



COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
Hayward City Hall – Conference Room 2A
777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541-5007

January 22, 2020
4:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM by Chair Elisa Márquez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chair Elisa Márquez

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

- Elisa Márquez, Chair
- Al Mendall, City Council Member (Arrived at 4:02 PM)
- Mark Salinas, City Council Member

Staff Present:

- Maria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager
- Alex Ameri, Director of Public Works
- Alex Tat, Associate Civil Engineer
- Charmine Solla, Senior Transportation Engineer
- Dave Hung, Senior Civil Engineer
- Fred Kelley, Transportation Manager
- Kathy Garcia, Deputy Director of Public Works
- Yama Farouqi, Associate Civil Engineer
- Irene Perez, Senior Secretary (Recorder)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

There were no Committee comments.

1. I-880/Winton Avenue/A Street:

Transportation Manager Fred Kelley introduced the report and John Pulliam from Alameda CTC and Parag Mehta from Kimley Horn, presented the information.

Public Comments/Discussion

Resident Hamadeh of Eko Coffee Bar raised concern about the new Costco gas station that will open on A Street and its traffic impact to the area. Staff responded that the gas

station is outside the scope of the project and that Costco has already submitted its traffic impact analysis and it showed no significant impact to any additional trips to the area. Chair Márquez added that the Costco project would be discussed during the March 17, 2020 Planning Commission and welcomed residents to comment at that meeting or email if needed.

Council Member Mendall asked for clarification on which alternative presented is more costly. Staff advised that alternatives W-1 and A-1 would be significantly more expensive. Council Member Mendall commented that absent more information on cost he would lean towards A-2 but does not feel strongly about it. He suggested adding a third lane going from La Playa to Southbound I-880 in order to avoid having to go around the loop. He also asked staff what the long-term cost implication to the City would be having to make La Playa a public street. Staff responded that the main challenge is the multiple ownership for La Playa. He suggested that if direct access were not an option, the piece of land on the corner of La Playa and Southland Drive could potentially be utilized to improve movement of traffic onto the freeway as an alternative to W-2.

Council Member Salinas stated that W-1 is visually confusing and feels W-2 looks smoother and is leaning more toward W-2. He raised concern about durability with recent information provided by the Council Economic Development Committee of potential large industrial companies relocating to the area, creating additional traffic and wear. Staff advised that additional information would be presented to Council for further evaluation.

Chair Márquez raised concern with previous complaints from Longwood residents regarding traffic impacts during the holiday season. She believes this project will address these concerns; however, she is concerned with the longer-term impact to the Southgate neighborhood. She requested more information regarding the potential impact to these neighborhoods and asked staff do community outreach to neighborhoods on both sides of Winton Avenue, as well as residents on Arbor Avenue. Chair Marquez prefers alternative W-2 and A-2.

2. Main Street Complete Streets Design:

Alex Tat introduced the report and provided background.

Public Comments/Discussion

Susie Hufstader, Bike East Bay, strongly supports alternative C-1. She reiterated the community's concerns for pedestrian safety and urges staff to provide the first protected bikeway to downtown.

Frank Goulart commended staff for providing parking for Green Shutter. He prefers C-3 for its diagonal parking.

Vic Karlj, The Bistro, would like to see diagonal parking to provide easier access for residents to park and visit surrounding businesses.

Carl Gorringer requested a fourth concept for adding diagonal parking. He would like to keep sidewalks as they are, add diagonal parking and Class 2 bike lanes to this area that is not impacted by heavy traffic.

Alfredo Rodriguez is requesting diagonal parking. He mentioned that Main Street needs more lighting and trip hazards addressed. He also mentioned that it is not heavily trafficked by vehicles or bicyclists and would benefit from more parking and greenery.

Jianhan Wang is in support of C-1 and pedestrian safety. He would like an implementation for bike parking in addition to C-1.

