

**MINUTES OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022**

**COVID-19 NOTICE**

*Consistent with AB 361 and City of San Jose Resolution No. 80628, 80659, 80685, 80724, and 80758 the Transportation and Environment Committee Members may be teleconferencing from remote locations.*

The Transportation and Environment Committee Meeting was held in a hybrid format, in the Council Chambers and from remote locations. The meeting convened at 1:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilmembers - All present.

Staff: City Manager's Office, Kip Harkness; City Attorney's Office, Colleen Winchester; Scott Green, Mayor's Office; City Clerk, Toni Taber; and City Clerk's Office, Yasmin Johnson.

**B. Review of Work Plan**

None provided.

**C. Consent Calendar**

None provided.

**D. Reports to Committee**

**1. Collection and Use of Tree-Related In-Lieu Fees, Enforcement of Tree-Planting Conditions on Development, and the Cost of Tree Planting Audit Report.**

City Auditor, Joe Rois; Director, Department of Transportation, John Ristow; and Director, Planning Building and Code Enforcement Department, Chris Burton offered the presentation and responded to questions.

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

Public Comments: Blair Beekman provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report on the collection and use of tree-related in-lieu fees, enforcement of tree-planting conditions on development and the cost of tree planting audit; and cross-referenced the Item to the January 10, 2023 City Council meeting. (4-0-1. Absent: Peralez.)

### **2. Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit Reissuance.**

Director, Environmental Services Department, Kerrie Romanow; Deputy Director, Environmental Services Department, Rajani Nair; and Senior Environmental Program Manager, Environmental Services Department, Mary Morse offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comments: Blair Beekman provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the update on the status of the Municipal Regional Stormwater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit reissuance and recommend this item for full Council consideration at the January 31, 2022, City Council meeting. (4-0-1. Absent: Peralez.)

### **3. City Initiatives Roadmap: Regional Transportation Activities Semi-Annual Report.**

Director of External Affairs, VTA BART Silicon Valley Extension Program (BSV), Bernice Alaniz and Department of Transportation, Senior Engineer, Neil Ong offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comments: Blair Beekman provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the verbal 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. (4-0-1. Absent: Peralez.)

**4. Major Local Transportation Planning Status Report.**

Division Manager Planning, Policy, and Sustainability, Department of Transportation, Ramses Madou and Planning Manager, Department of Transportation, Wilson Tam offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comments: Blair Beekman and Paul Soto provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on major local transportation planning efforts being implemented in San José, including an update on the multi-jurisdictional vision, planning, and transit project development along the Stevens Creek Corridor. (5-0.)

**5. City Street Sweeping Conditions Status Report.**

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

Public Comments: Blair Beekman and Paul Soto provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Dev Davis, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on City street sweeping conditions; staff was also directed to include the following on the next report that comes back to the Transportation and Environment Committee: a cost benefit analysis and discussion on Telematics data from contractor vehicles used for street sweeping, providing information from the last 5 years, including number of enhanced sweeps, a list of the streets that got an enhanced sweeping from the previous year, and with the report to include queue of places that have been requested to have street sweeping signage, including the estimated cost to add that per street. (5-0.)

**6. Building Reach Code Update on Cost to Increase Multi-family Vehicle Charging Requirements, Carbon Mitigation Strategies, and Rooftop Solar.**

Director, Environmental Services Department, Kerrie Romanow; Deputy Director, Environmental Services Department, Julie Benabente; and Deputy Director, Department of Transportation, Jessica Zenk offered the presentation and responded to questions.

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## D.6 (Cont'd.)

Public Comments: Paul Soto, Blair Beekman, Caller '1367', and Caller '1275' provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember David Cohen, seconded by Councilmember Dev Davis and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the update on building reach code findings related to electric vehicle charging infrastructure at multi-family buildings and design standards to encourage rooftop solar and reduce embodied carbon in building materials, with the item to come back to the full Council in the first quarter of 2023, by the end of March 2023. (5-0.)

### • Open Forum

1. Linda H. asked if council would consider sub-setting the exemption for distributed energy resources and spoke to carbon neutrality.
2. Blair Beekman spoke to the future of residential solar panels and fossil fuel issues.
3. Paul Soto spoke to the importance of proper data to make informed decisions on policies being implemented.
4. Caller '1367' stated the street sweeping funds being used for signage is not a necessity and asked for clarification.

### • Adjournment

Councilmember David Cohen adjourned the Transportation and Environment Committee Meeting at 4:10 p.m.

  
Devora H. Davis (Jan 13, 2023 17:31[PST])

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Dev Davis, Chair  
Transportation and Environment Committee

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