



ATTACHMENT I - COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Hybrid Participation - Digital Zoom Meeting/Conference Room 2A

April 26, 2023  
5:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Mayor Mark Salinas

**ROLL CALL:**

Members Present:

- Angela Andrews, City Council Member, Mayor Pro Tempore
- Ray Bonilla Jr., City Council Member
- Mark Salinas, Mayor

Staff Present:

- Alex Ameri, Director of Public Works
- Kaitlyn Byrne, Senior Management Analyst
- Dustin Claussen, Assistant City Manager
- Kathy Garcia, Deputy Director of Public Works
- Sharon Hu, Management Analyst
- Elli Lo, Senior Management Analyst
- Sammy Lo, Senior Civil Engineer
- Jade Kim, Assistant Transportation Engineer
- Trang Nguyen, Management Analyst
- Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager
- Judy Phung, Senior Secretary
- Byron Tang, Senior Transportation Engineer
- Michael Wolny, Administrative Secretary (Meeting Recorder)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Carl Gorringer, with Bike East Bay, spoke in favor of micromobility and would like increased bike parking overall and incentives for businesses to provide bike parking.

**1. Approval of Minutes of the Council Infrastructure Committee (CIC) Meeting Held on January 25, 2023**

The item was moved by Council Member (CM) Andrews, seconded by CM Bonilla Jr., and approved unanimously.

**2. Review of Recommended Capital Improvement Program for FY24 – FY33**

Director Alex Ameri introduced Kaitlyn Byrne, Senior Management Analyst, who provided the presentation and update.

**Public Comments**

There were none.

### **Committee Questions / Discussion**

CM Andrews asked about the Stack Center and the likelihood of receiving funding to begin construction sooner. Director Ameri confirmed that Phase 1 has funding and will go to construction. The expansion will likely require \$27 million, and City Manager Kelly McAdoo may have conversations in securing the funds. Council Member Andrews inquired about other potential sources of funding aside from the State. Director Ameri stated that staff can research and provide an update during the CIP presentation at the next Work Session. CM Andrews emphasized that the CIP should cover bike lanes, intersections with bike conflicts, specifically on Tennyson and Dickens. Director Ameri agreed that bike lanes as part of the pavement rehabilitation project should be publicized and confirmed that bike and pedestrian safety improvements have been made. CM Andrews would like the CIP to also include the wastewater treatment plant upgrades, permanent public art beyond murals that is engaging, and facility improvements for HPD and the animal shelter.

CM Bonilla Jr. spoke in favor of the CIP projects and their alignment with the strategic priorities, demonstrating the City's advancement of capital improvements and how the visible enhancements made in bike and pedestrian safety have been a highlight for the community. He emphasized the importance of more open space amid denser housing. An example is funding the La Vista Park project to its completion.

Mayor Salinas noted that the California Transportation Commission is aware of the Tennyson loop being a top priority. He inquired about the possibility of the City establishing joint use of the Corporation Yard facilities with Hayward Area Recreation and Park District and Hayward Unified School District. Mayor Salinas also asked about a potential partnership with other agencies, such as Chabot College and California State University, East Bay, in financing the STACK Center.

### **3. Micromobility Feasibility Study - Receive and Comment**

Kathy Garcia, Deputy Director of Public Works, provided the presentation and report alongside Toole Design Group.

#### **Public Comments**

There were none.

### **Committee Questions / Discussion**

CM Andrews asked staff why shared pedal bike operations in various Bay Area cities halted prior to COVID-19. Malia Schilling, with Toole Design Group, explained that there were operator issues, as well as a market shift to electric scooters. CM Andrews conveyed interest in a pilot program for docked bikeshare throughout Hayward. Mayor Salinas expressed concerns that maintaining multiple dock stations within the City may burden staff. Mayor Salinas and CM Andrews instead supported the idea of the City purchasing a fleet of bikes to promote healthy living.

