



TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION – MINUTES

1000 San Pablo Avenue (City Hall)
Albany, CA

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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
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 urged the Transportation Commission (Commission) to both continue advocating for the establishment of school zones and approve parking reductions. He expressed support for Veo scooters.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3-1. Monthly Police Data on Collisions and Citations

Fried presented data for August and September 2022.

The following PUBLIC COMMENTS were offered by Jeremiah Pinguelo:

- Veo scooter collision data should be included in future reports; and a suggestion to include data on the speed of the vehicles at the time of the collision and a map of the locations of the incidents.

The Commission made the following comments:

- Some incidents are captured in the quarterly review of data.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4-1. Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2022

Recommendation: That the Transportation Commission approve the meeting minutes for the virtual meeting of September 22, 2022.

4-2. Short-Term Parking Green Zone adjacent to 1185 Solano Avenue – Staff will present a proposal for installation of a two-car short term parking green zone



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adjacent to 1185 Solano Avenue to replace the green zone currently utilized by an in-street parklet for Boss Burger.

Recommendation: Recommend that staff install approximately 22 feet of green curb and sign for 20-minute short-term parking for two vehicle spaces adjacent to 1185 Solano Avenue.

Fried presented the staff report.

The following PUBLIC COMMENTS were offered by Jeremiah Pinguelo and David Lee:

- A preference that parklets continue to be utilized.
- A request to work with the City to return the space to a parklet after the holiday period is over.

The Commission requested the following clarifications:

- A loading zone used to be located next to the mail drop box, but has since been grayed out.
- The proposal is to leave the two spots being used by the parklet, and to replace the green zone being used by the parklet with two spots immediately to the west.
- The loading zone would be replaced as part of the parklet installation under the new requirements.

Del Rosario/Peng: Moved to approve the consent calendar.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

5-1. Intersection Red Curb No Parking Zones at Intersections Near Memorial Park and Albany Middle School – Staff will present a proposal for intersection red curb no parking zones at the following intersections: Portland/Pomona, Portland/Ramona, Portland/Carmel, Thousand Oaks/Carmel, and Brighton/Masonic to improve pedestrian visibility and safety consistent with the Albany Intersection Red Curb Policy.

Recommendation: Recommend that staff install red curb at the Portland/Pomona, Portland/Ramona, Portland/Carmel, Thousand Oaks/Carmel, and Brighton/Masonic intersections as presented by staff.



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Plouse presented the staff report.

The Commission requested the following clarifications:

- There has been consideration of using the new red zone as a micromobility parking corral.
- A stop sign is located on Ramona Avenue but not on Portland Avenue.
- The possibility of creating a red curb between the crosswalk and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) space was never considered. Insufficient space is available to accommodate a vehicle.

The following PUBLIC COMMENTS were offered by Jeremiah Pinguelo, Andrew Chew, Amy Hagelin, Andrew Lincoff, Brian Young:

- The sun will block vision of a pedestrian crossing Portland Avenue across Ramona Avenue going west to east; and suggestions to leave eighteen feet open to allow for parking and implement an LED crosswalk.
- A request that the ten feet of red curbing on the Carmel side be reduced.
- An inquiry regarding the calculation of distance; and the impact of the proposed changes will hopefully be clarified before any permanent changes are made.
- Support for the red zone at the end of the block on Ramona Avenue and on the west side of Portland Avenue; red zones at the beginning of the blocks for car travel should not have an effect on the sight lines; and a suggestion to make the right hand side of Thousand Oaks a twenty foot red zone for pedestrian safety.
- Opposition to the red curbs on Carmel and Thousand Oaks.

The Commission requested the following clarifications:

- The length of the curb at Thousand Oaks and along Carmel between the intersection and driveway is thirty-nine feet.
- Measurements are taken from the point at which the curb completes its rounding and begins to straighten.

The Commission made the following comments:

- A suggestion to add a red curb on Portland before Ramona to enhance visibility.
- In non-crosswalk intersections, red curbs play a significant role in alerting drivers that pedestrians are present.
- Concerns regarding the elderly can be resolved by applying for a blue curb in front of the property; individuals are encouraged to speak with the City to address vehicles parked over seventy-two hours so the turnover rate of the space will be higher and better utilized; and studies can be located by visiting the National Association of City Transportation Officials website.
- Shifting the blue handicapped space at Portland and Ramona over one space should improve visibility.



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- Support for keeping the current parking space and add it to the second parking space; the red curb will improve the visibility of vehicles turning right onto Ramona; if it saved a parking space, shortening or removing the red curb on the Ramona side would be appropriate.
- Portland east of Carmel has been striped narrower with the addition of a bike lane, and residents can apply to the City to explore further calming; shifting the handicapped space and taking away one parking spot may provide additional space to unload for the Memorial Hall; the extra space could be protected with either a bollard or a bump to prevent a part of the crosswalk from being blocked; and the red zone illustrated on Brighton and Masonic should be protected and prioritized for micromobility and bicycle parking.
- The two northeast corners should be treated the same as any other leading into an intersection and adding approximately twenty feet to the intersections should be considered.

