



**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021

Consistent with the California Governor’s Executive Order No. N-29-20, Resolution No. 79450 from the City of San José and the Santa Clara County Health Officer’s March 16, 2020 Shelter in Place Order, the City Council meeting was not physically open to the public. Public comments were accepted via eComment, email, by phone/Webinar or online.

The Council meeting was teleconferenced from remote locations and convened at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers - Davis, Cohen, Peralez, Foley.

Absent: Councilmembers - Esparza.

Staff: Office of the City Manager, Chief of Staff, Lee Wilcox; City Attorney’s Office, Kevin Fisher; Mayor’s Office, Scott Green; City Clerk, Toni Taber; and City Clerk’s Office, Yasmin Johnson.

B. Review of Work Plan

None presented.

C. Consent Calendar

1. Airport Commission Annual Report and Work Plan. (Consent Calendar) (Airport)

Public Comments: (1) Caller ‘5140’ addressed the need for an updated and modernized San José Airport. (2) Paul Soto spoke to the disconnect of the memorandum and the Work Plan. (3) Roland spoke on airport connectors, the Las Vegas Convention Center, and the need for safe tunnel evacuation exits in case of fires. (4) Blair Beekman spoke to the runway maintenance, security, and long-term issues of various airports and natural disaster preparedness.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember David Cohen and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the Airport Commission

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C.1 (Cont'd.)

Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and approved the Airport Commission Work Plan for 2021-2022 to comply with the City Municipal Code pertaining to Boards and Commissions, detailing the status of the City's backlog of capital infrastructure repair, maintenance and replacement needs. (4-0-1. Absent: Esparza)

D. Reports to Committee

1. City Roadmap: Regional Transportation Activities Quarterly Report. (Transportation)

Public Comments: (1) Caller '5140' addressed the high-speed rail construction costs and mass transit issues. (2) Roland addressed noise concerns in his neighborhood caused by the trains nearby, federal funding programs, the budget decision being delayed by the Governor, and the Diridon Station. (3) Paul Soto spoke to the developments in Downtown San José and the need for historical landmark protections. (4) Blair Beekman spoke to train track systems and the importance of funding transportation issues regarding data collection in San José.

Deputy Director, Department of Transportation, Jessica Zenk; and Director, Department of Transportation, John Ristow offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the verbal quarterly report on regional transportation funding, programs, and projects of interest to the City of San José involving regional, state, and federal agencies such as the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), Caltrain, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, California High Speed Rail Authority, and the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans), as part of the approved City Roadmap for 2021-2022. (4-0-1. Absent: Esparza)

2. City Roadmap: Lowering PG&E Above Market Costs for Clean Energy. (Community Energy)

Public Comment: (1) Paul Soto spoke to the funding of subsidy programs, the need for advocacy, and grant money allocations. (2) Caller '5140' spoke to conserving energy and the taxes on utility bills. (3) Roland spoke to massive fires in California, PG&E gas line concerns, and utility bill concerns. (4) Blair Beekman spoke to Federal subsidy programs, AB1139, and natural disaster preparedness.

Director, Community Energy Department, Lori Mitchell; Assistant Director, Community Energy Department, Zach Struyk; and Division Manager, Community Energy Department, Kari Smith offered the presentation and responded to questions.

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D.2 (Cont'd.)

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember David Cohen, seconded by Councilmember Raul Peralez and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on Lowering PG&E Above Market Costs for Clean Energy as part of the approved City Roadmap for 2021-2022. (4-0-1. Absent: Esparza)

•Open Forum

1. Paul Soto addressed the need for translation services at meetings, grant money allocations, and the South Bay Labor Council.
2. Blair Beekman addressed Zoom interpretation fees, fossil fuels, federal funding in 2023, and expanding community energy.
3. Roland spoke on airport connectors, Bay Area Solution services, and underground railway track platforms.

•Adjournment

Councilmember Dev Davis adjourned the Transportation and Environment Committee Meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Dev Davis, Chair
Transportation and Environment Committee

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