

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, OCTOBER 06, 2014

The Transportation and Environment Committee of the City of San José convened in Regular Session at 1:37 p.m. in Committee Rooms 118-120, Council Wing, City Hall.

PRESENT: Council Member Sam Liccardo, Chair; Council Member Rose Herrera, Vice Chair; Council Member Xavier Campos and Council Member Donald Rocha.

ABSENT: All Present.

STAFF: Deputy City Manager Alex Gurza, Senior Deputy City Attorney Kevin Fisher, Mayor's Senior Policy Advisor Jeff Janssen and Deputy City Clerk Susan M. Davis.

Note: Item (3) Downtown Sidewalks Bicycle Riding was heard first.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

(1) Bird-Safe Building Design Standards.

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Environmental Services Kerrie Romanow and Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Harry Freitas, dated September 25, 2014, recommending acceptance of the report, provide input to Staff and to forward the item to the full Council.

Action: Upon motion by Council Member Herrera, seconded by Council Member Campos and carried unanimously, Item (1) was deferred to the December 1, 2014 Transportation and Environment Committee Meeting. (4-0.)

(3) Downtown Sidewalks Bicycle Riding.

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Transportation Hans F. Larsen, dated September 19, 2014, recommending acceptance of the report and to provide interest in a potential ordinance banning sidewalk bicycling in Downtown San José. (2) Staff presentation dated October 6, 2014 summarizing Downtown Sidewalks Bicycle Riding.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

(3) (Cont'd.)

Director of Transportation Hans F. Larsen Deputy Director of Transportation offered introductory remarks. Deputy Director of Transportation Planning and Project Delivery Paul Smith presented the report on Downtown Sidewalks Bicycle Riding. Police Captain Anthony Ciaburro provided his perspective from the enforcement side of this issue.

Staff responded to Committee questions and concerns.

Council Member Liccardo opened the floor for public testimony.

Public Comments: The following speakers expressed an interest in a potential ordinance banning sidewalk bicycling in Downtown San José: Hoac Nguyen, Hoi Van Tran, Jingcai Lin, Dung Chau, Xi Rong Wang, Wolfe Cevorov, Margaret Young, Martha O'Connell, Richard McCoy, Marie Hayter, Warren Gannon, Joyce Rabourn, Senior Citizens Commission; Lu Ruey Yung, Hoac T. Nguyen, Jerry Grimes, Ann Webb, Tung Nguyen, Kim Nguyen, Net T. Le, Hoa Nguyen and Charles Babcock.

Speaking against banning sidewalk bicycling in Downtown San José were: Nat Collins, Richard Coolman, Melanie Lanstrom, Andrew Fitzgerald, Andrew Boone, Cain Ramirez, Jerry Wilburn, San José State Transportation Student Council Committee and Corinne Winter, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition.

A brief discussion ensued.

Action: Upon motion by Council Member Campos, seconded by Council Member Rocha and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report and forwarded the item to the full Council without a formal recommendation. (4-0.)

(2) **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Mitigation Monitory and Reporting Program Semi-Annual Status Report.**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Harry Freitas, dated September 19, 2014, recommending acceptance of the report. (2) Supplemental memorandum from Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Harry Freitas, Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Julie Edmonds-Mares and Director of Transportation Hans F. Larsen, dated October 3, 2014, providing clarification on the status of City managed sites shown as red light projects on Attachment C.

Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Matt Cano presented the report.

Action: Upon motion by Council Member Herrera, seconded by Council Member Campos and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report. (4-0.)

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

(4) **Trail Network Development Annual Report.**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Julie Edmonds-Mares, dated September 23, 2014, recommending acceptance of the report. (2) Staff presentation dated October 6, 2014 describing the State of Trail Network.

Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Julie Edmonds-Mares presented introductory comments. Trail Manager Yves Zsutty offered the report and responded to Committee questions and concerns.

Action: Upon motion by Council Member Campos, seconded by Council Member Rocha and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report. (4-0.)

(5) **San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility Capital Improvement Program Semi-Annual Status Report.**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Environmental Services Kerrie Romanow and Director of Public Works David Sykes, dated September 25, 2014, recommending acceptance of the report and to forward the item to the full Council. (2) Staff presentation dated October 6, 2014 summarizing the Semi-Annual Status Report for January – June 2014.

Assistant Director of Environmental Services Ashwini Kantak presented the report.

Action: Upon motion by Council Member Herrera, seconded by Council Member Liccardo and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report and forwarded the item to the full Council for discussion and formal action on October 28, 2014. (4-0.)

(6) **San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility Discharge Permit Reissuance and the Environmental Health of the Bay.**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Environmental Services Kerrie Romanow, dated September 25, 2014, recommending acceptance of the report. (2) Staff presentation dated October 6, 2014 summarizing the San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility Discharge Permit Reissuance and the Environmental Health of the Bay.

Environmental Services Program Manager Rene Eyerly offered introductory remarks. Facility Supervisor Eric Dunlavey provided the report.

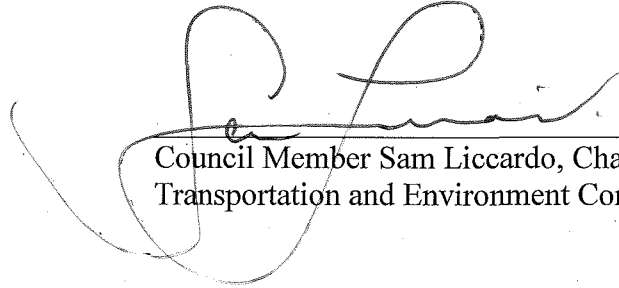
Action: Upon motion by Council Member Campos, seconded by Council Member Herrera and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report. (4-0.)

OPEN FORUM

Jamie Fearer, California Walks – San José STEPS Coalition, provided information about the “Senior Speed Zone Campaign” which advocates the advancement of healthy, safe and walkable neighborhoods.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Sam Liccardo adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.



Council Member Sam Liccardo, Chair
Transportation and Environment Committee

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