The Commission requested the following clarifications:

- A longer red curb on the northeast corner of Thousand Oaks would not eliminate all parking on that section. There is no existing driveway in the front of the northeast home.
- The northeast corner on Carmel has approximately five to ten feet of existing red curbing.

Graham/Javandel: Moved to recommend red curb as proposed by staff for Portland/Pomona; that staff install twenty feet of red curb on Portland at the southwest corner of Portland and Ramona and move the easterly blue curb one parking spot east and expanding a red zone adjacent to the crosswalk in addition to the staff recommendation; add twenty feet of red curb in the northeast along Portland to the staff proposal for Carmel/Portland; and add twenty feet of red curb in the northeast along Thousand Oaks to the staff proposal for Carmel/Thousand Oak; install a bollard or equivalent to prevent cars from parking in the daylighted space at Ramona and Portland; and red curb any space that is not parking or handicap marked, and that one to two feet may be adjusted at the discretion of the staff.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Javandel/Graham: Moved to approve the staff recommendation for the intersection of Brighton and Masonic with the additional note for staff to consider ways to make use of the red curb in future in a way that discourages its use as a drop-off parking space.

Ayes: del Rosario, Graham, Javandel, McCroskey

Noes: None

Abstain: Peng



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Absent: None

5-2. Advisory Body Work Plan Status Report – Staff will present the Commission with a work plan status report as requested by Council.

Recommendation: Review status of work plan items and authorize the Chair or other designee to represent the Committee at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Fried presented the staff report.

The following PUBLIC COMMENTS were offered by Jeremiah Pinguelo:

- A request that the Commission reconsider school zones as a top priority for future work plans and conduct speed surveys.

The Commission requested the following clarifications:

- Council's intent with the exercise is to evaluate progress rather than revise the work plan.

Javandel/del Rosario: Moved to approve the work plan status report and authorize the Chair to speak before Council if necessary.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5-3. Local Road Safety Plan – Consultants for the City will present draft projects for the Local Road Safety Plan.

Recommendation: Provide comments to staff and consultants.

TJKM Senior Planner Mark Doty and TJKM Principal Ruta Jariwala presented the staff report.

The Commission requested the following clarifications:

- Staff will have data to consult as part of the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) process. A separate website would need to be set up to collect public comment specifically for the ATP.
- Recommendations of the safety projects would be a building block to the next Active Transportation Plan.
- A final key document will be the Capital Improvement Plan.
- Grant applications must be accompanied by an approved Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP).



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- There is no law prohibiting the use of red light cameras, however speed cameras are illegal.

The following PUBLIC COMMENTS were offered by Jeremiah Pinguelo:

- An inquiry regarding the meaning of KSI; suggestions to implement LED crosswalks and bike lanes on San Pablo; trees blocking traffic lights need to be trimmed; an inquiry regarding the meaning of SR 123; and a suggestion to hire an additional crossing guard.

The Commission made the following comments:

- Support for the range of projects from relatively low-cost sign and signal enhancements to larger changes; a red light camera for Marin and Masonic would be worthwhile.
- A suggestion to consider additional police presence during morning and afternoon hours.
- Support for transit safety improvements, including optimization of bus stop locations, ensuring safest location at the intersection, adequate bus stop length to prevent trips and falls, and implementing bus bulbs, and signal coordination.
- Support for specific ideas for the street lights, particularly in the north-south areas; Santa Fe between Solano and Marin is captured well in the plan; and hopefully, the consultants will provide a visual look at the variance between the data from accidents and the public response.
- Public comments are current, but the accident data is somewhat outdated.

Javandel/del Rosario: Moved to extend the meeting to 9:45 p.m.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6-1. Update on Shared Mobility Services Regulation

Fried announced that Council adopted an urgency ordinance on October 13, 2022, which amended the municipal code in line with the recommendation from the Transportation Commission. Until the permitting process is completed, Veo can be permitted through a temporary operating agreement. Staff plans to return to Council through the normal ordinance adoption process and establish permit fees.

The following PUBLIC COMMENTS were offered by Jeremiah Pinguelo:

- A request that Veo be consulted regarding distribution of helmets.



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Chair McCroskey announced that he attended a meeting of Link21 and found the project interesting. Information is available at link21program.org.

Commissioner Graham advised that the next Link21 meeting will be held in November.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Fried announced that a draft of the LRSP is expected to be presented at a future meeting, and priorities discussion for the ATP update at the next meeting.

8. **NEXT MEETING** – Special Meeting, Thursday, December 1, 2022, 7:30 p.m.
November 24 and December 22 regular meetings are cancelled.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.