



**CITY / UC / STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING**

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, Sept 17, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Committee Members (10): ✓=Present

Representing	Committee Member
Council District 4	Councilmember Igor Tregub ✓
Council District 6	Councilmember Brent Blackaby ✓
Council District 7 (Meeting Chair)	Councilmember Cecilia Lunaparra ✓
Council District 8	Councilmember Mark Humbert ✓
Mayor (Alternate)	Mayor Adena Ishii
UC Berkeley	Alfred Day, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Support and Belonging
UC Berkeley	Ruben Lizardo, Director, Local Government and Community Relations ✓
ASUC Undergraduate	Calvin Yang, External Affairs Vice President, ASUC ✓
ASUC Undergraduate	Sanjna Shah, Local Government Relations Director, ASUC ✓
Graduate Assembly	Jose Aguilar, External Affairs Vice President, Graduate Assembly ✓
Graduate Assembly	Norris Davis, Legislative Director, Office of the External Affairs Vice President, Graduate Assembly ✓

AGENDA

1. Roll Call – 11:04 AM
 - a. Chair Lunaparra stated that the Committee would hear agenda item 7 (Use of LRDP Settlement funds) prior to item 6 (Euclid Avenue improvement

plans – updates and discussion). There were no objections from the Committee members to this proposal.

2. Public Comment on non-agenda matters

- a. Eleven members of the public were present for the meeting.
- b. One member of the public provided public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes from the May 15, 2025 Meeting

- a. **M/S/C Humbert/Tregub** to approve minutes of May 15, 2025 as written.
- b. Vote:

Ayes: Tregub, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Day, Lizardo, Yang, Shah, Aguilar, Davis

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Day

4. Scooters and Bicycles in the City/Campus interface – policies and infrastructure

- a. Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember for District 7, gave brief opening remarks for this item. Discussion on the issue focused on:
 - Media and education campaigns to students and the public regarding safe use of micromobility devices and appropriate places to park them;
 - The Campus decision to geofence micromobility devices anywhere on campus (for liability and safety reasons) and the negative, unintended consequences that Campus geofencing has having on areas of the City that directly interface with the Campus, including inappropriate parking of the devices and congested use on sidewalks and other unsafe places.
 - The installation of additional infrastructure for micromobility parking, including smart locations for such parking corrals (e.g., near transit stops) and who should pay for such infrastructure; possible sources mentioned were LRDP funding (though various committee members disagreed with this as a good use of those generally-oversubscribed funds) and direct charges/fees to the micromobility vendors themselves;

- Changing the behaviors of micromobility users with the application of both carrots (e.g., incentives to park the devices appropriately) and sticks (e.g., targeted and isolated enforcement by UCPD/BPD);
 - Working with micromobility vendors themselves to build behavior-change incentives into the apps directly (e.g., creating free rides for repeated appropriate parking of the devices; geofenced parking locations for the devices; etc.)
 - Staff perspective from City of Berkeley Public Works included the need to balance the pros of micromobility device usage (consistent with Berkeley's sustainability goals) against the cons of improper use, and the considerations that overregulating the cons may have unintended consequences on the pros; the need to do smart, long-term analysis of options and not rush to solutions; and the efforts the City is already taking to analyze solutions for the problem.
- b. **M/S/C Tregub/Humbert** to affirm that it is the sense of the 4x6 Committee to explore partnerships between City of Berkeley, the UC, and the student community related to micromobility issues, to include but not be limited to education, additional infrastructure, and enforcement as needed; that funding for implementations of such initiatives should be equitably distributed between the City of Berkeley and the UC, and where possible, contributions from the micromobility vendors themselves; and to encourage the UC to explore a variety of tailored approaches to geofencing such as allowing vendor-based micromobility devices in the same place as where other micromobility devices are allowed
- c. Vote:
- Ayes: Tregub, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Yang, Shah, Aguilar, Davis
- Noes: None
- Abstain: Lizardo*
- Absent: Day
- * *Director Lizardo expressed support for the motion but stated that, per his position, he does not take votes on such matters*

5. Scheduling fixed dates and times for future 4x6 Committee meetings.

- a. Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember for District 7, gave brief opening remarks for this item. The Committee Secretary described the administrative burden to staff and Committee members alike of needing to

schedule each instance of these meetings individually, and the benefits of having regular, predictable meeting times for the meetings moving forward.

