SAFE STREETS CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (SSCOC)
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 22, 2026
6:00 PM

North Berkeley Senior Center, Gooseberry Room, 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley, CA 94709

Commission Members:

Chair Douglas Legg, Vice-Chair Vacant, Commissioner Naveen Gattu, Commissioner Ben Gerhardstien, Commissioner Rena Fischer, Commissioner Sybil Hatch, Commissioner Michael (Misha) Kesselman, Commissioner Liza Lutzker

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Preliminary Matters

Call to Order- 6:04PM

Roll Call

Commissioners present: Fischer, Gattu, Gerhardstein, Hatch, Legg, Lutzker, and Kesselman (arrived at 6:23PM)

Commissioners absent: None

City Staff present: Jamie Parks, Director of Public Works; Wahid Amiri, Deputy Director of Public Works (remote); Jeff Glover, Administrative and Fiscal Service Manager (remote); Kenneth Jung, Supervising Civil Engineer; Tucker Brofft, Senior Management Analyst (remote); Candise Almendral, Program Manager (Commission Secretary)

Land Acknowledgement Statement: *The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the*

Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

Two public comments.

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Commission's consideration and approval.

1. **Minutes of June 10, 2026 Meeting**
   From: Commission Secretary
   Recommendation: Approve the draft minutes of the June 10, 2026 meeting.

   ACTION: M/S/C(Gerhardstein/Hatch) To approve and adopt the Draft Meeting minutes from the June 10, 2026 meeting with no corrections.

   Voice Vote: Ayes: 6; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Kesselman

   No public comment on this item.

Chairperson's Report

The Commission Chair may make announcements or provide information to the Commission in the form of an oral report. The Commission will not take action on such items but may request the items be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

Introduced Public Works Director, Jamie Parks, who joined the City in August 2026.

Introduced new Transportation and Infrastructure Commission appointed commissioner, Naveen Gattu.

Announced Vice Chair Arsh Singh Hothi resignation due to moving out of the City.

Reordered the agenda: Item 4 Review draft Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Report and Information Report to City Council and Item 5 Review draft Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Workplan Information Report to City Council switched. Commission Action Items listed in commission minutes reflect this change (numbering is intentionally out of order).

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Commission Action Items

The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. Following review and discussion of the items listed below, the Commission may continue an item to a future Commission meeting. ***No Action can be taken on items that are not noticed on the published agenda.***

2. Fiscal Year 26-27 Officer Election:
From: Secretary
Recommendation: Nominate and elect a Chair and Vice Chair to serve for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

ACTION: M/S/C(Hatch/Gerhardstein) To nominate current Chair Legg to a second, consecutive term as commission chair.

No other nominations for Chair.

Voice Vote to confirm Chair Legg: Ayes: 6; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Kesselman

No public comment on this item

ACTION: M/S/C(Gattu/Lutzker) To nominate current Commissioner Gattu as Vice Chair.

No other nominations for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Kesselman arrives.

Voice Vote to confirm Vice Chair Gattu: Ayes: 6; Noes: none; Abstain: Kesselman; Absent: none

No public comment on this item.

3. Discussion and adoption of 2027 Meeting Calendar
From: Secretary
Recommendation: Review proposed meeting calendar options, discuss, and adopt a 2027 meeting calendar

ACTION: M/S/C(Fischer/Hatch) To adopt the 2027 meeting calendar of generally, the 3rd Monday of each quarter (January 25, April 19, July 19, October 25).

Voice Vote: Ayes: 7; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none

One public comment (unrelated to this item) regarding accessibility.

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5. Review draft Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Workplan Report and Information Report to City Council

From: Workplan subcommittee

Recommendation: Review and approve the 2026-2027 Workplan and information report to City Council.

No public comment on this item.

ACTION: M/S/C(Gerhardstein/Hatch) To adopt the FY27 Workplan as amended. Amendments include: standardized references to the fiscal years to the second year with the exception of the 4th bulleted item listed in December/January/February 2027; define fiscal year parenthetically as July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027 in the SUMMARY section; remove 3rd bulleted item listed in October 2026; add Officer Election item in April/May 2027.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 7; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none

ACTION: M/S/C(Legg/Kesselman) To appoint Commissioners Fischer, Gattu, Gerhardstein to the Planned Project Implementation ad hoc subcommittee.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 7; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none

ACTION: M/S/C(Legg/Hatch) To appoint Chair Legg and Commissioners Hatch and Lutzker to the Project Evaluation ad hoc subcommittee.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 7; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none

4. Review draft Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Report and Information Report to City Council

From: Annual Report subcommittee

Recommendation: Review and approve the 2025-2026 Annual Report and information report to City Council.

One public comment on this item.

ACTION: M/S/C(Lutzker/Kesselman) To direct the Annual Report subcommittee to incorporate the commission's suggested edits to the draft FY26 Annual Report and return with an updated draft at the January 25, 2027 meeting. Edits include: noting ad hoc subcommittees described in the FY27 Workplan; remove item listed as recommendation (1) reallocate funds for proposed planning and study projects to advance more paving, sidewalk repair, and safety projects (pages 5-7 of the draft annual report); clarify comments referencing alignment with city paving policy (item listed as recommendation (2), page 8 of the draft annual report) to specify its assessment during the next budget cycle; remove paragraph referencing further recommendation to provide cost comparison of mobilizing to pave smaller street segments thereby avoiding green infrastructure requirements (page 8 of the draft annual report); add baseline information about current

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Pavement Condition Index (PCI), collisions, and sidewalks; add a column to the financial summary table for “target percentage” for each allocation; not street and sidewalk expenditures will be separate; refer to the city fund called Measure FF Street Repair as Measure FF SAFE STREETS or similar; note the annual report is as of June 30, 2026 and unaudited; include comments about leveraging or combining Measure FF funds with other funding sources; standardized references to the fiscal years to the second year (FY26)

Voice Vote: Ayes: 7; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none

ACTION: M/S/C(Legg/Lutzker) To extend the meeting to 8:15PM

Voice Vote: Ayes: 7; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none

Information Items

6. Update on administration and program
From: Staff

Adjournment- 8:15PM

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Commission Secretary Candise Almendral
Program Manager, Department of Public Works

Communications

1. **BAROW Comments on Hopkins Proposal** Lisa Chow on behalf of Berkeleyans for Accessible Rights-of-Way (BAROW)
2. **Measure FF spending on Berkeley's paths** Janet Byron
3. **Draft Safety and Environmental Justice Elements** Katie Van Dyke

   SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL AFTER AGENDA POSTING AND DISTRUBTED IN-PERSON AT THE OCTOBER 22, 2026 MEETING

4. **Written comment for the October 22, 2026 SSCOC meeting, Items 3, 4, 5 and Communications** Steve Kromer

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