



**MINUTES OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022**

**COVID-19 NOTICE**

*Consistent with AB 361 and City of San Jose Resolution Nos. 79485, 80237, 80266, 80290, 80323, 80343, and 80363 this meeting was not physically open to the public, and the Committee Members were 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: Office of the City Manager, Kip Harkness; City Attorney's Office, Colleen Winchester; Mayor's Office, Scott Green; City Clerk, Toni Taber; and City Clerk's Office, Grace Turner.

**B. Review of Work Plan**

**1. Coyote Valley Status Report (Planning, Building and Code Enforcement)**

Public Comment: Tessa Woodmansee provided public comment.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember David Cohen and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted a deferral of the Coyote Valley Status Report to the May 2, 2022 Transportation and Environment Committee meeting. (5-0).

**C. Consent Calendar**

None provided.

**D. Reports to Committee**

**1. Revisions to the City of San Jose's Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (Environmental Services)**

Deputy Director, Environmental Services Department, Jeffrey Provenzano offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comments: Tessa Woodmansee; Blair Beekman; Call-In User\_1; and Jill Borders provided public comment.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember David Cohen, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the update on Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and referred the item for full Council consideration at the April 5th, 2022 City Council meeting to approve an ordinance amending the San José Municipal Code, Sections 15.08.500, 15.10.030, 15.10.040, 15.10.290, 15.10.300, and Chapter 15.11 of Title 15 and Sections 17.72.535 and 17.72.560 of Chapter 17.72 of Title 20 to modify the Water Efficient Landscape Standards for New and Rehabilitated Landscaping and to clarify potable water conservation standards. (4-0-1 Absent: Esparza.)

**2. City Roadmap: San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility Capital Improvement Program Semi-Annual Report (Environmental Services/ Public Works)**

Division Manager, Environmental Services Department, David Ohlson offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: Tessa Woodmansee and Blair Beekman provided public comment.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember David Cohen, seconded by Councilmember Raul Peralez and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted a semi-annual status report on the San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility Capital Improvement Program for the second half of 2021 as part of the approved City Roadmap for 2021-2022. (4-0-1 Absent: Esparza.)

**3. Pavement Maintenance Conditions, Funding, and Program Delivery Strategy Report. (Transportation)**

Director, Department of Transportation, John Ristow; Division Manager, Department of Transportation, Frank Farshidi; and Acting Senior Engineer, Department of Transportation, Anie Yeh offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: Misrayn Mendoza; Tessa Woodmansee; Blair Beekman; and Call-In User\_1 offered public comment.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley seconded by Councilmember David Cohen and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted a report on Citywide pavement conditions, funding, and the planned program delivery strategy. (4-0-1 Absent: Esparza).

**4. Move San José Citywide and Supportive Policies Report (Transportation)**

Division Manager, Department of Transportation, Ramses Madou; Associate Engineer, Department of Transportation, Agustin Cuello; and Transportation Specialist, Department of Transportation, Nick Frey offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: Tessa Woodmansee, Edgar Arellano, Call-In User\_1, Blair Beekman, and Jill Borders offered public comment.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley and carried unanimously, the Committee deferred the status report on the City's Move San José Plan, Transit First Policy, and Council Policy 5-1 update to the April 4, 2022 Transportation and Environment meeting. (3-0-2 Absent: Esparza, Cohen).

**5. Assembly Bill 43: Speed Limit Setting (Transportation)**

Division Manager, Department of Transportation, Lam Cruz and Assistant Director, Department of Transportation, Laura Wells offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: Blair Beekman; Tessa Woodmansee; California Walks – Walk San Jose, Edgar Arellano; Avery; Caller ending in –4379; Jill Borders; Misrayn Gabby Mendoza; and Call-In User\_1 provided public comment.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley seconded by Councilmember Raul Peralez and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted a verbal report on recent changes to State law that provide additional flexibility in setting speed limits. (5-0).

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

Vision Zero Manager, Department of Transportation, Jesse Mintz-Roth and Police Department, Sgt. Justin Palmer offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: Tessa Woodmansee; Caller ending in –4379; California Walks – Walk San Jose, Edgar Arellano; Blair Beekman; Jill Borders; Misrayn Gabby Mendoza; and Avery offered public comment.

Motion: Councilmember Raul Perez moved approval of the report including his memorandum, dated March 4, 2022 with direction to staff as noted below in “Action”. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley.

John Ristow, Deputy Director of Department of Transportation and staff responded to questions.

Action: On a call for the question, the motion carried unanimously, and the Committee accepted the verbal status report on Vision Zero Traffic Safety as part of the approved City Roadmap for 2021-2022, including Councilmember Raul Perez March 4, 2022 memorandum and with direction to staff to review comments as provided by Walk San Jose in response to the memo, ensuring their consideration before this item returns to full Council. (5-0).

• **Open Forum**

1. Call-In User\_1 spoke to the lack of vibrancy in downtown San Jose.
2. Tessa Woodmansee spoke to the climate crisis and the cost of the preparing a candidate statement for the office of the Mayor.
3. Misrayn Mendoza requested the opportunity to ask the committee questions with the expectation that they would also be answered.
4. Jill Borders spoke to the mobile home zoning overlay and holding developers accountable for maintaining the grounds they own throughout the planning process.

• **Adjournment**

Councilmember Dev Davis adjourned the Transportation and Environment Committee Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

*Approved by Council 4/26/2022*

Dev Davis, Chair

Transportation and Environment Committee