



SAFE STREETS CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 22, 2026

6:00 - 8:00 PM

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Elis Street, Berkeley, CA
Conference Room B

AGENDA

A. Preliminary Business

1. Call to order: 6:17PM
2. Land Acknowledgement (Attachment 1)
3. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Rena Fischer, Zachary Fraser (Alternate), Ben Gerhardstein, Sybil Hatch, Arsh Singh Hothi, Douglas Legg
Commissioner Absent: Misha Kesselman (Seeking Excused Absence); Liza Lutzker (Seeking Excused Absence)

City Staff Present: Wahid Amiri, Interim Director of Public Works; Amanda Montez, Senior Management Analyst in Public Works (Commission Secretary); Noah Budnick, Senior Management Analyst in Public Works; Candise Almendral, Project Manager 1 in Public Works; Manoj Ma.

4. Public comment on items not on the agenda
No speakers

B. Discussion/Action Items

5. Adoption of the minutes from 11/19 Meeting (Attachment 2)
No Pubic Comment

ACTION: M/S/C (Hothi/Hatch) To approve and adopt the Draft Meeting minutes from November 19, 2025, with no corrections.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Kesselman and Lutzker

6. Discussion and potential adoption of Chair and Vice Chair Election Schedule that meets fiscal year calendar- *Secretary*
No Public Comment

ACTION: M/S/C (Hothi/Gerhardstein) To open Discussion.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Kesselman and Lutzker

ACTION: M/S/C (Hothi/Gerhardstein) To close Discussion.
Voice Vote: Ayes: 6; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Kesselman and Lutzker

ACTION: M/S/C (Fischer/Gerhardstein) To adopt a Chair and Vice Chair Election Schedule that mirrors the fiscal year calendar.
Voice Vote: Ayes: 6; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Kesselman and Lutzker

7. Potential Election of Chair and Vice Chair- *Secretary*
No Public Comment
No Action taken, due to previous action to shift elections to mirror fiscal year calendar.

8. Vote to retain May 6, 2026 meeting day or shift to later date- *Secretary*
No Public Comment.
ACTION: M/S/C (Legg/Hothi) To open Discussion.
Voice Vote: Ayes: 6; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Kesselman and Lutzker

ACTION: M/S/C (Gerhardstein/Hothi) To close Discussion.
Voice Vote: Ayes: 6; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Kesselman and Lutzker

ACTION: M/S/C (Fischer/Gerhardstein) To take a poll of commissioners to find a date in June that is prior to the adoption of the City Budget and can accommodate remote attendance.
Voice Vote: Ayes: 6; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Kesselman and Lutzker

C. Information Items (90 minutes)

(Item 10 presented first)

9. Informational Presentation on framework for meeting the pavements condition, sidewalk repair, and fatal and severe crashes in the City.- *Candise Almendral, Program Manager, Measure FF (Attachment 3)*
Public Comment: 2

ACTION: M/S/C (Gerhardstein/Hothi) To open Discussion.
Voice Vote: Ayes: 6; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Kesselman and Lutzker

ACTION: M/S/C (Gerhardstein/Hothi) At 7:52 to extend meeting until 8:15PM.
Voice Vote: Ayes: 6; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Kesselman and Lutzker

ACTION: M/S/C (Hothi /Gerhardstein) To close Discussion.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Kesselman and Lutzker

10. Informational Presentation on filling positions in Public Works Measure FF staffing plan and expenditures on projects which received funding from City Council in the FY 2025-26 budget.- *Wahid Amiri, Interim Director, Public Works*
No Public Comment.

ACTION: M/S/C (Hothi/Hatch) To open Discussion.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Kesselman and Lutzker

ACTION: M/S/C (Hothi/Hatch) To close Discussion.

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Kesselman and Lutzker

D. Items for Future Agendas

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

- a. Informational Presentation on Review of the FY 2027-31 CIP projects related to streets, sidewalks, safety improvements and environmental enhancements. (*Pending Council adoption of FY 2027-31 CIP- Meeting date uncertain*)

Public Comment: 3

E. Communications

F. Adjournment- 8:06PM

Attachments:

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Minutes from November 19, 2025, Meeting
3. Draft Measure FF Pavement Rehabilitation Policy
4. Communications

ADDITIONAL ATTACHMENTS FOR MINUTES-

1. Presentation for Item 9
2. Presentation on Item 10

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Commission Secretary Amanda Montez
Senior Management Analyst, Department of Public Works