

**MINUTES OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA                      MONDAY, MAY 3, 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, Esparza, Peralez, Foley.

Absent: Councilmembers - All Present.

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**

**1. Municipal Regional Stormwater NPDES Permit Status Report. (Environmental Services)**

Public Comments: Blair Beekman thanked the staff for letting him briefly speak on the deferred item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember David Cohen and carried unanimously, the Committee deferred the status report regarding the new Municipal Regional Stormwater NPDES Permit currently scheduled for Regional Water Quality Control Board adoption in Fall 2021 to the June 7, 2021 Transportation & Environment Committee meeting. (5-0.)

**C. Consent Calendar**

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

Public Comments: Blair Beekman spoke to air quality monitoring, data collection, and ways open public policies can be utilized to make technology appear less secretive.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the semi-annual status report on the City of San José's CEQA Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the period of October 2020 to March 2021. (5-0.)

**D. Reports to Committee**

**1. Annual Transportation System Safety Report and Vision Zero Update. (Transportation)**

Public Comments: (1) Blair Beekman spoke on San José's use of surveillance technology, civil rights, 4G and 5G network technology, neighborhood safety issues, and open public policies. (2) John Cordes thanked the staff for funding the Vision Zero Program, asked for an increase of funding for the program, and urged staff to support AB 1238. (3) Nikita Sinha, from California Walks Organization spoke on last year's improvements, requested additional funding, and urged staff to support AB 1238. (4) Victoria Partida spoke on the passing of her mother who lived in District 7 and urged staff to support infrastructure improvements. (5) Brian Preskitt, member of the Silicon Valley Biking Coalition expressed the impact the Vision Zero Project has had on his life, and requested for a 5.5 million budget increase. (6) Josh Quigley, from Save the Bay thanked staff for the Vision Zero investments, requested improvements of the roadways designs, and requested additional funding. (7) Theresa Do urged staff to allocate a 5 million dollar budget. (8) Blythe Young spoke on cardiovascular health and requested that staff approve and expand the second year of Vision Zero Funding. (8) Prince Sahota spoke to his research regarding greenhouse gases contributing to climate change and public health. (9) Caller '5140' spoke to the construction of the roadways, potholes, and car damages as a result of poor road construction.

Director, Department of Transportation, John Ristow; Vision Zero Program Manager, Department of Transportation, Jesse Mintz-Roth; Program Manager, Department of Transportation, Lily Lim-Tsao; and San José Police Department Lieutenant, David Anaya offered the presentation and responded to questions.

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

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the Annual Transportation System Safety Report and Vision Zero Update, and the update on the Council Policy Priority for Council Policy 5-6, Traffic Calming Policy for Residential Neighborhoods. (5-0.)

### **2. Climate Smart San José Plan Semi-Annual Update. (Environmental Services)**

Public Comment: (1) Prince Sahota spoke to his studies and research regarding Bloom Energy and CO2 omissions. (2) Caller '5140' spoke on red light cameras. (3) Susan Butler-Graham spoke to efforts making San José a sustainable city, her concerns of recent greenhouse gas increases, and funding allocations. (4) Blair Beekman spoke on subsidy programs and renewable energy ideas. (5) Hoai-An Trung spoke to greenhouse emissions, climate smart goals, and requested allocating additional funds.

Director, Environmental Services Department, Kerrie Romanow; Interim Deputy Director, Environmental Services Department, Julie Benabente; and Division Manager, Department of Transportation, Ramses Madou offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember David Cohen, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the update on Climate Smart San José activities and cross-referenced it to the full Council for consideration at the May 18, 2021 City Council meeting. (5-0.)

### **3. Discharge Regulations and Future Impacts on the San José - Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility Report. (Environmental Services)**

Public Comments: (1) Blair Beekman addressed earthquake preparation and renewable energy ideas. (2) Caller '5140' spoke on wastewater preparedness, water costs, taxes, and tap water quality. (3) Prince Sahota asked if the water at the Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility is recycled, cleaned, and reused.

Director, Environmental Services Department, Kerrie Romanow; Division Manager, Jennifer Voccola-Brown; Environmental Program Manager, Eric Dunlavey; and Senior Engineer, Jason Nettleton offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember David Cohen, seconded by Councilmember Raul Peralez and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report on future wastewater discharge requirements and their potential impacts on Regional Wastewater Facility Capital Projects. (5-0.)

**4. Green Stormwater Infrastructure Implementation Update. (Public Works)**

Public Comments: (1) Blair Beekman spoke to his views and concerns of gentrification being implicated in the project, specifically in the East Side of San José. (2) Joshua Quigley spoke on the scope of the project.

Director of Public Works, Matt Cano; Acting Deputy Director of Public Works, Mathew Nguyen; and Senior Engineer of Public Works, Michael Mai offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Raul Peralez and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on the Green Stormwater Infrastructure Plan and recommendations for the investment of Measure T dollars in Green Stormwater Infrastructure Projects. (5-0.)

**5. City-Generated Tow Services Delivery Model Status Report. (Planning, Building and Code Enforcement/Police Department)**

Public Comments: (1) Blair Beekman spoke to police department collaborations, human rights practices, people living in their cars, and towing issues.

Deputy Director, Code Enforcement Department, Rachel Roberts offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember David Cohen, seconded by Councilmember Dev Davis and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report of the City-Generated Tow Services Delivery Model, the revisions to the final implementation plan of the new City-Generated Tow Services Delivery Model, and updates to the work plan timeline. (4-0-1. Absent: Esparza)

**•Open Forum**

1. Roland spoke to stormwater capture, the Santa Teresa Spring, and spring water being possibly dumped into the storm drain.
2. Blair Beekman spoke to surveillance technology, air monitoring systems, and Vision Zero issues regarding statistics.

**•Adjournment**

Councilmember Dev Davis adjourned the Transportation and Environment Committee Meeting at 4:40 p.m.