

**MINUTES OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023**

The Transportation and Environment Committee of the City of San José was held in a hybrid format, in the Council Chambers and from remote locations. The meeting convened at 1:31 p.m.

**Present:** Councilmembers - Cohen, Foley (*Virtually*), Ortiz, Candelas.

**Absent:** Councilmembers - Davis.

*Pursuant to AB2449, Councilmember Pam Foley provided notice to the Transportation and Environment Committee that she is participating virtually using the Just Cause exemption of Contagious illness or disability. This is her first of two allowed exemptions.*

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

**B. Review of Work Plan**

None presented.

**C. Consent Calendar**

None presented.

**D. Reports to Committee**

**1. City Infrastructure Strategy Quarterly Status Report.**

Deputy City Manager, Kip Harkness and Lead Resilience Strategist, Erica Garaffo offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comments: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Peter Ortiz, seconded by Councilmember Domingo Candelas, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the quarterly status report on key workstreams, project highlights, and updates on key workstreams. (4-0-1; Absent: Davis)

**2. Electric Vehicle Fleet and Charging Infrastructure Status Report.**

Climate Smart & Electric Mobility Lead, Transportation Department, Laura Stuchinsky; Deputy Director, Public Works Department, Walter Lin; and Senior Environmental Program Manager, Energy Department, Kate Ziemba offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: Jordan Moldow and Ruth M. provided public testimony regarding the item.

Councilmember David Cohen addressed inequities and barriers regarding the purchasing of Electric Charging Vehicles, and requested a further breakdown of the type of vehicles in the report to better understand the fleet.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Peter Ortiz, seconded by Councilmember Domingo Candelas, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on integrated planning, funding, and implementation efforts for electric vehicle fleet and charging infrastructure development. (4-0-1; Absent: Davis)

### **3. City Street Sweeping Performance Status Report.**

Director, Department of Transportation, John Ristow; Deputy Director, Department of Transportation, Rick Scott; Deputy Director, Department of Transportation, Heather Hoshii; Division Manager, Department of Transportation, Jennifer Seguin; and Division Manager, Department of Transportation, Eric Hon offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: Jordan Moldow and Caller 'SVBC Admin' provided public testimony regarding the item.

Councilmember Pam Foley spoke to the debris notification process sent to homeowners regarding leaves being left out too early on the street and requested that staff send Councilmembers information regarding debris risks to send along with their newsletters to residents.

Councilmember Peter Ortiz addressed District 5 street sweeping resident concerns.

Councilmember Domingo Candelas spoke to the importance of educating residents regarding street sweeping.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Peter Ortiz, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on the City's street sweeping performance. (4-0-1; Absent: Davis)

### **4. Vehicle Blight Status Report.**

Chief Information Officer, Information Technology (IT) Department, Khaled Tawfik; Director, Department of Transportation (DOT), John Ristow; Deputy Director, DOT, Heather Hoshii; and Acting Projects and Product Manager, ITD, Namrata Batra Agrawal offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: Jordan Moldow provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Domingo Candelas, seconded by Councilmember Peter Ortiz, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on vehicle blight response and services improvements that enhance prioritized outcomes and resident satisfaction. (4-0-1; Absent: Davis)

**5. Sanitary and Storm Sewer Collection System and Green Stormwater Infrastructure Status Report.**

Principal Engineer, Architect, Public Works Department, Norm Mascarinas offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Domingo Candelas, seconded by Councilmember Peter Ortiz, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on Sanitary and Storm Sewer Collection System including Green Stormwater Infrastructure. (4-0-1; Absent: Davis)

**• Open Forum**

1. Jordan Moldow spoke to the abatement notices in his neighborhood, and his concerns with them being stapled to street trees and no indication of who posted them and contact information for them.

**• Adjournment**

Councilmember David Cohen adjourned the Transportation and Environment Committee Meeting at 3:56 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared, and Respectfully Submitted by,

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