

**MINUTES OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL
IN REGULAR SESSION,
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1000 SAN PABLO AVENUE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2011**

9-2. Alameda Countywide Transportation Plan, Transportation Expenditure Plan and Proposed Extension of Measure B

Staff recommendation: Provide feedback to the Alameda County Transportation Commission on the Draft Alameda Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP), Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP), and proposed extension and augmentation of Measure B.

Community Director Bond delivered the staff report. This item is in regards to two documents from the County: Alameda Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) and Expenditure Plan & proposed extension of Measure B (TEP). The CTP identifies and prioritizes project and programs in the County. It guides the Commission transportation investments over a 25-year horizon. The TEP is basically for Measure B that is taxes collected and spent. It is the major funding stream for transportation projects in the County. This is in response to the downturn of the economy which is running about \$800 million short. The TEP is the key item. These funds go to a variety of uses. Major portion goes to transit. Other uses are commute corridor, local streets, highway, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, sustainable programs and others. There is approximately \$20 million eligible for funding in the plan that is allocated to Albany.

Council Member Lieber commented that even with the possible changes that may change the voting power of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) Board, the City should be supporting of the letter from Berkeley's Mayor on points as transparency and "Fix-It-First" policy. Mayor should draft a letter similar to Berkeley and also present "Bicycle First" community program.

Mayor Javandel stated that ACTC Board will vote on the expenditure plan on January 26, 2012. It will be the recommendations to all cities. City's letter should be similar to Berkeley Mayor's letter but push for flexibility of the solutions of the project. The solutions should not be defined. It is the problems that should be defined with flexibility for the solution and not locked into the solution. City should also advocate to push for 20% of the Local Streets & Roads fund should be dedicated to bicycle/pedestrian projects. The letter should also advocate for youth pass programs, support provisions for flexibility on alternatives, and geographic equity in overall funding.

Nick Pilch, Albany resident, commented that he thinks the Mayor is headed in the right direction. More money is needs for programs versus projects. The Strollers & Rollers signed up to a Community Vision Platform which touched on many points the Mayor have stated. There is also a letter from the Sierra Club highlighting similar points.

Council Member Thomsen commented that the most important thing is fairness. The City should have our fair share to spend the fund and also need the flexibility.

MOTION:

Moved by Council Member Wile, seconded by Council Member Lieber to have a letter written by Mayor Javandel to include the five points from the Berkeley letter and also add the point of flexibility on projects and 20% from Local Streets and Roads fund going to the bicycle project and flexible alternatives for youth path program.

AYES: Council Members Atkinson, Lieber, Thomsen, Wile & Mayor Javandel

NOES: None ABSENT: None

Motion carried and so ordered.