



**MINUTES OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

**COVID-19 NOTICE**

*Consistent with AB 361 and City of San Jose Resolution Nos. 79485, 80237, 80266, 80290, 80323, and 80343, this meeting will not be physically open to the public and the Transportation and Environment Committee Members will be teleconferencing from remote locations.*

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

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

Absent: Councilmembers - All Present.

Staff: City Manager's Office, Kip Harkness; City Attorney's Office, Colleen Winchester; 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**

None presented.

**D. Reports to Committee**

**1. Status Report on Solid Waste Programs. (Environmental Services)**

Director, Environmental Services Department, Kerrie Romanow; Deputy Director, Environmental Services Department, Valerie Osmond; and Public Information Manager, Environmental Services Department, Jennie Loft offered the presentation and responded to questions.

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## **D.1 (Cont'd.)**

Public Comments: Tessa Woodmansee, Paul Soto, Jill Borders, and Blair Beekman provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember David Cohen and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on the Solid Waste Program, including residential and commercial recycling and solid waste collection programs and the local state of recycling, and the Recycle Right Public Outreach Program. (5-0.)

### **2. Potential Microgrids at Critical Facilities Evaluation Status Report. (Public Works)**

Deputy Director of Public Works, Walter Lin; Director of Public Works, Matt Cano; and City Manager's Office, Kip Harkness offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: Tessa Woodmansee, Blair Beekman, Brian, Edgar Arellano, and Paul Soto offered public comment regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on the evaluation of potential microgrids at critical facilities. (5-0.)

### **3. City Roadmap: Regional Transportation Activities Quarterly Report. (Transportation)**

Division Manager, Zahir Gulzadah; Senior Engineer, Neil Ong; Northern California Regional Director, CA High Speed Rail Authority, Boris Lipkin; Senior Transportation Specialist, Brian Stanke; and Deputy Director, Jessica Zenk offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: Tessa Woodmansee, Edgar Arellano, Caller 'User-1', Blair Beekman, and Jill Borders, provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember David Cohen and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on regional transportation funding, programs, and projects of interest to the City of San José involving other regional, state, and federal agencies such as the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the 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)

• **Open Forum**

1. Tessa Woodmansee suggested that all local farmers markets should accept Electronic Benefit Transfer Cards (EBT) and stressed the importance of bike lanes.
2. Blair Beekman addressed Vision Zero ideas, law enforcement questions, surveillance technology, and accountability practices.
3. Call in 'User-1' spoke to gun control and graffiti issues.
4. Jill Borders spoke to the Evergreen Farmers Market, ideas on affordable housing community spaces, and economic developments.

• **Adjournment**

Councilmember Dev Davis adjourned the Transportation and Environment Committee Meeting at 4:15 p.m.

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Dev Davis, Chair  
Transportation and Environment Committee