

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021

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 Council meeting was teleconferenced from remote locations and convened at 1:32 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilmembers - All Present.

Staff: Office of the City Manager, Chief of Staff, Lee Wilcox; City Attorney's Office, Kevin Fisher; Mayor's Office, Scott Green; City Clerk, Toni Taber; and City Clerk's Office, Yasmin Garcia.

B. Review of Work Plan

None presented.

C. Consent Calendar

None provided.

D. Reports to Committee

**1. Status Report on Deferred Maintenance and Infrastructure Backlog.
(Public Works)**

Public Comments: (1) Blair Beekman addressed appeals of the 4G and 5G Network coverage process. (2) Paul Soto addressed reports on racial equity, allocation of resources, and redlining infrastructures.

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D.1 (Cont'd.)

Senior Civil Engineer, Mathew Nguyen; Civil Engineer, Michael O'Connell; Deputy Director, Walter Lin; Deputy Director, Capital Programs, Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Nicolle Burnham; and Deputy Director, Department of Transportation, Rick Scott offered the presentation and answered staff's questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report on the City's Deferred Maintenance and Infrastructure Backlog. (5-0.)

2. Pavement Maintenance Conditions, Funding, and Program Delivery Strategy. (Transportation)

Public Comment: (1) Paul Soto stated the photos used in the presentation with street names were not legible and spoke on racial equity. (2) Blair Beekman spoke to constructively talking on equity issues, data, and the surveillance technology. (3) Roland spoke on the conflicts the public faces addressing topics.

Director of Transportation, John Ristow; Deputy Director, Department of Transportation, Rick Scott; and Pavement Division Manager, Department of Transportation, Frank Farshidi offered the presentation.

Councilmember Raul Peralez suggested using the online map tool to display the neighborhoods in the presentation more clearly; he stated the deferred maintenance and building infrastructures regarding the measuring of racial equity was not included in the report, but it was included in a slide of the presentation. Councilmember Peralez requested if the measuring of racial equity could be included in next year's report to better measure equity and the use the funds to help address concerns of the city, such as parks and roadways.

Councilmember Maya Esparza addressed concerns and suggestions regarding racial equity, infrastructures, unpaved roads, the communities of concern, and overcrowding census tracts.

Director of Transportation, John Ristow and Department of Transportation, Rick Scott answered staff's concerns.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report on Citywide pavement conditions, funding, and the planned delivery strategy. (5-0.)

3. **Regional Transportation Activities Quarterly Report. (Transportation)**

Public Comment: (1) Paul Soto stated that Chicanos and Mexicans need to be protected, spoke on racial equity and gentrification. (2) Roland spoke on the Phase One Bart Project, the funding used, and the light rail extension. (3) Blair Beekman addressed his hopes for only two tracks in San José. (4) Diego Armenta is looking forward to the extension of VTA and the possible High Speed Rail coming to San José.

Deputy Director, Department of Transportation, Jessica Zenk; Northern California Director, California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA), Boris Lipkin; VTA BART Silicon Valley Program, Bernice Alaniz; Division Manager, Department of Transportation, Zahir Gulzadah, and Deputy Director, Engineering and Construction at VTA, Ken Ronsse offered the presentation.

Councilmember Dev Davis introduced the regional quarterly activities verbal reports.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Paul 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 Jose. (5-0.)

•**Open Forum**

1. Paul Soto thanked Councilmember Peralez for addressing the need for racial equity.
2. Roland stated a specific memorandum was not available on the public website.
3. Blair Beekman suggested having a study session to address racial equity.

Councilmember Dev Davis clarified the Regional Transportation Activities Quarterly Report memorandum is available on the website for the public to view under Item D.3 with the author of the memorandum being John Ristow.

•**Adjournment**

Councilmember Dev Davis adjourned the Transportation and Environment Committee Meeting at 2:47 p.m.

Approved Via Email

Dev Davis, Chair

Transportation and Environment Committee

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