

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT (TDM) STUDY SESSION

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 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 Committee meeting was teleconferenced from remote locations and convened at 9 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, Vice Chair; Vice Mayor Chappie Jones,

Councilmember Matt Mahan; Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco (via

Zoom); Mayor Sam Liccardo.

CITY STAFF: Assistant City Manager Jennifer Maguire; City Attorney, Nora Frimann;

City Clerk Toni J. Taber, CMC.

Staff Presentation: An introduction, including context, background, and Parking and Transportation Demand Management Title 20 Zoning update engagement overview was provided by Deputy City Manager Rosalynn Hughey; She gave credit to the staff responsible for this two-year study, including Director of Department of Transportation, John Ristow; Jessica Zenk, Acting Deputy Director for the City of San Jose Department of Transportation; Division Manager Ramses Madou; PBCE Division Manager, Jared Hart and Planner/Climate Smart, Ed Schreiner; Emily Breslin, Climate Program Manager, Department of Transportation and Michael Brilliot, Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Division Manager, and staff provided the presentation.

Staff responded to questions from the Council.

Panel Presentation: Director of Transportation, NRDC, American Cities Climate Challenge, Amanda Eaken served as moderator for the panel; she offered initial perspectives and introduced the stakeholder panel: Elma Arredondo Administrator at San Jose State University, Co-Chair of ARUVA, Mayfair neighborhood resident; Rick Dishnica CEO, Dishnica Companies, Chair of San Jose's Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel; Chris Neale Executive Vice President, The Core Companies; Rob Swierk Principal Transportation Planner, Valley Transportation Authority (VTA); and Justin Wang Advocacy Manager at Greenbelt Alliance.

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Mayor Sam Liccardo opened the floor for public comment.

Public Comments: (1) Brian Prescott, SV Bike Coalition, spoke to importance of land use. (2) Caller 5140 expressed criticism. (3) Tessa Woodmansee spoke to the climate crisis and making people pay for their parking spots, suggesting everyone should work from home. (4) Paul Soto offered appreciation for documentation provided during meeting. (5) Ryan Dobis strongly supported removing parking minimums. (6) Roland spoke to transit problems, citing decades of dysfunction in retail planning and the need for restructuring (7) Chris Giangreco representing Winchester Orchard Neighborhood Association spoke to parking impacts and the inadequate parking compliance program. (8) Aaron Ekos, "Yes in My Backyard" spoke against minimizing parking requirements, indicating it would make San José a safer place and a more sustainable place. (9) Blair Beekman spoke on the future of mass transit and question of safety. (10) Adina Levin, representing Friends of Caltrain, spoke to benefits of housing affordability and addressed the climate crisis. (11) Amanda Bancroft, representing 350 Silicon Valley, promoted a bike and transit-friendly San José. (12) Alex Shoor of Catalyze SV addressed the housing development toolkit, undue burden on housing development and impact on lower income households. (13) Victoria Bartida expressed difficulty in transit system use for those with multiple jobs.

Staff and panelists responded to questions from the Council.

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