



City of Mountain View

Minutes - Final

Council Transportation Committee

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

6:30 PM

Plaza Conference Room and Video Conference,
500 Castro St., Mountain View, CA 94041

This meeting was conducted with a virtual component. All members of the Committee and all speakers participated in person unless otherwise noted.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:32 p.m., Chair Kamei called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL

Present 3 - Member Alison Hicks, Member Lisa Matchak, and Chair Ellen Kamei

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The following members of the public spoke:

Albert Jeans questioned why Council Transportation Committee meetings are not held in the Council Chambers.

4. MINUTES APPROVAL

4.1 Approve Meeting Minutes

There were no public speakers in-person or virtually.

M/S Matchak/Hicks – To approve the Council Transportation Committee meeting minutes of November 28, 2023.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 3 - Member Hicks, Member Matchak, and Chair Kamei

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Interim Castro Pedestrian Mall--Central Walkway Street Treatment Concepts

Transportation Planner Bodduna and Gehl Studio Consultant Tabet Bejjani provided a presentation on the Interim Castro Pedestrian Mall – Central Walkway Street Treatment Concepts.

Public Works Director Cameron, Transportation Planner Bodduna, and Gehl Studio Consultant Tabet Bejjani responded to Committee questions about street treatment lifecycle costs and longevity, which option(s) would require outdoor patios to temporarily close, the expected timeline of a permanent Castro Street pedestrian mall, and how the pedestrian experience will differ from aerial-view renderings.

The following members of the public spoke:

(Virtual) Bruce England
(Virtual) Silja Paymer
(Virtual) Jamil Shay

The Committee generally agreed with the Visual Arts Committee's decisions and expressed support for the Ribbons pattern. They enjoyed the utilization of City colors in the street treatment options, although they expressed hesitation about the City logo appearing in too many locations throughout Downtown. They would like to see more surface area coverage with the Ribbons pattern. The Committee requested lifecycle costs and safety precautions against slipperiness to be presented to the City Council.

M/S Hicks/Matichak – To recommend that the City Council approve the Ribbons pattern central walkway street treatment concept with City colors and with additional surface coverage.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 3 - Member Hicks, Member Matichak, and Chair Kamei

5.2 Citywide Transportation Demand Management Ordinance Update

Transportation Planner Pacho and Principal Planner Pancholi provided a staff presentation on the Citywide Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Ordinance Update.

Transportation Planner Pacho, Transportation Manager Lo, Public Works Director Cameron, Principal Planner Pancholi, and Steer Group Consultant Hsueh responded to Committee questions about the analysis of telecommute/alternative work schedules, peak-hour trip caps, the difference between a peak hour and a peak period, transit ridership data, and how to create an ordinance that integrates with the City's existing programs.

The following members of the public spoke:

(Virtual) Emil Abraham
(Virtual) James Kuszmaul
(Virtual) April Webster

No formal motion was required. Committee members agreed with the City staff's draft Vision Statement and sought clarification on what multimodal transportation encompasses. They recommended the removal of the language "for new developments" and encouraged a policy which will promote equity, reliability, and access. They appreciated how the draft Project Goals include predictability and effectiveness. The Committee requested staff to factor in VTA and demographic data as they proceed with the Citywide TDM Ordinance.

5.3 Shoreline Boulevard Interim Bus Lane and Utility Improvements, Project 16-58-Scope Phasing Options

Assistant Public Works Director Arango provided a staff presentation on the Shoreline Boulevard Interim Bus Lane and Utility Improvements, Project 16-58 – Scope Phasing Options.

Assistant Public Works Director Arango and Public Works Director Cameron responded to Committee questions about how a bicyclist would get on/off the interim bus lane, if other phasing options are available, and bicycle/pedestrian bridge costs.

The following members of the public spoke:

Albert Jeans
(Virtual) April Webster
(Virtual) Valerie Fenwick

M/S Matichak/Kamei – To recommend that the City Council defer the median bus lane elements and phase the project; recommend City staff explore other phasing options and perform a feasibility study.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 3 - Member Hicks, Member Matichak, and Chair Kamei

6. COMMITTEE/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, REQUESTS, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Staff Comments

Public Works Director Cameron provided an update that effective February 1, 2024, her title will change to Acting Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director while Assistant Public Works Director Arango will become the Acting Public Works Director. These changes will remain in effect during the City of Mountain View's ongoing recruitment for an Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director.

6.2 Committee Comments

The Committee asked staff members why the January 30, 2024 Council Transportation Committee staff reports did not allow content copying.

There were no public speakers in-person or virtually.

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:28 p.m., Chair Kamei adjourned the meeting.

These Minutes were hereby submitted for approval by Laura Lo, Executive Assistant.

Approved on June 4, 2024.