

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

**Wednesday, September 16, 2026
2:00 PM**

2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley, CA 94704

Committee Members:

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

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MINUTES

Roll Call: 2:01 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Taplin, Humbert, Lunaparra

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 5 speakers.

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes - July 15, 2026

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/Taplin) to approve the July 15, 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.

2a. Enforcement of Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG)

From: Commission on Disability

Referred Date: May 20, 2025

Due Date: September 30, 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: 2 speakers. M/S/C (Lunaparra/Humbert) to send the item to Council with a Qualified Positive Recommendation to refer the development of the PROWAG guidelines to the City Manager with the input of the Commission on Disability.

Vote: All Ayes.

Committee Action Items

- 2b. Companion Report: Enforcement of Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG)**
From: City Manager
Referred Date: May 20, 2025
Due Date: September 30, 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: Jaime Parks, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: See action on item 2a.
- 3. Discussion Item: Conflicts Between Disability Access and Micromobility Vehicles**
From: Councilmember Humbert (Author)
Contact: Mark Humbert, Councilmember, District 8, (510) 981-7180
Action: 2 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held. The committee completed its consideration of this item.

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.

Unscheduled Items

4. Priority Access Community Transportation (PACT): Establishing a Community Benefit Operational Design Domain (CB-ODD) Framework for Autonomous Shuttle Deployment in Berkeley That Serves Seniors, People with Disabilities, and Underserved Communities

From: Councilmember Bartlett (Author), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor)

Referred Date: June 15, 2026

Due Date: November 30, 2026

Recommendation: Adopt the following actions:

1. Establish the Priority Access Community Transportation (PACT) initiative and refer to the Transportation Commission the task of advising on the PACT Community Benefit Operational Design Domain (CB-ODD) framework for autonomous shuttle deployment in the City of Berkeley, consistent with the goals, principles, and legal framework set forth in this item.
2. Direct the City Manager, in consultation with the City Attorney, Office of Economic Development, Transportation Commission, Commission on Aging, Commission on Disability, Community Health Commission, Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit), labor representatives, and community partners, to issue a competitive Request for Proposals seeking an industry partner, consultant team, or consortium to develop the core PACT implementation work products. The RFP shall invite proposers to compete for the opportunity to help Berkeley design a nationally visible, equity-centered autonomous mobility framework while reducing the burden on existing City staff capacity.
 - a. Proposed CB-ODD ordinance amending the Berkeley Municipal Code as necessary to authorize and govern the designation of Operational Design Domains within the City;
 - b. A model voluntary Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) template, to be executed at the operator's election as a condition of receiving preferential access to City-owned infrastructure, curb space, and loading zones, and not as a condition of operating autonomous passenger service in the City under state authority; including performance metrics, service obligations, enforcement mechanisms, and termination provisions;
 - c. A proposed Mobility Equity Grid identifying corridors, stops, and destinations where service shall be prioritized to reach seniors, persons with disabilities, low-income residents, transit deserts, medical facilities, pharmacies, grocery stores, and community centers;
 - d. A proposed Mobility Equity Fund and enabling revenue mechanism, which may include a generally applicable business license tax on autonomous passenger service operators consistent with California Public Utilities Code section 5371.4 and Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 9.04;
 - e. A proposed curb-management framework under California Vehicle Code sections 21101 and 22507 designating autonomous passenger loading zones and associated encroachment standards pursuant to Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 16.18;
 - f. A proposed pilot program covering no fewer than two (2) commercial corridors and no more than two (2) initial operators; and
 - g. Proposed implementation budget, staffing model, and funding strategy that identifies which tasks can be performed by the selected proposer, which require limited City oversight, and which may be funded through operator participation, grants, philanthropic support, university partnerships, or other non-General Fund sources.

Unscheduled Items

3. Direct staff to engage with AC Transit, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 192, and workforce partners to ensure that PACT implementation supplements, and does not replace, fixed-route public transit service, and to propose transit-worker protections and workforce development pathways for transit employees, including integration with the Zero Emission Bus University (ZEBU) program.
4. Adopt a policy of the Berkeley City Council supporting California state legislation that affirms and expands local authority over the deployment of autonomous passenger services, including the reintroduction and enactment of legislation similar to SB 915 (Cortese, 2023–2024), and direct the City Manager to communicate that support to the Berkeley legislative delegation.
5. Adopt the policy finding that Berkeley’s curb space, passenger loading zones, rights-of-way, and city-owned mobility infrastructure shall be allocated to autonomous mobility operators on terms that advance community benefit, equity, public safety, climate resilience, and the preservation of public transit service.
6. Direct the City Manager and the Office of Economic Development to include in the RFP an economic participation strategy that invites proposers to identify local hiring, apprenticeship pathways, per-trip contributions to the Mobility Equity Fund, private-sector funding, and partnerships with community-based organizations.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, District 3, (510) 981-7130

Items for Future Agendas

- None

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 3:13 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 September 16, 2026.

Denise Burgara, Assistant City Clerk

Communications

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