



TRANSPORTATION and INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 19th, 2023, 7:00 pm

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA, 94709

A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to order

7:01 pm: Chair Parolek called the meeting to order.

2. Roll call

7:02 pm:

Commissioners Present: Barnali Ghosh, Adrian Leung (arrived at 7:08 pm), Bryce Nesbitt, Karen Parolek, Rick Raffanti, Kim Walton, Ray Yep, Brandon Yung (substitute)

Commissioners Excused: Noelani Fixler, Liza Lutzker

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Eric Anderson (Acting Co-Secretary), Noah Budnick

3. Public comment on items not on the agenda

7:02 pm: One public comment.

4. Approval of minutes from September 21st, 2023

7:04 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Ghosh/Walton) to approve the minutes.

7:05 pm: Discussion and vote: Commissioners made a friendly amendment that the September meeting minutes be updated to reflect that Public Works staff gave a presentation and participated in the discussion about the 5-Year Paving Plan.

Ayes:, Ghosh, Nesbitt, Parolek, Raffanti, Walton, Yep

Noes: None

Abstain: Yung (was not present at September meeting)

Absent: Leung

Recused: None

7:07 pm Motion passed 6-0-1-1-0

5. Approval and Order of Agenda

7:08 pm: No changes suggested.

6. Update on administration and staff

7:09 pm: Acting Co-Secretary Anderson (Public Works Principal Transportation Planner) and staff provided updates and answered Commissioners' questions on the following: staffing updates, MLK Vision Zero Quick Build, Southside Complete Streets, Ohlone Greenway safety improvements, Sacramento Street pedestrian crossings Vision Zero improvements, bike boulevards on Parker-Addison, Woosley and Addison from the University of California to the waterfront and the Durrant Quick Build project with AC Transit.

B. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. TIC 2023 Work Plan Progress Check

7:44 pm: Commissioners discussed the progress of subcommittees and next steps.

One public comment.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

8:42 pm: Subcommittee reports.

D. COMMUNICATIONS

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8:52 pm: Commissioners discussed agenda items for future meetings.

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:54 pm: Acting Co-Secretary Anderson announced that the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) will present its San Pablo Corridor Project to the Berkeley City Council on November 14, 2023.

G. ADJOURNMENT

8:56 pm: It was Moved / Seconded (Walston/Ghosh) to close the meeting

Ayes: Ghosh, Leung, Nesbitt, Parolek, Raffanti, Walton, Yep, Yung

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Recused: None

8:57 pm: Motion passed 8-0-0-0-0

Transportation and Infrastructure Commission
Thursday, October 19th, 2023

The next meeting of the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission is scheduled for Thursday, November 16th, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave, Berkeley, CA 94709.

Administrative Procedures

From the City of Berkeley Commissioners' Manual, 2019 Edition, page 70 regarding minutes:

Although the Brown Act does not require minutes, except for closed sessions, the Commissioners' Manual does require minutes of commission meetings but not for subcommittee meetings. When required, minutes are limited to action minutes only. Minutes are unofficial until approved by the commission. The minutes are converted to PDF and posted on the City's website.

The secretary shall keep an accurate record of the commission's proceedings and transactions. The secretary shall provide action minutes similar to those provided to the Council by the City Clerk. Action minutes list the date, time, and place of the meetings; the staff in attendance; the commissioners present and absent; and a clear and concise description of final actions taken. Approved motions are indicated by "moved, seconded, and carried" and include a breakdown of the vote. The vote breakdown includes the commissioners voting yes, no, abstain, absent, recused, and reason for recusal. Reasons for making a motion, debate, content of public comments, and audience reaction are not to be included.

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From: **Ben Gould** <ben@bengould.org>

Date: Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 15:45

Subject: Letter to the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission - Safe Streets parcel tax

To: Nevels, Ronald <RNevels@berkeleyca.gov>, <HMostowfi@berkeleyca.gov>

Hi Hamid & Ron,

Would you share the following letter with the Transportation & Infrastructure Commission?

Thank you!

Dear Commissioners,

I'm excited to share with you that a new citizen's initiative to fix Berkeley's streets and sidewalks is currently in the works, and to invite you to submit your comments and feedback on the proposed draft language before November 1st, 2023.

Over the past six months, a number of community groups and stakeholders have come together to draft a new parcel tax to fill some of the gap left by the failure of last year's Measure L.

Our proposed tax would aim to improve Berkeley's streets to "good" quality, or a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of 70; fix the backlog of damaged sidewalks; and work to eliminate fatal and severe traffic crashes on city streets (Vision Zero), all within 12 years.

We're still working out some of the details of the proposed measure, and would love to get input and suggestions from members of this commission before the end of October.

The draft language is available at <https://tinyurl.com/BerkSafeStreets>. Feel free to submit comments and questions directly on the Google Document, or to send them by email to me at ben@bengould.org. I am also happy to set up a 1:1 meeting with any commissioner to review and discuss verbally. I or another representative will also attend the October 19th commission meeting to provide non-agenda public comment and answer any questions.

Thank you, and we look forward to your input!

Ben Gould

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