



TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION – MINUTES

City Hall Council Chambers
1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA
Thursday, July 25, 2024

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024, 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Present: Barnes, Chomsky, Javandel, McCroskey, Vigil-McClanahan
Absent: Peng, Von Nydeggen
Staff Present: Ben Matlaw, Associate Transportation Planner
Jeff Bond, Community Development Director
David Lam, Associate Engineer
Allison Carrillo, CIP Manager

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3-1. Monthly Police Data on Collisions and Citations

Matlaw reported data for June 2024.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4-1. Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2024

Recommendation: That the Transportation Commission approve the meeting minutes for the regular meeting of June 27, 2024.

4-2. Proposed Red Curb Restricted Parking at the Washington and Pierce Intersection

Review of a proposal first discussed at the May 23, 2024, Commission meeting to extend restricted vehicle parking on the west side of Pierce Street along the southbound approach to and departure from Washington Avenue to facilitate safety for motorists and pedestrians.

Recommendation: That the Commission recommend that staff install approximately 37 feet of additional red curb on the west side of Pierce Street north of Washington Avenue adjacent to 764 Pierce Street and 10 feet of additional red



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curb on the west side of Pierce Street south of Washington Avenue adjacent to 800 Pierce Street.

4-3. Complete Streets Checklist for the Pierce Street Path Segment II Project

Staff has completed the Complete Streets Checklist for the Pierce Street Path Segment II Project for Commission review (functioning as the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for the City) and submittal to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in accordance with the regional Complete Streets Policy, as updated by Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Resolution 4493. The Pierce Street Path Segment II Project is located adjacent to the Peggy Thomsen Pierce Street Park.

Recommendation: That the Commission (Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee) review the Complete Streets Checklist for the Pierce Street Path Segment II Project and provide any comments to staff.

4-4. Complete Streets Checklist for the Kains and Adams Bikeway Project

Staff has completed the Complete Streets Checklist for the Kains and Adams Bikeway Project for Commission review (functioning as the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for the City) and submittal to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in accordance with the regional Complete Streets Policy, as updated by Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Resolution 4493.

Recommendation: That the Commission (Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee) review the Complete Streets Checklist for the Kains and Adams Bikeway Project and provide any comments to staff.

Javandel/Chomsky: Moved to approve Items 4-1, 4-3, and 4-4 of the consent calendar.

Ayes: Barnes, Chomsky, Javandel, McCroskey, Vigil-McClanahan

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Peng, Von Nydeggen

Chomsky/McCroskey: Moved to approve Item 4-2 of the consent calendar.

Ayes: Barnes, Chomsky, McCroskey, Vigil-McClanahan

Noes: None

Recused: Javandel

Absent: Peng, Von Nydeggen

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

5-1. Update to Citywide Prioritization of Traffic Calming Requests



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Staff will present the results from traffic surveys for blocks requesting traffic calming measures pursuant to the City's traffic calming program.

Recommendation: That the Commission review the traffic surveys from the latest traffic calming requests and update the prioritized list of blocks requesting traffic calming. Staff recommends that the 950 block of Peralta between Marin Avenue and Sonoma Avenue proceed to evaluation of potential non-speed-hump traffic calming measures.

Matlaw presented the staff report.

The Commission requested the following clarifications:

- Speed tables were not installed in the northbound lane of the 600 block of Key Route Boulevard because it was part of the construction zone for Albany High School.
- Staff will explore suggestions for traffic calming measures on the 950 block of Peralta.
- Next steps include working with a consultant to develop design options to present to the Transportation Commission.
- Staff is not asking the Commission to recommend a specific design or traffic calming measures at the current time.

The following PUBLIC COMMENTS were offered by Theresa Rumjahn, unidentified speaker, Hillary Saunders, Kim Trutane:

- Encouragement for the Commission to approve traffic calming measures for the 950 block of Peralta because of the many accidents that have occurred on the block.
- Hope that more than “soft” traffic calming measures can be installed in the 950 block of Peralta.
- Drivers use Peralta as a throughfare between Gilman and Marin and do not share the lane with bicyclists.
- Albany Unified School District (AUSD) requests traffic calming measures on the 600 block of Key Route Boulevard because of the many vehicles and pedestrians traveling to and from Albany High School.

The Commission made the following comments:

- If staff utilized the 25 mph criterion, the 950 block of Peralta Avenue would still be in the top three locations for number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit.
- Projects other than the 950 block of Peralta will remain in the queue for future projects.
- Installing a speed table at the crest of the hill on Peralta may be worth exploring, if feedback regarding the speed table installed on the Washington Avenue hill has been positive.



