

**MINUTES OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA      MONDAY, JUNE 7, 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 1:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilmembers - Perez.

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**

None presented.

**C. Consent Calendar**

None provided.

**D. Reports to Committee**

**1. Stormwater Permit Reissuance. (Environmental Services)**

Public Comments: (1) Caller 'User 1' stated he was thankful for the staff's work on stormwater issues. (2) Blair Beekman spoke to green sustainability, stormwater systems, and his views of gentrification possibly being connected to water issues of certain businesses.

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## **D.1 (Cont'd.)**

Director, Environmental Services, Kerrie Romanow; Senior Environmental Program Manager, Environmental Services Department, Jeff Sinclair; and Deputy Director, Watershed Protection Division, Environmental Services Department, Rajani Nair offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the update on the status of the Municipal Regional Stormwater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit reissuance. (4-0-1. Absent: Peralez)

### **2. Regional Transportation Activities Quarterly Report. (Transportation)**

Public Comment: (1) Robin Roemer addressed the lack of parking near schools, the removal of cars from school zones, and the money used on this project for consulting. (2) Roland spoke to the Highway 101 interchange, requested information on slide 5 and 9 of the presentation, and the negotiations of the Blossom Hill and Coyote Creek neighborhoods. (3) Blair Beekman spoke to the Eastridge Transit Center, Light Rail, and Caltrain. (4) Caller 'User 1' spoke to road maintenance, the reconfiguring of Highway 101, the Blossom Hill neighborhood, and trash on the highways.

Deputy Director, Department of Transportation, Jessica Zenk and Division Manager, Department of Transportation, Zahir Gulzadah offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Councilmember Dev Davis offered a verbal update.

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 involving other regional, state, and federal agencies such as the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the California High Speed Rail Authority, and the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans). (4-0-1. Absent: Peralez)

### **3. Transportation Planning Activities Quarterly Report. (Transportation)**

Public Comment: (1) Kathryn Hedges spoke to the difficulties of using public transportation, wheelchair accessibility, and bicycle lanes. (2) Roland spoke to his expectations of walking in the Blossom Hill area, prioritizing the Diridon station, and the San José BART tunnel plan. (3) Blair Beekman spoke to the bicycle lanes on the East

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### **D.3 (Cont'd.)**

Side of San José needing to be addressed and improved. (4) Mollie Mcleod requested information on transportation improvements, barriers, and stated that greater representation and voices of those with disabilities are needed. (5) Caller 'User1' spoke to transportation issues and his experience taking mass transit to go to San Francisco and the Levi Stadium. (6) Christine spoke to wheelchair accessibility on light rail stations. (7) Michele Mashburn spoke to residents with disabilities needing to be represented in community surveys, urban gentrification, and bike lanes in Downtown San José.

Division Manager, Ramses Madou and Transportation Planning Manager, Wilson Tam offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember David Cohen, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on Transportation Planning efforts. (4-0-1. Absent: Peralez)

#### **4. City Street Sweeping Status Report. (Transportation)**

Public Comment: (1) Kathryn Hedges thanked city staff for not towing cars during the pandemic. (2) Call in 'User 1' spoke to street sweeping tickets. (3) Blair Beekman spoke to street sweeping and open public practices.

Director of Transportation, Department of Transportation, John Ristow; Deputy Director, Department of Transportation, Rick Scott; Division Manager, Department of Transportation, Eric Hon; and Division Manager, Department of Transportation, Jennifer Seguin offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on street sweeping conditions. (4-0-1. Absent: Peralez)

#### **•Open Forum**

1. Blair Beekman spoke to the Smart Cities and Service Improvements Committee, the Vision Zero Task Force, 4G and 5G surveillance capabilities, and streetlight surveillance concerns.
2. Roland requested to have closed captioning during zoom meetings.
3. Caller 'User 1' spoke to street sweeping issues and concerns.

- **Adjournment**

Councilmember Dev Davis adjourned the Transportation and Environment Committee Meeting at 4:23 p.m.

**Approved at the 8/3/21 Council Meeting**

Dev Davis, Chair

Transportation and Environment Committee

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