



TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION – MINUTES

1000 San Pablo Avenue (City Hall)
Albany, CA

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2022, 7:31 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: del Rosario, Graham, McCroskey, Peng
Absent: Javandel (arrived during Item 5-1)
Staff Present: Justin Fried, Transportation Planner
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

Peggy McQuaid appreciated the commissioners' perseverance during the COVID-19 pandemic and thanked them for their service. The Transportation Commission is in the unique position to serve all community members using a variety of transportation modes.

Julie Winkelstein requested that the Commission determine what type of battery is used in the Veo scooters.

Carrie Schulman requested that the Commission consider a safe route for crossing San Pablo Avenue between Marin Avenue and Portland Avenue. Additionally, the block of Jackson Street in front of Ocean View becomes congested with vehicles during school pick-up and drop-off times, making it difficult for students to bike to school.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3-1. Monthly Police Data on Collisions and Citations

Fried presented data for October 2022.

The Commission made the following comments:

- Perhaps, the Commission could be more responsive if it had a better understanding of the incidents that occurred.
- A suggestion to include all data points related to the location.

The Commission requested the following clarifications:

- Staff can discuss providing more detailed incident information with the police department.

The following PUBLIC COMMENTS were offered by Amy Smolens:



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- An inquiry about the steadily declining moving citations and whether it is due to less moving citations or less enforcement.

Chair McCroskey indicated that warnings are more common at the conclusion of a traffic stop. Law-abiding citizens are not necessarily increasing, but police tactics are changing.

3-2. Shared Mobility Data

Fried presented data for 3Q July, August, and September.

The Commission requested the following clarifications:

- Staff will receive quarterly reports from Veo.

The Commission made the following comments:

- Trips have returned to pre-COVID levels, which is a positive development.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

4-2. Rainbow Crosswalk Proposal for the Southern Crosswalk of Talbot Avenue at Solano Avenue – To provide opportunity for public comment regarding this location, this item presents a proposed design for rainbow crosswalk installation for the southern crossing of Talbot Avenue at the intersection with Solano Avenue.

Recommendation: Recommend that City Council approve the design for a rainbow crosswalk installation at Talbot Avenue and Solano Avenue.

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

Ayes: del Rosario, Graham, McCroskey, Peng

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Javandel

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

5-1. Priorities for Update to the Active Transportation Plan – Staff will present approaches to an update to the Active Transportation Plan for discussion.



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Recommendation: Provide comments to staff.

Fried presented the staff report.

The Commission made the following comments:

- A suggestion to create a pamphlet to simplify the document; an interactive map should be created and included on Albany's website to show the network; chapter six is really helpful, but the engineering drawings need to be improved to provide a better understanding; and a suggestion to include the new type of active transportation.
- Support for a more user-friendly approach; and the Oakland Bike Plan is very user friendly in the way that it is presented.
- Keeping some viable projects ready for funding for construction should be the focus; and a pragmatic project and results-based approach is useful.
- The prioritization table is the most useful, followed by the project plans; the Sidewalk Network in the ATP has been really useful and helped with development of the Sidewalk Repair Program; the length of the document is a stumbling block; and an entrance document or portal might be useful.

The Commission requested the following clarifications:

- Grants have been applied for without success. Staff expects to utilize the City's operating revenues and no significant spending will occur until the next fiscal year.
- Appendix A calls out the specific elements required for Caltrans Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) funding.

The following PUBLIC COMMENTS were offered by Carrie Schulman, Julie Winkelstein, Bryan Marten Amy Smolens:

- Chapter six project information sheets with tiers is really helpful; a suggestion to explain the different tiers; and support for the Washington Avenue Bicycling Boulevard route.
- A request for more enforcement and awareness; and bicyclists do not stop at stop signs and rarely stop at red lights.
- It is critical that that the ATP include things that support networks similar to the bridge across the creek being implemented soon.
- Support for staff's emphasis on the all-ages and abilities, including youth and seniors; e-bikes are important for seniors; children riding bicycles to school is challenging; active transportation access to school should be prioritized over motor vehicle access; and Commissioner Peng's suggestion for an interactive map is good.

Chair McCroskey indicated that most of the ticket value goes to the county.



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The Commission made the following comments:

- Prioritization of projects is important; the engineering drawings are not helpful; support for ensuring inclusive designs for multiple ages; ensuring that infrastructure is put in place to support changes in land use is important; best practice is needed to ensure that great streets can be created for transit, pedestrians, and bikes all at once; and coordinating with students in terms of conducting outreach is important.
- Integration of the ATP with other modes of transportation is important; ensuring that the modes do not compete with each other is necessary; streets where transit operates should be carved out as places where complete street treatments are conducted; support for public comments stating that active transportation has evolved since the last time the plan was created; equity should be highlighted and utilized in terms of conducting analysis for projects; and a section regarding follow-up and measuring success would be helpful.
- Support for the idea of having concept level drawings; network maps are useful to help identify opportunities; and support for having the network identify modal priorities for key corridors.
- Support for the idea of study plans; the Climate Action Plan details specific goals, cycling classes, and refers to a goal of a continuous network of protected cycling paths; part of the ATP is to implement a City where a mode change can take place and the City's environmental goals dictate that it should; protected bikeways are necessary for encouraging the use of micromobility, e-bikes, and e-scooters; and targeting lower income areas will help the City become more competitive regarding grant funding.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6-1. Marin Pavement Rehabilitation Project Phase 1 began November 7

Fried announced that Marin Pavement Rehabilitation Project Phase 1 began November 7, 2022 and will continue.

The Commission made the following comments:

- There have been some complaints regarding the placement of signage.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Fried announced that the Local Road Safety Plan draft plan will be posted for public review in advance of January's meeting and for discussion at the January meeting.

8. NEXT MEETING – Thursday, January 26, 2023, 7:00 p.m.



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9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.