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- A recommendation for staff not to exclude installing a speed hump at the top of the hill in the 950 block of Peralta.
- The data indicates only a few blocks are affected by speeding vehicles and alleviates concern that utilizing the 25 mph criterion causes staff to focus on arterial streets to the detriment of quieter, residential streets.
- Support for staff considering a speed hump at the top of the hill and a three-dimensional device to delineate the center of the street.
- The 600 block of Key Route is part of a protected bikeway project that the Commission has reviewed.
- The public may email the Commission with suggestions for traffic calming measures.

Javandel/McCroskey: Moved to update the prioritized list of blocks requesting traffic calming and direct staff to proceed with evaluation of potential traffic calming measures, including but not limited to a speed hump at the top of the hill, for the 950 block of Peralta Avenue, between Marin and Sonoma.

Ayes: Barnes, Chomsky, Javandel, McCroskey, Vigil-McClanahan

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Peng, Von Nydeggen

Chair Vigil-McClanahan re-opened Item 4-4.

The Commission requested the following clarifications:

- A completed checklist is required for applications for funding.
- Staff can review the checklist and, based on public comment, ensure it accommodates all modes of transportation and aligns with the proposed design.
- Procedurally, the Commission as the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is reviewing the checklist and taking public comment regarding the checklist.

The following PUBLIC COMMENTS were offered by Clay Larson, Amy Smolens, Bryan Marten:

- To complete the checklist accurately and honestly, the City should include a discussion of Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) standards and contraflow bike lanes.
- With respect to Item 4, bus stops are located in the immediate area of the project.
- A request for the Commission to prioritize daylighting the Kains and Adams intersection.
- Anticipation for staff providing details of the two configurations recommended by the consultant.
- Kains and Adams should accommodate a contraflow bike lane if bicyclists refrain from riding side-by-side.



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The Commission made the following comments:

- Differences of opinion with respect to the conclusions stated in the checklist do not merit review of the checklist.
- A project may deviate from established standards if there is an engineering basis for doing so.
- Support for the checklist as presented.
- The Commission has discussed the project extensively; therefore, further review is not necessary.

McCroskey/Javandel: Moved to affirm the Commission's approval of Item 4-4.

Ayes: Barnes, Chomsky, Javandel, McCroskey, Vigil-McClanahan

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Peng, Von Nydeggen

5-2. Citywide Pavement Condition Evaluation Update

Staff will present an update on the most recent pavement conditions evaluation and a status update on the pavement management program.

Recommendation: Provide comments to staff

Lam presented the staff report.

The Commission requested the following clarifications:

- The Pavement Technical Assistance Program (P-TAP) Round 22 report informed the 2023 pavement maintenance project.
- Adhara Systems uses a camera mounted on a vehicle to collect data.
- The slurry seal project at an estimated cost of \$1.2 million was not included in all budget scenarios.
- Funding for street maintenance and reconstruction currently does not include federal grants.
- Staff is exploring options for improving the condition and Pavement Condition Index (PCI) score of Key Route Boulevard.

The Commission made the following comments:

- More and better data is beneficial.
- Appreciation for the increase in the overall PCI.
- Cleveland Avenue needs repaving, and businesses inquire about a project to repave it.
- Brighton Avenue may be considered for a project in the 2027-2029 timeframe.
- Improving arterial streets is expensive, and they wear faster than other types of streets.



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5-3. Active Transportation Plan – Existing Facilities

In preparation for kicking off development of a new Active Transportation Plan, staff will present a draft map of existing cycling facilities in the City for review.

Recommendation: Provide comments to staff

Matlaw presented the staff report.

The Commission requested the following clarifications:

- The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has not agreed to adjust signage at the intersection of Dartmouth and San Pablo so that the City can install a cyclist-specific crossing.

The Commission made the following comments:

- The Active Transportation Plan (ATP) needs a map of the pedestrian network.
- The Bicycle Network Map should include a separated bikeway in the 600 block of Key Route.
- Perhaps the western sidewalk along San Pablo south of Marin and the southern sidewalk along Dartmouth Street from San Pablo east to the first driveway should be designated as improved to encourage a discussion of improvements.
- The Bicycle Network Map indicates the strongest demand lines are along San Pablo, Marin, and Solano Avenues; however, Marin is the only street with any type of cyclist improvement.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matlaw reported staff and the consultants have begun work on an update of the ATP and are planning to conduct the first round of engagement with the TC in October 2024. The City Council approved Phase 9 of the Annual Sidewalk Repair Program on July 1, 2024, and approved a ballot measure extending and increasing the parcel tax for sidewalk improvements. GIG carshare will cease operating in the Bay Area in December 2024. Construction of the bike path along Jackson Street and outside UC Village will be mostly complete by the end of September 2024.

Commissioner McCroskey noted the language of the ballot measure allows the funding to be used for more types of projects, including off-street bike paths.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner McCroskey requested a discussion of posting speed limits on shared-use and bike-specific paths.

8. NEXT MEETING – Thursday, September 26, 2024, 7:00 PM.



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9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:01 PM.