



## COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Remote Participation- Digital Zoom Meeting

January 27, 2021

4:00 p.m.

### MEETING MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 4:02 PM by Chair Elisa Márquez

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Chair Elisa Márquez

#### **ROLL CALL:**

##### Members Present:

- Elisa Márquez, Chair
- Angela Andrews, City Council Member
- Mark Salinas, City Council Member

##### Staff Present:

- Alex Ameri, Director of Public Works
- Ayeh Khajouei, Transportation Planner
- Charmine Solla, Senior Transportation Engineer
- Irene Perez, Senior Secretary (Meeting Recorder)
- Jorge Simbaqueba, Senior Transportation Engineer
- Kathy Garcia, Deputy Director of Public Works
- Michael Wolny, Senior Secretary

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments.

#### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

There were no Committee comments.

#### **1. Approval of Minutes of the Council Infrastructure Committee (CIC) Meeting held on October 28, 2020**

The item was moved by Council Member Salinas, seconded by Council Member Marquez, and approved unanimously.

#### **2. East Bay Greenway Project: Design Elements and Aesthetics:**

Director Alex Ameri introduced the report and provided background. Ayeh Khajouie, Transportation Planner, presented the report and Jhay De Los Reyes, from Alameda CTC, provided information on conceptual design options and elements.

## **Public Comments/Discussion**

Council Member Salinas asked Staff if the goal is to keep the branding uniform throughout the stretch of the 12-mile corridor. Jhay from Alameda CTC responded that there are a few elements that will be used throughout the entire corridor such as green coloring and lighting style and that there is potential for some individual characteristics such as the fencing with split small panels. Council Member Salinas asked if other cities along the corridor such as San Leandro and Oakland were leaning towards the same examples proposed by Alameda CTC. Jhay responded that other jurisdictions have been consistent with choosing staff recommendations. Council Member Salinas stated that he likes the new modern light design presented in A2 but would have liked to see lights that are similar to lights throughout the City. He added that he understood that Staff was trying to remain consistent throughout the corridor and is fine with that. He also added that he approved the use of a fence design that is based on the existing segment 7A fence but would like staff to use the Hayward green color to match the branding style for Hayward. In terms of the sign for the project, he would like to see wayfinder signs that include locations within the 7 cities that can direct pedestrians to geographic locations or downtown areas and the distance in miles. Lastly, he asked Staff what the timeline would be for this project. Jhay responded that the design phase could begin in December, but they would still need to find money for the construction phase due to the expense of the project.

Chair Marquez asked Staff about the timeline of purchasing the Union Pacific right of way and which if other jurisdictions have the same preference in purchasing. Jhay De Los Reyes responded that Union Pacific is currently doing an evaluation of the operations in Alameda County which will determine if they can sell the open subdivision and that Staff hopes to hear from them later this year. He added that the other component related to that timeline is the total cost of the right of way to this entire project. Once the land is appraised and it is determined that Union Pacific wants to sell, Staff will have to find the funds necessary to purchase. Regarding which jurisdictions are involved, he added that the only Stakeholder missing is BART. Chair Marquez asked if the Rail-to-Trail was all the jurisdiction's preference. Jhay responded that is the preferred alternative for all jurisdictions. Chair Marquez expressed preference to the modern style pole in the white color for the lighting design shown in A-2. She also expressed preference to the wayfinder signs shown in B that uses a single wayfinding sign with the Hayward logo. She added that she likes the fence in 7A and would like to be able to incorporate art from local artists to bring uniqueness to project.

Council Member Andrews commented on the lighting concept and agreed with Chair Marquez on the white light pole design. She also agreed with using local artists and incorporating their art to the fence. She added that she also likes the idea of using the Hayward green color and a single wayfinding sign that includes the logo. She asked Staff if the logo was going to be a Hayward logo and when would staff be presenting those designs. Jhay De Los Reyes responded that the logo would be an East Bay Greenway Logo and it would come back for comments far out in the future. Chair Marquez

expressed the importance of having the Hayward “H” logo incorporated into the wayfinding signs for branding purposes.

### **3. Hayward Boulevard Safety Improvements Feasibility Study:**

Director Alex Ameri introduced the report and Jorge Simbaqueba, Senior Transportation Engineer, presented the report and provided background.

