CITY OF SAN JOSE
CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY

SPECIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SAN JOSÉ TRANSPORTATION ANALYSIS UPDATE
REQUIRED BY STATE LAW

SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2017**

The Council of the City of San José convened in Special Session at 9:07 a.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Present: Councilmembers - Arenas, Carrasco (9:47), Davis, Diep, Jimenez, Jones, Khamis, Peralez, Rocha (9:20); Liccardo.

Absent: Councilmembers - Tam Nguyen. (Excused)

Staff: City Attorney Richard Doyle, Assistant City Manager Dave Sykes, City Clerk Toni J. Taber, CMC; Deputy City Clerk, Ruth Krantz.

Documents Filed: (1) Joint memorandum from Director, Department of Transportation, Jim Ortbal; Assistant Director, Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, Rosalynn Hughey; and Barry Ng, dated September 28, 2017, regarding the Transportation Policy Update. (2) Presentation, "Balanced & Accessible City: Transportation Analysis Policy Revision in San José Shift to Vehicle Miles Traveled", dated October 6, 2017. (3) Letter from Teresa Alvarado, San José Director, SPUR, dated October 4, 2017. (4) Joint Letter from Friends of CalTrain, TransForm and Greenbelt Alliance, dated October 5, 2017. (5) Letter from Kiyomi Honda Yamamoto, Greenbelt Alliance, dated October 5, 2017.

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Sam Liccardo offered opening comments.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY UPDATE REQUIRED BY STATE LAW

Background: State Law (Senate Bill 743) and Alignment with Envision San José 2040 General Plan

Director, Department of Transportation, Jim Ortbal, provided an introduction regarding Engagement of the Council on a topic that's fundamental to achieving the goals of our City's General Plan, the state's sustainability goals and to take us a step on the path to the Paris environmental accord that the City signed onto earlier this year.

Preliminary Proposal for Implementing SB 743 in San José in Phases.

Acting Director, Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, Rosalynn Hughey, continued with the preliminary proposal and explanations of how the City VMT analysis could occur and offered examples of application. Jessica Zank, Department of Transportation, discussed the City's draft proposal for the new City Council Policy replacing Council Policy 5-3.

Director, Department of Transportation, Jim Ortbal responded to questions from the Council, and discussion followed.

Input from Technical Stakeholders

Kate White, Deputy Secretary, Environmental Policy and Housing Coordination at California State Transportation Agency, and Chris Ganson, Senior Planner, Governor's Office of Planning and Research offered the State's perspective on the shift to vehicle miles traveled as a way to measure transportation impacts of projects under CEQA.

Public Comment: Kiyomi Yamamoto, representing Greenbelt Alliance, offered support and gave additional input regarding improving the process. Laura Tolkoff, representing SPUR, offered appreciation for the policy shift. Chris Lepe, Senior Community Planner with TransForm, make observations regarding approving residential products and offered support.

Additional discussion followed, and stakeholders responded to questions from the Council.

Mayor Sam Liccardo offered appreciation to all participants and presented questions regarding funding.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council of the City of San José adjourned the Special Session at 12 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

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