

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020

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 Transportation and Environment Committee of the City of San José was teleconferenced from remote locations and convened at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers - Davis, Peralez, Diep, Arenas, Esparza.

Absent: Councilmembers - All Present.

Staff: City Manager's Office, Jim Ortbal; City Attorney's Office , Kevin Fisher; Mayor's Office, Scott Green; and Yasmin Garcia, City Clerk's Office.

B. Review of Work Plan

None presented.

C. Consent Calendar

None presented.

D. Reports to Committee

1. Integrated Water Infrastructure Program Report. (Environmental Services)

Public Comments: Blair Beekman had a question regarding upcoming committee meeting times.

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D.1 (Cont'd.)

Deputy Director, Water Resources Division, Jeff Provenzano offered the presentation.

Councilmember Raul Peralez requested an update that was previously imposed on staff through a joint memorandum in 2019 addressing the development of an inclusive communication strategy for green stormwater infrastructures. City Manager's Office, Jim Ortbal responded to the Councilmember's questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on the Integrated Water Infrastructure Program. (5-0.)

2. Storm Sewer and Sanitary Sewer Annual Reports. (Public Works)

City of San Jose, Deputy Director of Public Works, Michael O'Connell and Senior Civil Engineer of the City of San José, Mathew Nguyen offered the presentation.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, seconded by Councilmember Lan Diep and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted a report on the 2019-20 Storm Sewer and Sanitary Sewer Annual Reports. (5-0.)

3. Regional Transportation Activities Quarterly Report. (Transportation)

Public Comments: (1) Blair Beekman spoke to inventive road ideas, surveillance technology, neighborhood safety, sustainability ideas, and electric buses. (2) Robin Roemer spoke to the staff memorandum, construction projects in 2023, environmental issues, and Vision Zero.

Deputy Director, Jessica Zenk and Division Manager, Zahir Gulzadah offered the presentation.

Councilmember Raul Peralez and Councilmember Dev Davis requested information of VTA's funding impacts regarding how Measure B dollars will be reallocated. Jessica Zenk and Zahir Gulzadah responded to the questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the quarterly status report on regional transportation funding, programs, and projects of interest to the City of San José. (4-0-1. Absent: Arenas)

4. Access and Mobility Plan Report. (Transportation)

Public Comments: Blair Beekman addressed bicycle riding accessibility on the East Side of San José, bike trails, and thanked staff for their efforts.

Division Manager of Planning, Policy, and Sustainability, Department of Transportation, Ramses Madou offered the presentation.

Councilmember Dev Davis suggested to include a key performance indicator (KPI) to include the differently-abled community such as those on wheelchairs and walkers. Ramses Madou stated they would look into that inquiry.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on the City's Access and Mobility Plan. (4-0-1. Absent: Arenas)

5. Open Space Authority Update on North Coyote Valley. (Public Works)

Public Comments: (1) Speaker '5140' gave staff appreciation for keeping North Coyote Valley as an open space due to the area being a flood zone. (2) Blair Beekman spoke on wildlife and trail policy practices.

Assistant General Manager, Matt Freeman and Coyote Valley Project Manager, Nick Perry offered the presentation.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report with the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (OSA) on the implementation of open space in North Coyote Valley as part of City Measure T. (4-0-1. Absent: Arenas)

6. Stevens Creek Corridor Study Quarterly Update. (Transportation)

Public Comments: Blair Beekman addressed housing advocacy, zoning, mixed-income housing, and Route 85 traffic lanes.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember Dev Davis and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on the multi-jurisdictional Transportation Planning effort along the Stevens Creek Corridor. (4-0-1. Absent: Arenas)

Open Forum

1. Speaker '5140' suggested improvements on infrastructures such as the roads and trash removal.
2. Blair Beekman addressed his concerns of Michelle Flournoy as a possible candidate for the U.S. Defense Secretary because of her underlying focus on war.
3. Robert Aguirre wanted to speak as a voice for the unhoused not being heard as they are the ones living near the rivers and creeks with nowhere else to go. He suggested having a committee or commission to speak for the unhoused.

Adjournment

Councilmember Dev Davis adjourned the Transportation and Environment Committee Meeting at 3:57 p.m.

Dev Davis, Chair
Transportation and Environment Committee

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