

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 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, Peralez, Foley.

Absent: Councilmembers - Esparza.

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 Johnson.

B. Review of Work Plan

1. Green Infrastructure Program and Projects Status Report. (Public Works)

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember David Cohen and carried unanimously, the Committee deferred the Green Infrastructure Program and Projects Status Report to the May 3, 2021 Transportation & Environment Committee meeting. (4-0-1. Absent: Esparza)

C. Consent Calendar

None provided.

D. Reports to Committee

1. San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility Capital Improvement Program SemiAnnual Status Report. (Environmental Services/Public Works)

Public Comment: (1) Blair Beekman stated the need for government accountability regarding recent practices, addressed purple pipes concerns, and the Google projects in Downtown San José. (2) Roland requested to have closed captioning on Zoom the same way it's featured on YouTube for the public. (3) Caller '5140' spoke on water issues, his utilities, and the paving of the city roads.

Deputy Director of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Mariana Chavez-Vazquez offered the presentation and answered staffs' questions.

Councilmember David Cohen addressed the purple pipe concerns mentioned during public comments stating the Google utility system is going to be building a self-contained recycling water system that will not be tapping into the purple pipes the city has, it wouldn't affect whether the city can expand their purple pipes.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the semi-annual status report on the San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater facility Capital Improvement Program for the period of July 2020 through December 2020. (4-0-1. Absent: Esparza)

2. Bike Plan and Trail Network Annual Update. (Transportation)

Public Comment: (1) Blair Beekman thanked Councilmember David Cohen for clarifying his public comment question and spoke on the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authorities (VTA) philosophy on bike trail decision making. (2) Paul Soto stated the need for safety and equity to be defined in the context of bike trails and trails along railroads, his views on the strategic bike trail and railroad locations, and spoke on poverty. (3) Caller '5140' addressed the challenges of not driving into bike lanes when making turns on certain streets such as 10th and 11th street. (4) Roland spoke to the presentation slides on the extension of Virginia St. with the train tracks. (5) James Watson thanked staff for all the efforts regarding this item.

Deputy Director, Department of Transportation, Jessica Zenk; Office of Planning, Policy and Sustainability Department, Ramses Madou; and Trail Manager, Liz Sewell offered the presentation.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember David Cohen and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the Bike Plan and Trail Network Annual Update. (4-0-1. Absent: Esparza)

3. San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility's Pretreatment Program and Revisions to Sewer Use Ordinance (Environmental Services)

Public Comment: (1) Paul Soto thanked staff for the report and presentation, spoke on open sewer system infrastructures and local supervision assurance. (2) Blair Beekman spoke to the future of wastewater management, the environmental green system for storm drainage issues, and the possible gentrification that can happen as a result.

Senior Environmental Program Manager, Casey Fitzgerald and Engineer, Rajani Nair offered the presentation.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley seconded by Councilmember Raul Peralez and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the update on the San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility's Pretreatment Program and the update on an ordinance amending or adding various Sections of Chapter 15.14 of Title 15 of the San José Municipal Code. (4-0-1. Absent: Esparza)

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

Public Comment: (1) Blair Beekman spoke on transit recharging stations, light rail transit using AV solution sources, and the importance of the Stevens Creek Corridor. (2) Roland stated his opinion of the Bart station being a viable solution, and spoke on the Stevens Creek Corridor.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember David Cohen, seconded by Councilmember Raul Esparza and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the multi-jurisdictional Transportation Planning effort along the Stevens Creek Corridor. (4-0-1. Absent: Esparza)

•Open Forum

1. Paul Soto thanked the staff for the productive meeting and spoke on inequities he's experienced.
2. Blair Beekman addressed sustainability, open public policy ideas, and AV vehicle/aviation projects.
3. Caller '5140' spoke on the lack of funding and the need for city funds to be allocated wisely.

- **Adjournment**

Councilmember Dev Davis adjourned the Transportation and Environment Committee Meeting at 3:11 p.m.

Dev Davis, Chair
Transportation and Environment Committee

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