



SPECIAL COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Remote Participation - Digital Zoom Meeting

July 28, 2021  
5:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 5:31 PM 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
- Kevin Briggs, Senior Civil Engineer
- Kathy Garcia, Deputy Director of Public Works
- Dave Hung, Senior Civil Engineer
- Jennifer Ott, Assistant City Manager
- Charmine Solla, Senior Transportation Engineer
- Alex Tat, Associate Civil Engineer
- Michael Wolny, Senior Secretary (Meeting Recorder)
- Shabnam Yari, Associate Transportation Engineer

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Kim Hugget, President of the Hayward Chamber of Commerce, would like the Committee and City staff to meet with Main Street businesses and residents who oppose the proposed reduction of lanes on Main Street.

Mr. Stephen Schott expressed concern for the proposed lane reduction and bike lane addition on Hayward Blvd and would like staff to revisit the proposal.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

Chair Márquez advised staff to add the Main Street project as a future agenda item to address Mr. Hugget's concerns based on the feedback he has received from downtown businesses.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE (CIC)  
MEETING HELD ON APRIL 28, 2021**

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

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE (CIC) MEETING HELD ON MAY 26, 2021**

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

## **3. RECOMMEND COUNCIL APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO PATRICK AVE SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Assistant City Manager Jennifer Ott, Director Alex Ameri and Senior Transportation Engineer Charmine Solla provided the report and presentation.

### **Public Comments**

Mr. Dave Campbell with Bike East Bay thanked the committee and staff for their work on the project but does not support the revised proposal for buffered bike lanes as the two-way cycle track design would be the best option for cyclists.

Mr. Bruce Dughi spoke in favor of the two-way cycle track design and would like to add a curb to the proposal to help drivers understand where to park on the street. He also provided positive feedback for the current Huntwood Ave and Mission Blvd protected bike lanes.

Mr. Alejandro agreed with the two other public comments and is in favor of the two-way cycle track protected bike lane proposal.

### **Committee Questions / Discussion**

Council Member Andrews asked staff for an update on the Bike East Bay proposal of a two-way cycle track and community feedback. Director Ameri explained that the community expressed disapproval for the proposal as they felt they would be parking “in the middle of the street” and had concerns about line of sight when exiting driveways onto Patrick Ave crossing the two-way bike lane. Council Member Andrews also asked who in the community would be impacted by this proposal and what feedback the school and churches had from the July 19<sup>th</sup> community meeting. Director Ameri confirmed residents, churches and St. Bede Parochial School along Patrick Ave would all be affected by the changes, and all had different concerns. Director Ameri further explained that the new proposal would extend red curbs, add no parking signs, drop off signs, passenger loading signs etc., that was requested by the community. Assistant City Manager Ott added that she spoke with the office manager of St. Bede, and they were in favor of the new proposal and appreciated their input being taken into consideration.

Council Member Andrews and Chair Márquez asked if the previous walking audit was looked at when creating the revised proposal and staff confirmed the audit was taken into consideration as the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan suggested potential safety

improvements. Chair Márquez asked staff about the walking audit and Senior Transportation Engineer Solla confirmed the walking audit took place in October 2018 with roughly thirty participants, mostly consisting of parents whose children go to school along Patrick Ave.

Council Member Salinas asked staff about the turnout for the community meetings and if the residents are aware of the expected timeline for the new proposed plan. Director Ameri confirmed that the virtual community meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup> had roughly 120 attendees and the July 19<sup>th</sup> in-person community meeting had about 70 attendees. Director Ameri added that if the committee approves the new plan proposal, it will then go to Council for review and approval in October or November 2021, and only with Council approval would the project begin construction.

Chair Márquez asked staff if this proposal was an alternative plan to the existing project and Director Ameri confirmed that this new proposal addresses the community concerns and is a more balanced solution for all stakeholders. Chair Márquez and Council Member Salinas asked about outreach efforts and Senior Transportation Engineer Solla reported that 2,000 postcards were mailed out, along with City social media posts inviting community members to the meetings, and notifications sent by St. Bede School to their network. The project website also posted all meeting and project information readily available to the public. Director Ameri and Assistant City Manager Ott added that staff will continue to do similar outreach and collect feedback for future projects to strengthen relationships with the community and neighborhoods.

Council Member Andrews asked staff to clarify the two-way cycle track proposal that Bike Easy Bay supports and would like the proposal to also focus on pedestrian safety and not just cyclists. Director Ameri confirmed that the residents, churches, and school are not in favor of the two-way cycle track due to line-of-sight driveway issues and it not meeting their requests for passenger drop off, pedestrian concerns, street parking etc. The revised presented proposal is a balanced compromise that the community supports as it takes their requests and feedback into consideration as well as pedestrian and cyclist safety.

The item was moved by Council Member Andrews and seconded by Council Member Salinas, with an amendment for City staff to review Bike East Bay reports and data analysis for two-way cycle lanes with a professional consultant and provide that educational information for City staff to analyze and include for a future City Council staff report.

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS Andrews, Marquez, Salinas  
NOES: None

#### **4. MISSION BOULEVARD LINEAR PARK LANDSCAPE - PROJECT UPDATE**

Director Ameri introduced Dave Hung, Senior Civil Engineer, for the report and presentation alongside the consultant, Surface Design Inc.

## **Public Comments**

There were not public comments.

## **Committee Questions / Discussion**

Chair Márquez thanked staff and the consultant for their work and taking community feedback into consideration with the overall design. Council Member Andrews requested staff to add a tall art structure, water feature attraction, and dog water station to the proposed design if its within budget.

## **5. ORAL REPORTS**

*CIP Update:* Deputy Director Kathy Garcia provided updates for the Fiscal Year 2021 Pavement Improvement Project that includes two streets in the Old Highlands area. The Hayward Heritage Plaza is officially open and Fire Station 6 and Training Center is about 40% complete.

*Hayward Blvd Traffic Mitigation:* Senior Transportation Engineer Jorge Simbaqueba shared that the project is currently on hold and will only continue after Council Infrastructure Committee review and City Council approval. Staff will be developing an action plan based on survey and community feedback gathered.

*Rail Safety Enhancement Program:* Senior Transportation Engineer Charmine Solla provided updates for three locations selected in Hayward: 1) Pedestrian Crossing behind Tennyson High School, 2) Tennyson Road east of Leidig Ct and 3) Industrial Pkwy west of Pacific St. Work orders are being prepared and final designs will be proposed for approval.

## **FUTRE AGENDA TIEMS**

## **6. PROPOSED 2021 AGENDA PLANNING CALENDAR: REVIEW AND COMMENT**

The Committee had no comments.

## **7. COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REFERRALS**

Council Member Salinas asked staff to think of ways to reduce speeding on Mission Blvd between A St and D St. Council Member Andrews expressed the same request for Tennyson Blvd and Calaroga Ave

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Márquez adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

MEETINGS

Attendance	Present 07/28/20 Meeting	Present to Date This Fiscal Year	Excused to Date This Fiscal Year	Absent to Date This Fiscal Year
Elisa Márquez	✓	6	0	0
Mark Salinas	✓	6	0	0
Angela Andrews	✓	4	0	0