#### **Public Comments/Discussion**

Council Member Andrews asked Staff if any of the proposed improvements options can be done in the short term if budget allowed. Mr. Simbaqueba, responded that some of the improvement items that would be done as a part of Phase 1 as soon as budget allows would be items such as installing bike lanes with striping, high visibility crosswalks and additional ADA curb ramps. Council Member Andrews suggested that when Staff presents to the community, they focus on presenting those attainable items first so the community can see some changes while Staff works on the budget. She added that she likes the idea of raised crosswalk as it can aid in slowing down traffic, but she is unsure if it would be a nuisance to the community or if it would be harder to navigate with it installed. Council Member Andrews further commented on the separated bike lanes on Mission Blvd stating that they look very well on Mission Blvd but seeing the negative community impact she does not believe Staff should lead with that improvement. She suggested Staff present the protected bike lanes on Hayward Blvd. with more focus on the safety of those who bike on Hayward Blvd and provide information on how many more bike riders are on Hayward Blvd than Mission Blvd and how important their protection is. She asked if the lane reduction road diet may have adverse traffic impacts. Mr. Simbaqueba responded that a traffic analysis was done for all three alternatives and the results showed there would not be an adverse impact only the minimal increase in intersection delay with Alternative 3. Council Member Andrews asked if the traffic analysis had been done as a Vehicle Per Miles Traveled (VMT) analysis and if that were a state requirement. Staff responded that the traffic analysis was done from a Level of Service (LOS) analysis and that the VMT analysis is not a requirement for this type of improvement.

Council Member Salinas expressed interest in Alternative 3 as long as work is staggered. He suggested that Staff include the fatalities information in the presentation and talk about it to the community. He mentioned that Alternative 3 includes everything that has been asked for in the community and suggested this alternative be presented to the neighborhood.

Chair Marquez expressed concern about a single lane in both directions. She has heard a lot of complaints from residents in the area that in the event in of an emergency and having to evacuate they feel there are not enough access points currently and limiting the lanes further could cause more issues. She stated that her preference would be a hybrid model of Alternative 2 and Alternative 3 and agrees with Council Member Andrews about starting improvements that are most attainable first. She added that

there should be more data gathered for fatalities in the corridor before presenting. She asked if this project would qualify for any grants. Director Ameri responded that it would be the only way to fund this project and Staff would need to find a source of funding to pay for these improvements. Chair Marquez stated that she is comfortable moving with Alternative 3 but suggests analysis be done with an evacuation plan. Director Ameri confirmed that Staff would be consulting with Fire Department about this plan.

#### **4. Proposed 2021 Agenda Planning Calendar: Review and Comment**

Council Member Salinas would like to receive an update on the High-Speed Fiber Optic Project.

#### **5. Committee Member/Staff Announcements and Referrals:**

Director Ameri gave an oral update on the following projects:

*Patrick Avenue Complete Streets Project:* Director Ameri stated that Phase 1 has already been implemented. He added that it was done in junction with the Pavement Improvement Project because of economies of scale and to complete striping at one time. He stated the project is not complete yet. It still needs additional safety features such as the bike lane paint, safe hit delineator posts to differentiate the parking area to the bike lane and the and the Rapid Flashing Beacons to make crossing the street safer at 3 locations. He added that there will be a community meeting for feedback held on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

*21<sup>st</sup> Century Library Plaza Project:* Director Ameri stated that landscaping work is underway at the Plaza. He noted that there are some trees missing which are currently being reviewed by Landscape Architects to determine the appropriateness of the trees to be planted. There are also some shrubs on-site that need to be planted and will be done within the next 30 days.

*Mission Blvd. Phase 2 Project:* Director Ameri stated that the Phase 2 project is now complete. Staff is working on processing the acceptance of the project.

*Mission Blvd. Phase 3 Project:* Director Ameri announced this project is in the process of calling for bids in February. He added construction should start by April 2021 and be completed in Summer of 2022.

Council Member Marquez followed up on the Patrick Avenue project update stating some concerns about the non-compliant parking in front of the nursing home on the corner of Schafer Road and Patrick Avenue. She stated that Staff should talk to nursing home regarding this issue. She also added that St. Bede Church requested that 2 parking spaces in front of church be left open for funerals proceedings. She asked that Staff follow up on this request. Lastly, she noted some concerns from residents regarding Waste Management picking up their bins in this area and advised Staff investigate this.

Chair Marquez asked about an update on the progress of the Library Project construction inside the building. Director Ameri responded that some progress has been as workers are currently working inside the building. He stated the work was completed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and they have moved on to the work on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Council Member Andrews request a later start time for Council Infrastructure Committee meetings. She recommended 5:30 P.M. for a start time. Chair Marquez recommended that she email her inquiry to Staff to come up with a time that works best.

Director Ameri announced that Fred Kelley, Transportation Manager, has moved on to a new opportunity in Oakland and Kathy Garcia, Deputy Director of Public Works, has agreed to serve as Acting Transportation Manager until someone is appointed to the position.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 5:47 PM

Attendance	MEETINGS					
	Present 07/22/20 Meeting	Present 10/28/20 Meeting	Present 01/27/21 Meeting	Present to Date This Fiscal Year	Excused to Date This Fiscal Year	Absent to Date This Fiscal Year
Elisa Márquez	✓	✓	✓	3	0	0
Mark Salinas	✓	✓	✓	3	0	0
Angela Andrews	NA	NA	✓	1	0	0