CM Bonilla Jr. was curious why 31% of respondents in the Feasibility Study were opposed to the program. Ms. Schilling revealed that the number one concern for 75% of survey respondents was parking management. CM Bonilla Jr. spoke in overall favor of shared micromobility and agreed with CM Andrews that a long-term bike rental program is more feasible with bike infrastructure. He underlined the significance of public education and a safety campaign of rules of engagement for riders. CM Bonilla Jr. asked how the long-term regional shared micromobility strategy would benefit the community. Ms. Schilling confirmed that expansion of service areas helps smaller jurisdictions achieve profit margins to stay sustainable.

All Councilmembers were in favor of a bike rebate program, in which residents may purchase a bike or electric bike with the City supplementing the capped cost. Mayor Salinas proposed that staff present a robust program plan for bike rebates. CM Bonilla Jr. added that safety gear, such as helmets, should be included as reimbursable expenses.

#### **4. Draft Local Road Safety Plan - Discussion and Recommendation to Council**

Director Ameri introduced Byron Tang, Senior Transportation Engineer, who provided the presentation and report.

#### **Public Comments**

There were none.

#### **Committee Questions / Discussion**

CM Andrews left the meeting at 6:35 p.m. but voiced her support of VisionZero.

CM Bonilla Jr. asked whether there is a positive or negative trend in Hayward with VisionZero in terms of eliminating traffic-related deaths. Mike Alston, with Kittelson & Associates, Inc., (Kittelson) confirmed that there was a positive trend and a decrease in the number of traffic-related deaths between 2017-2021. However, data indicates that this decrease correlates with less driving during the COVID-19 pandemic. CM Bonilla Jr. asked if there are key intersections with safety issues, namely the Tennyson loop. Mr. Alston reported that such locations were found in the downtown area and that the Tennyson loop was not specifically studied. The frequency and severity of deaths had correlation to high speed in multi-lane roadways like the Tennyson loop. Grace Carsky, with Kittelson, added that several residents have mentioned this as a safety concern in the Community Outreach meeting. CM Bonilla Jr. was fond of the Local Road Safety Plan's (LRSP) prioritization of locations where most crashes occur. He was in strong support of VisionZero, which aims to eliminate traffic-related deaths in Hayward by 2030.

Mayor Salinas requested that staff shift focus to loop intersections and implement traffic calming measures for loop reform. He also noted that loop reform may be a significant topic of discussion in City Council meetings. The plan should build on existing projects, such as the Safe Routes program. He, along with CM Bonilla Jr., would like for the LRSP to prioritize intersections that involve Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC). Director Ameri

confirmed that intersection improvement work is ongoing. Mayor Salinas and Council Member Bonilla Jr. would like the results of places where the most crashes have been reported, shown on page 24 of the presentation, to be the criteria for the LRSP.

CM Bonilla Jr. questioned the budget gap and the costs of the plan, as well as the probability of the City obtaining state funds and grants. Director Ameri answered that the costs can be better determined after there is an approved plan in place. There is local funding from Measure B and Measure BB that can be utilized.

Mayor Salinas moved the item, seconded by CM Bonilla Jr., to approve staff's recommendation to move forward with the LRSP for Council to vote on at a future Council meeting.

**5. Proposed 2023 Agenda Planning Calendar: Review and Comment**

**Public Comments**

There were none.

**Committee Questions / Discussion**

Director Ameri stated that in the next meeting, staff will report on the sewer system improvement and on Fire Station 6 and Fire Training Center.

**ORAL REPORTS**

There were none.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REFERRALS**

Mayor Salinas confirmed that the following Council Infrastructure Committee meeting will be on June 28, 2023. The Committee has agreed to vote on a new Chair at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Salinas adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

**MEETINGS**

Attendance	Present 4/26/23 Meeting	Present to Date This Fiscal Year	Excused to Date This Fiscal Year	Absent to Date This Fiscal Year
Angela Andrews	✓	2	0	0
Ray Bonilla Jr.	✓	1	0	0
Mark Salinas	✓	2	0	0