

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

EDITH STONE ROOM—RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES 1249 MARIN AVENUE January 22, 2009

I. Call to Order

Meeting started at 7:02 by Lubov Mazur, Chair

II. Roll call

Members present: Lubov Mazur, Marsha Atkinson, Ray Anderson, David Madson. Staff present: Ann Chaney, Chief McQuiston, Lieutenant John Geissberger, Aleida Andrino-Chavez.

5.3 I-80 Buchanan Park and Ride proposal

Chaney presented the idea to use the underutilized parcel of land under the I-80/580 freeway ramps at Buchanan Street for a park and ride lot. She and Farid Javandel met with AC Transit, Caltrans and Alameda County Congestion Management Agency staff to discuss this idea and they favored the concept. Two alternatives were prepared by the CMA consultants (Kimley-Horn) and were mutually exclusive.

Mazur said that this park and ride lot would serve as an overflow parking for access to the bike trail on the weekends. She asked if a crosswalk would be provided to get to the bike path if the south side option were adopted.

Anderson suggested going on a field trip to nearby park and ride lots to see how they are designed.

The Commission brought up the following issues to take into consideration when designing the park and ride lot.

- Internal traffic direction is clearly signed
- Install bicycle lockers and e-lockers (similar to those at El Cerrito Plaza BART station)
- Include bicycle racks
- Is Route 18 going to be extended to the park and ride lot?
- Would this lot eliminate the transbay bus to San Francisco along Pierce Street
- Include Target in the discussion

- The name of the park and ride must be inclusive of other modes of transportation, such as walk and ride, bike and ride, roll and ride, park and ride
- Consider installation of a protective fence between the park and ride and the railroad tracks.
- Consider public art as a decorative element

Sherrie Reineman said the Curtola Park and Ride lot in Vallejo is a good model to follow, in which the bus goes to one side and the vehicles circulate on the other side of the lot.

Anderson moved to support the concept of a park and ride lot under the I-80/580 ramps and to work out the details later with the Commission's input. Atkinson seconded; vote was unanimous.