Carolyn Leandro of St. Gabriel Catholic Books is in favor of diagonal parking. She recommended the addition of handicap parking on B Street as well as there is currently none.

Sid Hamadeh is in favor of diagonal parking to provide more parking for customers and for residents of Green Shutter.

Didacus Ramos shared information on studies of bike lane safety. He mentioned that the "Share the Road" signs on Grand Avenue in Oakland have shown effectiveness and lowered accident rates. He is in favor of diagonal parking and does not want sidewalks widened.

Council Member Salinas agrees that parking is needed and is in favor of diagonal parking. He is not in favor of C-3 and likes C-1 for its wider sidewalks. He added that staff should consider potential shut down of vehicle traffic to Main Street & B Street on weekends.

Council Member Mendall agrees with the desire for more parking, bike lanes, safer sidewalks, and lighting. He is not in favor of C-3 and would prefer C-1, C-2 or another diagonal parking option. He added that he wants to make sure businesses can expand and provide sidewalk seating which he feels C-2 would be best for that.

Chair Márquez commented on the current parking in downtown and the need for better signage. She would like staff to partner with business owners that can assist with getting information out to the public on current muni lot parking. She added that she is not in favor of C-3 because of the many risks with pedestrian crossing. She would like to see a variation of C-1 and C-2 and agrees with the comments on need for more lighting and bike parking. She asked staff to have another opportunity for outreach to downtown merchants and residents. Staff responded that they would meet and discuss outreach options.

3. Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan:

Senior Transportation Engineer Charmine Solla introduced the report and provided background.

Public Comments/Discussion

Susie Hufstader encourages Council to put more robust work to the Bike and Pedestrian program and provide more staffing and more support to implement this project.

Council Member Mendall is not in favor of hiring a dedicated staff person this year. He is also not in favor of having dedicated amount for bike and pedestrian improvements. He would like to see it incorporated into pavement and roadwork projects.

Council Member Salinas agrees that having bike and pedestrian improvements should be incorporated into other street improvement projects.

Chair Márquez believes the plan provided good information and appreciated the outreach to residents' homes. She is not in favor of adding a staff person this year and is open to it in the next 2 to 3 years. She recommends that staff have this project announced on Haystack newsletter and Hayward Leaf. Regarding Safe Bike to School, Chair Márquez asked staff to add to HLAC agenda.

4. FY 20 Pavement Improvement Project

Associate Civil Engineer Yama Farouqi introduced the report and provided background.

Public Comments/Discussion

Chair Márquez inquired whether Panjon Street was included as part of this project. Staff advised the Panjon Street is part of this project.

5. 5 Year Planning Calendar:

Future agenda items will be discussed during the regular meeting on April 22, 2022.

Chair Márquez requested that staff provide an update on the issues that occurred at Shenandoah Place. Director Ameri acknowledge the request and instructed staff to prepare an update to be added to a future agenda.

6. Committee Member/Staff Announcements and Referrals:

Council Member Salinas advised he will be attending the Land Use Law and Planning Conference in UCLA and would be there on January 23 and January 24.

7. Oral Updates:

Director Ameri provided the following project updates:

Plaza: The Plaza Project is moving slowly, and staff project completion sometime in the spring.

City Center Demo: Hazmat removal has started on the first three floors, as well as soft demolition. Hard demolition should be done by July 2020 and cleanup is expected to be completed by September 2020.

Mission Phase II: Roadway work has been completed. There is still some construction work related to the fence on west side, and landscaping work that will take some time to complete.

Fire Station 6 & Training Center: Staff has received critical approval from State Architect. Staff is waiting for FAA approval and expects approval in the next month or two.

Solar Project Phase II: Project is near commissioning. Staff is currently working with PG&E to make a final decision regarding connection.

21st Century Library: Carpentry work in the Story Time area will take some time to complete. Outside elevator remains under construction. Staff is currently working with State and OTIS and project completion in two months.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:01 PM