February 4, 2026 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. 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

Action: 8 speakers. M/S/C (Lunaparra/Humbert) to send the item to Council with a Qualified Positive Recommendation with codifying the flexibility that the current process embodies across these sections.

Vote: All Ayes.

Committee Action Items

3a. **Enforcement of Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG)**

From: Commission on Disability

Referred: May 20, 2025

Due: May 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

Action: 3 speakers. Item continued to a future meeting.

3b. **Companion Report: Enforcement of Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG)**

From: City Manager

Referred: May 20, 2025

Due: May 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

Action: See action for Item 3a.

4. **Referral to the City Manager: Amendments to the Berkeley Green Code for Newly Constructed Buildings and Existing Construction**

From: Councilmember Tregub (Author)

Referred: September 2, 2025

Due: March 31, 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

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.

5. **Discussion Item: 5-Year Paving Plan Update**
From: City Manager
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

6. **Scheduling Hopkins Street for Paving with Pedestrian Safety Improvements**
From: Councilmember O'Keefe (Author), Councilmember Kesarwani (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Humbert (Co-Sponsor)
Referred: January 26, 2026
Due: June 15, 2026
Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager to prioritize paving Hopkins Street from Sutter to San Pablo with pedestrian safety improvements by Fiscal Year 2026-27 or FY 2027-28 at the latest. Refer to the City Manager to work with the Department of Public Works to: 1. Perform an in-house safety assessment of Hopkins, west of Gilman Street to recommend appropriate pedestrian safety enhancements; 2. Incorporate pedestrian safety improvements into the paving project, including but not limited to additional and improved crosswalks, lighting enhancements, and traffic calming measures consistent with the City's Vision Zero and Pedestrian Plans; and 3. Return to Council by May 2026, as part of the biennial budget development process, for FY 2026-28 with a recommended timeline, scope of work, cost and funding source(s).
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Shoshana O'Keefe, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150

Items for Future Agendas

- None

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 4:01 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 March 4, 2026.

Denise Burgara, Assistant City Clerk

Communications

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