



TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION – MINUTES

Virtual Meeting
Albany, CA

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: Graham, Javandel, Fong, McCroskey
Absent: del Rosario
Staff Present: Justin Fried, Transportation and Sustainability Manager
Michelle Plouse, Community Development Analyst
Allison Carrillo, PE, CIP Manager
Mark Hurley, Public Works Director

The Albany Land Acknowledgement Statement was read as adopted by the City Council per City of Albany Minute Action, November 15, 2021.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeremiah Pinguelo offered suggestions to relocate a bush in front of 5 Tacos & Beers that obstructs motorists' views of crossing pedestrians, provide a letter to AC Transit regarding bus maintenance, and install a four-way stop at the intersection of 10th and Monroe.

3. PRESENTATION

3-1. Monthly Police Data on Collisions and Citation

Fried presented data for January 2022.

The following PUBLIC COMMENTS were offered by Jeremiah Pinguelo:

- Inquiries regarding the location of the pedestrian collision and the pedestrian's age.

Fried advised that the annual report assesses location and additional factors, but monthly reporting does not include that level of detail.

3-2. Shared Mobility Data

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4-1. Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2022

Recommendation: That the Transportation Commission approve the meeting minutes for the virtual meeting of January 27, 2022.



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Javandel/Graham: Moved to approve the meeting minutes for the virtual meeting of January 27, 2022.

Ayes: Graham, Javandel, Fong, McCroskey

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: del Rosario

5. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

5-1. Plans for Marin Avenue Pavement Project – Staff will present plans for the mill and overlay reconstruction of Marin Avenue between Cornell Avenue and Key Route Boulevard.

Recommendation: Recommend that City Council approve plans of the Marin Avenue Pavement Project as presented by staff.

Carrillo presented the staff report.

The Commission requested the following clarifications:

- The design includes triple-four striping for crosswalks at Talbot Avenue, and the yellow coloring indicates a school crossing.
- Stop lines painted before the crosswalks at the Evelyn Avenue intersection are a design error and will be removed.
- The striping design at Masonic Avenue needs additional adjustment to incorporate the previously approved design elements.
- Staff can examine the possibility of displaying left-turn bicycle road markings at the Masonic Avenue intersection.
- The elevation changes at intersections necessary for ADA crossings will extend outwardly to provide gradual transition.
- The existing pavement is generally less steep than in Phase 2.
- The option for a protected bike lane is maintained with the current design.

The following PUBLIC COMMENTS were offered by Jeremiah Pinguelo:

- Inquiries regarding the meaning of two bicycle road markings before the crosswalk at Masonic Avenue, school crossing signage, striping colors, and light-emitting diode (LED) push-button crosswalk system prices.

Fried advised that yellow is the standardized coloring for school zone crosswalk markings in the State of California.



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Hurley indicated that installations for LED push-button crosswalk systems in the City costs approximately \$20,000.

The Commission made the following comments:

- A suggestion that more customer-friendly language be used in public communications; and appreciation for the hard work of the staff.
- Support for the project.

Fong/Graham: Moved to support the recommendation as presented by staff, with corrections as noted.

Ayes: Graham, Javandel, Fong, McCroskey

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: del Rosario

5-2. Potential for Lowered Speed Limit on Solano Avenue – Staff will present traffic survey data for Solano Avenue and a discussion of considerations for reducing the speed limit on Solano Avenue.

Recommendation: Provide comments to staff.

Fried presented the staff report.

The Commission requested the following clarifications:

- Implementing 15 mph advisory signage in conjunction with 20 mph regulatory signage is an option.

The following PUBLIC COMMENTS were offered by Jeremiah Pinguelo:

- Appreciation for the item; a preference for a 5-10 mph speed limit on Solano Avenue; and a suggestion to paint the speed limit on the street.

The Commission made the following comments:

- Appreciation to staff for the report.
- The safety of individuals walking and biking along Solano Avenue should be prioritized.
- Support for reducing the speed limit to 15 mph, but 20 mph is an improvement.
- The speed limit is one component of the greater design to work on if the City intends to have long-term in-street dining.
- Reducing the legal speed limit to 20 mph should be enforced.
- The 15 mph advisory at the parklets should continue.
- A 20 mph speed limit near Peralta Avenue would create a safer environment for pedestrians crossing the street.
- Signage may not change behavior, but they will help enforce it.



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- Posting speed limits of 20 mph and advising 15 mph sporadically seems impractical.
- Signage clutter needs to be avoided.

5-3. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Recommendation: That the Commission nominate and select a Commission member to serve as Chair, and following selection of Chair, nominate and select a Commission member to serve as Vice-Chair for the 2022 calendar year.

The following **PUBLIC COMMENTS** were offered by Jeremiah Pinguelo:

- A suggestion to move Item 5-3 to a future meeting due to Commissioner del Rosario's absence; and appreciation for the hard work of the commissioners.

Javandel/Fong: Moved to nominate Chair McCroskey to continue serving as Chair of the Transportation Commission for the 2022 calendar year.

Ayes: Graham, Javandel, Fong, McCroskey

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: del Rosario

Javandel/Fong: Moved to nominate Commissioner Graham to serve as Vice-Chair of the Transportation Commission for the 2022 calendar year.

Ayes: Graham, Javandel, Fong, McCroskey

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: del Rosario

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fried announced that the City Manager has been authorized to go into contract with TJKM Transportation Consultants to prepare the Local Road Safety Plan.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

8. **NEXT MEETING** – Thursday, March 24, 2022, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue or virtual meeting pursuant to state and county COVID-19 guidance.



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9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.