



# TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION – MINUTES

Virtual Meeting  
Albany, CA

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: del Rosario, Graham, Javandel, McCroskey, Peng  
Absent: None  
Staff Present: Justin Fried, Transportation and Sustainability Manager  
Michelle Plouse, Community Development Analyst  
Allison Carrillo, PE, CIP Manager  
Jeff Bond, Community Development 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 suggested installation of speed limit signage on Solano Avenue, and that AC Transit be contacted regarding the new speed limit.

### 3. PRESENTATIONS

#### 3-1. Monthly Police Data on Collisions and Citations

Fried presented data for May 2022.

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

- A request for more signage on Solano Avenue to enhance safety.

### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

#### 4-1. Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2022

**Recommendation:** That the Transportation Commission approve the meeting minutes for the virtual meeting of May 26, 2022.

Javandel/Peng: Moved to approve the consent calendar.

Ayes: Javandel, McCroskey, Peng

Noes: None

Abstain: del Rosario, Graham

Absent: None



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### 5. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

#### 5-1. Review of Traffic Calming Request Speed Survey Data

Staff will present speed survey data collected for blocks where a request for traffic calming has been received.

**Recommendation:** Recommend to staff locations to proceed to design for traffic calming measures.

Due to potential conflict of interest of four Commissioners due to proximity of the blocks under consideration in relation to their respective residences, two Commissioners pulled their names from random draw in order to form a quorum.

Fried presented the staff report.

Chair McCroskey noted the 800 block of Santa Fe received reflectors along the double yellow line, whereas adjacent blocks did not after repaving. The reflectors may have served as mini speed bumps, according to some speculation.

#### **The Commission requested the following clarifications:**

- Data was arranged in order of highest volume traveling over twenty-five miles per hour.
- The prioritization list was developed as part of the 2021 policy update.
- As written, Pierce Street does not qualify for consideration because the policy states that bus routes should not be considered.
- Previous policy used the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed.
- A budget of approximately \$50,000 is allocated for the item each year. Alternative approaches to allocating funds would be required to fund larger infrastructure such as chicanes.
- It is estimated that the project pace would be approximately two blocks per year if funding levels are similar to those currently in place

**The following PUBLIC COMMENTS were offered by** Jeremiah Pinguelo, Lynn Mundell, Brigid Acuna, Richard P., Catherine Mattison, Molly Brown, Tom Newton, and Lisa Craib:

- A request for more speed surveys to be conducted around the schools; signage is needed for the raised crosswalk in front of the Senior Center.
- Inquiries regarding repainting the crosswalk at Portland and Washington, the anticipated completion date of the traffic calming measures, and issuing tickets in collaboration with the police department.



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- There is an urgent need for speed prevention measures and signage in the 900 block of Masonic Avenue.
- Appreciation to the City staff and Commission for conducting the survey and preparing the report; a request for a holistic approach to development and improvement plans.
- A suggestion that a subcommittee be formed to address school safety.
- Inquiries regarding the implementation date and details of the changes.
- A suggestion for trenches instead of a speed hump; opposition to additional signage; an inquiry regarding when traffic calming will be implemented in the 900 block of Santa Fe.
- Additional law enforcement and speed bumps are needed.

### **The Commission made the following comments:**

- The double centerline helps to reduce the street's scale; and the street at 900 Taylor Street does not have a center line and appears to be wider, contributing to speeding.
- Due to a reduction in officers and grants for a designated traffic officer, enforcement is not a viable option; signage is posted at the raised crosswalk on Masonic; traffic calming has not been requested on blocks with chicanes; and the Commission may want to consider different options for streets with higher volume.
- A suggestion for updates to the Active Transportation Plan to include chicanes; contiguous streets should be prioritized; a suggestion to utilize improvements made on Santa Fe as a model for future improvements, including speed bumps and striping; continuity helps inform the way in which a driver utilizes a street; and a proposal to prioritize the streets of Santa Fe, Masonic, and Key Route.
- Support for assessing the corridors; there is an urgent need for treatment on the 900 block of Taylor, where the proportion of above twenty-five miles per hour is significantly greater than on the 800 block of Jackson; a suggestion to consider a break point after the 900 block of Key Route to keep corridors together and address the significant speeding.
- Review by the full Commission would be necessary if the revised policy is to be disregarded.
- The Commission can determine whether speed humps are appropriate once the prioritized blocks are brought back for design discussion.

