



**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023

The Transportation and Environment Committee of the City of San José convened at 1:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilmembers - Foley.

Staff: Office of the City Manager, Rob Lloyd; City Attorney Office, Colleen Winchester; Mayor’s Office, Faye Garcia; and City Clerk’s Office, Grace Turner.

B. Review of Work Plan

Public Comment: Blair Beekman offered public comment.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Peter Ortiz, seconded by Councilmember Domingo Candelas, and carried unanimously, the Committee deferred the Community Forest Management Plan and Urban Forestry Annual Report (Item D.1) to the June 5, 2023, Transportation and Environment Committee and moved the City Initiatives Roadmap: Regional Transportation Activities Semi-Annual Report (Item D.2) from the June 5, 2023, to the May 1, 2023, Transportation and Environment Committee. (4-0-1. Absent: Foley.)

**1. Community Forest Management Plan and Urban Forestry Annual Report.
(Transportation)**

Defer an annual report from the May 1, 2023, to the June 5, 2023, Transportation and Environment Committee meeting on the Community Forest Management Plan and Urban Forestry and its partners in advancing urban forestry goals and increasing the tree canopy.

2. City Initiatives Roadmap: Regional Transportation Activities Semi-Annual Report. (Transportation)

Move a semi-annual report from the June 5, 2023 to the May 1, 2023 Transportation and Environment Committee meeting 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, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, California High Speed Rail Authority, and the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans), as part of the approved City Initiatives Roadmap for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

C. Consent Calendar

1. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program Semi-Annual Status Report. (Planning, Building and Code Enforcement)

Public Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Dev Davis, seconded by Councilmember Domingo Candelas, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted a semi-annual status report on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the period of October 2022 through March 2023. (4-0-1. Absent: Foley.)

D. Reports to Committee

1. Community Forest Management Plan and Urban Forestry Annual Report. (Transportation)

DEFERRED

2. City Initiatives Roadmap: Regional Transportation Activities Semi-Annual Report. (Transportation)

Caltrain's Executive Director Michelle Bouchard and Chief Communications Officer Casey Fromson provided the presentation and responded to questions with Department of Transportation Deputy Director Jessica Zenk.

Public Comments: Paul Soto and Blair Beekman offered public comments.

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D.2 (Cont'd.)

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Dev Davis, seconded by Councilmember Peter Ortiz, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted a semi-annual 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, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, California High Speed Rail Authority, and the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans), as part of the approved City Initiatives Roadmap for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. [Pending Committee approval; this will be moved from the June 5, 2023, Transportation and Environment Committee Work Plan to the May 1, 2023, Transportation and Environment Committee Agenda] (4-0-1. Absent: Foley.)

3. **City Initiatives Roadmap: Vision Zero Traffic Safety Status Report. (Transportation)**

Division Zero Manager Jesse Mintz-Roth provided the presentation and responded to questions with Director of Transportation John Ristow and San José Police Department Lieutenant Nqui Scherry.

Public Comments: Blair Beekman and Rob Moore offered public comments.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Peter Ortiz, seconded by Councilmember Dev Davis, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted a status report on Vision Zero Traffic Safety as part of the approved City Initiatives Roadmap for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. (4-0-1. Absent: Foley.)

4. **City Initiatives Roadmap: BeautifySJ Vehicle Blight Status Report. (Transportation/Information Technology/Police/Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services/Planning, Building and Code Enforcement)**

Director of Transportation John Ristow; Information Technology Department Chief Information Officer Khaled Tawfik; Information Technology Department Division Head Heather Hoshii; Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services BeautifySJ Division Manager Olympia Williams; and City Manager's Office Chief Intergovernmental Relations Officer Zane Barnes provided the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comments: Paul Soto and Blair Beekman offered public comments.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Dev Davis, seconded by Councilmember Domingo Candelas, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted a status report on BeautifySJ Vehicle Blight analysis, design, and testing work to improve vehicle complaint case handling, coordinating cross-department response, and outcomes as part of the approved City Initiatives Roadmap for 2022-2023 and cross-referenced the report to the May 16, 2023, City Council Meeting. (4-0-1. Absent: Foley.)

- **Open Forum**

1. Paul Soto spoke on their memory abilities and diligence in attending Council and Council Committee meetings.
2. Blair Beekman expressed concern on the potential local impacts of the State of California's intervention in the fentanyl issues in San Francisco.

- **Adjournment**

Councilmember David Cohen adjourned the Committee meeting at 3:34 p.m.



Grace Turner
Deputy City Clerk, City of San José