

**MINUTES OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024**

The Committee meeting was held in the Council Chambers and convened at 1:30 p.m.

**Present:** Councilmembers - Cohen, Davis, Foley, Ortiz, Candelas.

**Absent:** Councilmembers - All present.

**Staff:** Deputy City Manager, Kip Harkness; Senior Deputy City Attorney, Colleen Winchester;  
Council Aide, Faye Garcia; and Deputy City Clerk, Yasmin Johnson.

**B. Review of Work Plan**

**1. Climate Smart San José Zero Waste Element Status Report.**

Public Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Dev Davis, and carried unanimously, the Committee *dropped* the item per the September 4, 2024 Rules (ROGC) Committee. (5-0-0)

**2. Transportation and Environment Committee Work Plan Update.**

Public Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Dev Davis, and carried unanimously, the Committee *deferred* the item to the December 2, 2024 T&E Committee meeting. (5-0-0)

**C. Consent Calendar**

None provided.

## **D. Reports to Committee**

### **1. Climate Smart San José Plan Semi-Annual Report. (Environmental Services)**

Julie Benabente, Deputy Director, Environmental Services Department (ESD); Anne Balis, Supervising Environmental Services Specialist, ESD; Kate Ziemba, Senior Environmental Program Manager, Energy Department (ED); and Andrea Arjona Amador, Associate Transportation Specialist, Department of Transportation (DOT), offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: Diane Solomon provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Dev Davis, seconded by Councilmember Peter Ortiz, and carried unanimously, the Committee, (1) accepted the semi-annual report on the Climate Smart San José plan from March 2024 through August 2024, and (2) *referred* the item to the October 29, 2024 City Council meeting for consideration. (5-0-0)

### **2. Vehicle Concerns and Service Improvements Status Report.**

John Ristow, Director, (DOT); Jim Bersig, Assistant CIO, Information Technology Department (ITD); Arian Collen, Division Manager, DOT; Namrata Batra Agrawal, Products and Projects Manager, ITD; and Heather Hoshii, Deputy Director, DOT, offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Domingo Candelas, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on response to vehicle concerns and service improvements that achieve prioritized outcomes and resident satisfaction goals. (5-0-0)

## **• Open Forum**

1. Harry Neil spoke to carbon neutrality goals, his concerns, and lack of funding.

## **• Adjournment**

Councilmember David Cohen adjourned the Transportation and Environment Committee Meeting at 2:51 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared, and Respectfully Submitted by,

*Yasmin Johnson*

---

Yasmin Johnson,  
Deputy City Clerk, City of San José

Approved at Council on:

Attest By:

---

Toni J. Taber, MMC  
City Clerk, City of San José