- b. **M/S/C Lunaparra/Tregub** to set the following fixed schedule for future meetings of the 4x6 Committee:

- Fourth Fridays in September, February, and April from 11 am to 1 pm;
- Third Fridays in November from 11 am – 1 pm

- c. Vote:

Ayes: Tregub, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Yang, Shah, Aguilar, Davis

Noes: None

Abstain: Lizardo*

Absent: Day

** Director Lizardo expressed support for the motion but stated that, per his position, he does not take votes on such matters*

6. Use of LRDP Settlement Funds

- a. Various Committee members described their priorities for future use of LRDP funding. These included:

- Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember for District 7, explained that her number one priority was for a car-free Telegraph Ave., and continued funding for the Sacred Rest Drop-In Center;
- Mark Humbert, Councilmember for District 8, focused on the traffic hazards posed by the Warring corridor, including the intersections of Warring and Parker as well as Warring, Piedmont, and Dwight; the design for the latter is outdated and creating confusion and traffic dangers;
- Sanjna Shah, Local Government Relations Director, ASUC, stated that she would like to see increased street lighting at the corner of Telegraph and Channing, installed in a dark-sky friendly manner;
- Brent Blackaby, Councilmember for District 6, stated his desire to see continued investments in infrastructure improvements, beautification, and place-making for the Northside commercial corridor on Euclid, especially at the intersection with Hearst;
- Calvin Yang, External Affairs Vice President, ASUC described the problematic crosswalks at Berkeley Way and Shattuck, where there are two pedestrian crosswalks, only one of which has lighting strips

to alert oncoming traffic; and also described the need to provide funding for student housing who cannot afford to comply with the City's new EMBER standards;

- Igor Tregub, Councilmember for District 4, stated his willingness to connect with the Office of the ASUC EAVP to discuss the Shattuck intersection, providing it is within the City/Campus interface area, as this was consistent with previous budget referrals for crosswalk improvements on Shattuck from his office; desired funding to support the implementation of Oxford for All, including quick-builds where feasibility allows for it; and improved placemaking and pedestrianization for Center St between Oxford and Shattuck.
- Ruben Lizardo, Director, Local Government and Community, discussed the need to balance LRDP funds against City funding for street-lighting improvement projects, and discussed the Campus' investments in on-campus lighting improvements; and the importance of avoiding the complications that complete streets infrastructure on Bancroft and Bowditch has had on traffic in the area, and the importance of avoiding/being aware of similar possible complications in the Oxford corridor if and as that construction takes place;
- Public Works Transportation staff provided a presentation about the Zachary's corner improvements, overviewing redesign alternatives which include removing slip lane, traffic circle, raised crosswalk, and reconfiguration of the intersection, and the predicted timeline for next steps.

- b. This was a discussion-only item and so no action was taken by the Committee.

7. Euclid Avenue improvement plans – updates and discussion

- a. Brent Blackaby, Councilmember for District 6, gave a brief introduction to the item and with the support of Public Works Transportation staff discussed the two phases of the improvement plan design: Phase 1 being to move garbage receptacles off the Euclid right-of-way, including the current efforts to locate and cost-estimate alternate locations for a trash corral; and Phase 2 being beautification, tree-planting, and general placemaking. It was suggested and discussed that the City seek formal UC approval to use the alley between Euclid Ave commercial buildings and the Lower Hearst Parking Structure, even as the City continues to evaluate other options based on cost and feasibility.

- b. This was a discussion-only item and so no action was taken by the Committee.
- 8. Future Meetings and Agenda Items:
 - Next Meeting Date: November 21, 2025, 11 am – 1 pm
 - Next Meeting Facilitator: Calvin Yang, ASUC EAVP, was suggested to serve as next Chair.
 - Potential topics for future meetings:
 - Local Government Relations Director, ASUC Shah recommended two future items:
 - Discussion of the City of Berkeley's EMBER initiative, including campus implementation and support
 - Fire safety for Northside student housing
 - Igor Tregub, District 4 Councilmember suggested re-agendizing the discussion on micromobility issues at the next meeting.
- 9. Adjournment
 - a. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.