



COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE & AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING
Hybrid Participation - Digital Zoom Meeting/Hayward Executive Airport

February 26, 2025

5:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

- Angela Andrews, City Council Member
- George Syrop, City Council Member
- Mark Salinas, Mayor/Chair

Staff Present:

- Alex Ameri, Director of Public Works
- Hugh Louch, Deputy Director of Public Works – Transportation
- Jade Kim, Assistant Transportation Engineer
- Douglas McNeeley, Airport Manager
- Pamela Svrclin, Airport Operations Supervisor
- Arturo Hurtado, Airport Operations Specialist
- Xushie Brue, Airport Business Supervisor
- Amy Toste, Senior Secretary
- Dustin Claussen, Assistant City Manager

PUBLIC COMMENTS (The meeting was recorded. Public Comments have been abbreviated to capture citizen thoughts)

Mimi Dean, San Lorenzo resident, expressed concerns about jet aircraft operations; maintenance of Skywest Property; planned hangar development, removal of the club house building, pond, trees; the need for planned development quarterly updates; and market rates for hangar rentals.

Sandra Frost, South Hayward resident, was concerned about any expansion of Hayward Airport.

Steven Brown, San Lorenzo resident, wants to keep Skywest Property an open space and suggested the City retrofit a vacant space in the industrial area for advance manufacturing purposes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Approval of Minutes of the Council Infrastructure & Airport Committee held on October 23, 2024.**
2. **Approval of Minutes of the Council Infrastructure & Airport Committee held on January 29, 2025**

Both Minutes for October 23, 2024, and January 29, 2025, were moved by CM Andrews, seconded by CM Syrop, and approved unanimously.

REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

3. Santa Clara Street Traffic Calming Project No. 05303

Assistant Transportation Engineer Kim provided a synopsis of the staff report.

Public Comments

Resident comments included requests for outreach in various languages, a 3-way crosswalk at A Street and Santa Clara Street, and added traffic calming efforts.

Committee Member's Comments

In response to Committee inquiries related to outreach, Deputy Director Louch confirmed a Community Open House was held on February 6, 2025 at the Alameda County Office of Education with 30 attendees. He also confirmed that staff would secure a Spanish translator for future meetings.

CM Syrop asked if the plan included speed bumps. Mr. Louch replied that the City's policy for speed bumps states this street, a minor arterial road, does not qualify. If speed bumps are desired, then staff will need to receive direction from City Council.

Mayor Salinas wanted to ensure that staff review accident reports of the area, and the causes of those incidents are addressed in the plan. Mr. Louch confirmed that data is being collected and reviewed.

4. Update on the Hayward Boulevard Feasibility Study, Project No. 05217

Deputy of Public Works Transportation Louch provided a synopsis of the staff report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Public Comments

Public comments included concerns with obstacles and safety if an evacuation was necessary, improved safety and visibility for bike lanes, repainting of faded striping, and issues with traffic congestion that road diets cause in traffic school areas. There were concerns with the Plan not addressing congestion issues and overall physical and visual safety.

Committee Member's Comments

CM Andrews suggested the next Committee outreach meeting be scheduled in person. She also directed staff to look at improvements made along Five Canyons Parkway (in Fairview) to see if something similar can be implemented along Hayward Boulevard. CM Syrop reiterated the priority to protect students and ensure timely and safe evacuation in case of an emergency.

CM Andrews requested that staff ask the Public Safety Committee to review this plan to comment on evacuation ability.

ORAL PRESENTATION: 2024 AIRPORT NOISE REPORT

Airport Operations Supervisor Svrdlin shared a PowerPoint presentation and provided a brief overview of the noise abatement program, public outreach, contact information for the Airport's Noise Office, and provided statistics on the number of complaints versus exceedances areas which the complaints originated.

Public Comments

Public comments included health concerns due to aircraft noise perceived, inaccurate statistics presented in the noise report and requests for additional enforcement efforts for pilots.

Committee Member's Comments

CM Syrop asked if the airport could have a Capital Improvement Project to mitigate the aircraft noise and smell. Airport Manager McNeeley advised of recent decrease in jet fuel smell attributed to the two Fixed Based Operators (FBO) operating on opposite sides of the airport; heavy landscaping at the end of the runway; changes made by FAA staff that reduced aircraft take-off waiting times, as well as the ability for aircraft to turn both right and left after they are in the air.

CM Andrews pointed out the spike in noise complaints in August which Mr. McNeeley advised was due to the annual Reno Air Race. Organizers have now moved the race to New Mexico starting in 2025 and will no longer be a contributing noise factor.

Mayor Salinas commented that airport staff are doing their best to mitigate aircraft noise and fuel fumes. He explained to the public that the Hayward Executive Airport is in the middle of a residential area because the homes surrounding it did not exist when it was constructed. The airport is an asset to the area and nighttime operations are often flights for medical supplies or organs. He expressed desire to work with the Skywest Townhouse Homeowners to mitigate sound pollution caused by future development.

Airport Manager McNeeley added that the noise ordinance outlines the acceptable decibel levels, and they are less at night. Because of this decrease, a pilot is more likely to register an exceedance, so there are less flights at night.

Airport Manager McNeeley thanked everyone for their comments and encouraged all to contact the administration office for a tour of the airport and to see the Noise Abatement system.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5. Proposed 2025 Agenda Planning Calendar: Review and Comment

CM Andrews inquired if additional community meetings would be scheduled for the Orchard Traffic Calming Pilot Update prior to the April CIAC meeting. Deputy Director Louch advised that Staff will schedule additional community outreach after comments and direction are received at the April meeting.

CM Andrews inquired about an update on the 100-day Action Plan on Foothill Boulevard. Mr. Louch answered that maintenance work on some crosswalks and zone striping for the Loading Zones is complete, and the parking pilot for Mission Boulevard (which will create separation between traffic and parked cars) has gone out to bid. With these improvements moving forward staff will present an update to the CIAC as soon as available.

COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REFERRALS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Salinas adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

MEETINGS

Attendance	Present 2/26/25 Meeting	Present to Date This Fiscal Year	Excuse to Date This Fiscal Year	Absent to Date This Fiscal Year
Angela Andrews	✓	7	0	0
Mark Salinas	✓	7	0	0
George Syrop	✓	7	0	0