

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE,
TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 4, 2023
1:00 PM**

2180 Milvia Street, 6th Floor - Redwood Room

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Terry Taplin, Kate Harrison, and Rigel Robinson
Alternate: Councilmember Mark Humbert

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MINUTES

Roll Call: 1:04 p.m. Councilmembers Robinson and Harrison present.

Councilmember Taplin present at 1:13 p.m.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: No speakers.

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes - April 13, 2023

Action: M/S/C (Robinson/Harrison) to approve the April 13, 2023 minutes.

Vote: Ayes – Robinson, Harrison; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Taplin.

Committee Action Items

The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. The Chair will determine the number of persons interested in speaking on each item. Up to ten (10) speakers may speak for two minutes. If there are more than ten persons interested in speaking, the Chair may limit the public comment for all speakers to one minute per speaker. Speakers are permitted to yield their time to one other speaker, however no one speaker shall have more than four minutes.

Following review and discussion of the items listed below, the Committee may continue an item to a future committee meeting, or refer the item to the City Council.

2. Audit Status Report: Underfunded Mandate: Resources, Strategic Plan, and Communication Needed to Continue Progress towards the Year 2020 Zero Waste Goal

From: City Manager

Referred: November 3, 2022

Due: July 25, 2023

Contact: Liam Garland, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

Action: No speakers. Presentation made and discussion held. No action taken.

3. Audit Status Report: Unified Vision of Zero Waste Activities Will Help Align Service Levels with Billing and Ensure Customer Equity

From: City Manager

Referred: November 3, 2022

Due: July 25, 2023

Contact: Liam Garland, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

Action: No speakers. Presentation made and discussion held. No action taken.

Committee Action Items

4. **Budget Referral: Additional Street Maintenance Funding to Improve Pavement Condition, Saving Tax Dollars and Our Streets**

From: Councilmember Kesarwani (Author), Councilmember Humbert (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Wengraf (Co-Sponsor)

Referred: February 27, 2023

Due: July 18, 2023

Recommendation: Refer to the FY 2023-25 biennial budget process to further increase the street paving budget by \$4.7 million General Fund in FY 2024-25 for a total street paving budget of approximately \$20 million in FY 2024-25.

On July 26, 2022, the City Council unanimously passed a policy ensuring an adequate annual General Fund contribution for street maintenance that amounts to a total of \$15.3 million annually plus inflation—the amount needed to maintain (although not improve) the pavement condition. This budget request for an additional \$4.7 million builds on the streets fiscal policy by seeking to increase the street paving budget further in FY 2024-25 to begin to improve the pavement condition.

We note that the City Council already approved a \$9 million increase to the street paving budget for FY 2023-24 for a total of \$16.3 million in FY 2023-24.

A dollar of maintenance early in a street's life-cycle saves \$8 later in the street's life-cycle due to avoided rehabilitation and/or reconstruction costs associated with failing streets, making this budget request an urgent matter of fiscal oversight. Further, the defeat of the Measure L general obligation bond on the November 8, 2022 ballot means that the City currently lacks significant resources to fully address deferred street maintenance, requiring the City Council to add additional resources from the General Fund in order to make steady progress towards improving the average pavement condition.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Rashi Kesarwani, Councilmember, District 1, (510) 981-7110

Action: 1 speaker. M/S/C (Robinson/Taplin) to send the item to Council with a positive recommendation.

Vote: All Ayes.

Unscheduled Items

These items are not scheduled for discussion or action at this meeting. The Committee may schedule these items to the Action Calendar of a future Committee meeting.

5. 51 Bus Rapid Transit

From: Councilmember Taplin (Author)

Referred: November 28, 2022

Due: June 5, 2023

Recommendation: 1) Refer to the City Manager the development of an implementation and community engagement plan to install Bus Rapid Transit, including dedicated bus lanes, transit signal priority, elevated platforms, and enhanced sections, on the AC Transit 51B route along University Avenue from Sixth Street to Shattuck Avenue and along Shattuck Avenue from University Avenue to Durant Avenue, with engagement centering pedestrian, cyclist, transit and mobility justice advocates, the disability rights community, local faith communities, merchants, neighboring residential communities inclusive of tenants, seniors, and students, and historically marginalized communities.

2) Refer \$300,000 to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Process to conduct a Complete Street Corridor Study antecedent to the installation of a cycle track along University Avenue from 6th Street to Oxford Street, consistent with the City of Berkeley's 2017 Bicycle Plan and integrating pedestrian amenities consistent with the City of Berkeley's 2020 Pedestrian Plan. As per the Bicycle Plan, the study will be evaluated in the context of the modal priorities established by the City of Berkeley General Plan's 2001 Transportation Element and the Alameda County Transportation Commission's (ACTC) 2016 Countywide Multimodal Arterial Plan.

3) Refer \$300,000 to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Process to conduct a Complete Street Corridor Study antecedent to the installation of a cycle track along Oxford Street from Virginia Street to Durant Avenue consistent with the Bicycle Plan and integrating pedestrian amenities consistent with the Pedestrian Plan. As per the Bicycle Plan, the study will be evaluated in the context of the modal priorities established by the Transportation Element and ACTC's Countywide Multimodal Arterial Plan. It will be coordinated with proposed improvements to transit performance on this Primary Transit Route, such as bus boarding islands, transit-only lanes, transit signal priority/queue jump lanes, far-side bus stop relocations, and other improvements as described in AC Transit's 2016 Major Corridor Study.

4) Refer \$X to the Fiscal Year XX-XX Budget Process to install quick-build bus station improvements along the AC Transit 51B route.

5) Initiate consultation with AC Transit and UC Berkeley Bear Transit as soon as possible on the planning, scoping, and implementation of these items.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

Unscheduled Items

6. **Adopt an Ordinance Adding a New Chapter 12.01 to the Berkeley Municipal Code Establishing Emergency Greenhouse Gas Limits, Process for Updated Climate Action Plan, Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Regional Collaboration**

From: Councilmember Harrison (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor) and Councilmember Hahn (Co-Sponsor)

Referred: November 15, 2021

Due: May 31, 2023

Recommendation: 1. Adopt an ordinance adding a new Chapter 12.01 to the Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) establishing Emergency Greenhouse Gas Limits with an effective date of [], 2022.

2. Refer to the FY23-24 Budget Process \$[] consistent with implementing the requirements of Sections 12.01.040, 12.01.050, 12.01.060.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Kate Harrison, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

Items for Future Agendas

None

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Harrison/Taplin) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee meeting held on May 4, 2023.

Neetu Salwan, Assistant City Clerk

Communications

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