*Graham/McCroskey:* Moved to proceed to design for traffic calming measures on Masonic, Santa Fe, Key Route, and Taylor, and to direct staff to return to the Transportation Commission for review of design and the estimated costs associated.

Ayes: Graham, McCroskey, Peng

Noes: None

Abstain: del Rosario, Javandel

Absent: None



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### 5-2. Local Road Safety Plan – Collision Analysis and Draft Emphasis Areas

Consultants for the City will present collision analysis for the Local Road Safety Plan along with draft areas of emphasis for safety countermeasures.

**Recommendation:** Provide comments to staff and consultants.

Cory Peterson, Senior Transportation Planner, TJKM presented the staff report.

#### **The Commission requested the following clarifications:**

- Staff has not obtained data regarding limitations for emergency vehicle responses.
- Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP) is now required when applying for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant from Caltrans. LRSP is also now required to receive One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) funding from Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).
- Online outreach was intended to provide staff with the opportunity to identify how the data correlates with public concerns and what improvements are needed. HSIP may fund engineering improvements related to lighting, but improvements are generally recommended at locations where crashes have occurred.
- OBAG funding is less focused on the collision analysis.
- Application for the HSIP grant is a key purpose of LRSP.
- Applications for Intersection Improvements allow for collisions occurring up to 250 feet from the intersection to be considered.
- Most of the intersections correspond with the segments in Albany.
- All collision data is uploaded to one central database.
- The inclusion of San Pablo Avenue was based on the general percentage of collisions that occurred relative to the rest of the City. Staff can conduct an analysis using zeroed-out distance from intersection to compare the data.

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

- Suggestions to trim the tree near Gordo Taqueria and install pedestrian signage to improve safety.

#### **The Commission made the following comments:**

- A suggestion that painted intersections be considered in areas of concern.
- Continuous coverage is beneficial on streets such as Solano and Marin; education regarding safe routes to school and bicycle riding techniques should continue; and a suggestion to consider ways to promote safer driving practices.
- A suggestion to obtain anecdotal evidence from emergency service personnel to ensure infrastructure improvements are implemented as needed.



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- A suggestion for public outreach regarding perceived safety; transit ridership is similar to the volume of cyclists, and it is important to explore what is considered safe and unsafe for transit users.

### 5-3. Marin Avenue Pavement and Curb Ramp Rehabilitation Project – Phase 2

Staff will present plans for the mill and overlay reconstruction of Marin Avenue between Key Route Boulevard and Tulare Avenue.

**Recommendation:** Recommend that City Council approve plans of the Marin Avenue Pavement and Curb Ramp Rehabilitation Project Phase 2 as presented by staff.

Carrillo presented the staff report.

#### The Commission requested the following clarifications:

- Staff can explore bike priority zones for intersections with signals.
- A cross-slope adjustment for the two-way cycle track would require restructuring the roadway.
- This project would have greater opportunities for obtaining outside funds, enabling City pass-through funding to be applied more broadly to projects that are less attractive for grant funding.
- The water main is being lowered to a depth that will not preclude the protected bike lanes in the future.

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

- Concern regarding the lack of striping and crosswalks at the intersections of Portland and San Carlos as well as Thousand Oaks and San Carlos.

#### The Commission made the following comments:

- Appreciation for the hard work of the staff.

Javandel/Graham: Moved to recommend that City Council approve plans of the Marin Avenue Pavement and Curb Ramp Rehabilitation Project Phase 2, including the addition of bulb-outs at the Ventura Avenue crosswalk for the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) and painted bulb-outs at other intersections.

Ayes: del Rosario, Graham, Javandel, McCroskey, Peng

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Javandel/Graham: Moved to extend the meeting to 9:50 p.m.

Ayes: del Rosario, Graham, Javandel, McCroskey, Peng



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Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

### 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 6-1. Update on San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan

Bond announced the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed final draft documents to the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan and four-to-one vote was taken to recommend the City Council approve the plan. Tentative schedule to present the plan to Council is July 18, 2022, during the regularly scheduled meeting.

### 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair McCroskey requested a future agenda item regarding the lighting plan process.

8. **NEXT MEETING** – Thursday, July 28, 2022, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, or virtual meeting pursuant to state and county COVID-19 guidance.

### 9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.