



## COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Remote Participation- Digital Zoom Meeting

April 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
- Kaitlyn Byrne, Management Analyst I
- Kathy Garcia, Deputy Director of Public Works
- Dave Hung, Senior Civil Engineer
- Ayeh Khajouei, Associate Transportation Planner
- Michelle Koo, Landscape Architect
- Elli Lo, Management Analyst I
- Alex Tat, Associate Civil Engineer
- Michael Wolny, Senior Secretary (Meeting Recorder)

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Ms. TJ with Hayward Concerned Citizens, spoke in support of the use of drones for Hayward Police Department (HPD) and Hayward Fire Department (HFD) noting the use of drones is becoming the standard practice.
2. Ms. Susan Gehlke expressed concern for the preliminary recommendation of the Hayward Blvd Safety Improvement project and would like staff to work with HFD to evaluate evacuation routes and further study the impact of adding sidewalks and bicycle lanes in the area before any work begins.

#### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

There were no Committee comments.

#### **1. Approval of Minutes of the Council Infrastructure Committee (CIC) Meeting held on January 27, 2021**

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

## **2. Main Street Complete Streets Update**

Director Alex Ameri introduced Alex Tat, Associate Civil Engineer, who presented the report and provided background.

### **Public Comments**

Mr. Dave Campbell with Bike East Bay, spoke in support of design concept one and protected bicycle lanes.

Mr. Dominic LiMandri with the Downtown Hayward Improvement Association raised concern over support from local businesses for this project due to potential disruptions caused by construction and would like more pedestrian improvements at crosswalks included in the project.

Mr. Carl Gorringer suggested an alternate design using a triple lane concept and provided photos to staff to reference.

Mr. Kim Hugget, President of the Hayward Chamber of Commerce, is against the Main Street project and would like to see funds used for bicycle lanes in other parts of the City with higher need. He feels that businesses would be negatively impacted by the construction as they reopen from COVID. He is also concerned about emergency services being delayed in the area due to the proposed design and is not in support of the project.

Ms. Ruby Márquez concurred with Mr. Hugget's concerns and would like the project to be postponed. She noted the delays and disturbances caused by delivery trucks offloading and blocking the flow of traffic, and inquired on assigned parking spaces for businesses.

### **Committee Questions / Discussion**

Council Member Salinas asked if adding diagonal parking on Main Street would remove a lane in each direction. Director Ameri confirmed that the proposed design would remove one lane in each direction which would allow a wide enough section to accommodate diagonal parking.

Council Member Salinas and Council Member Andrews expressed concern over the impact on businesses asked Staff to explore options that would offer micro grants to local businesses for COVID relief funding during project construction. Council Member Andrews asked staff to consider additional parking in the back of businesses that could provide easier access to deliver trucks as an alternative. Director Ameri acknowledged that staff is aware of public and business concerns over the functionality of the proposed one lane and how this will affect deliveries to businesses. He also noted that a two-lane downtown is technically the exception as most downtown designs like Pleasanton (Main Street), Livermore (First Street), Mountain View (Castro Street), Palo

Alto (University Avenue), San Jose (Santana Row), San Mateo (3<sup>rd</sup> Street) and Burlingame (Burlingame Ave) have downtown areas that have one lane in each direction. Director Ameri confirmed that the options presented are conceptual at this time and not final as the City needs to receive and consider feedback from the community, local businesses, and residents. He advised that additional community and business meetings will be scheduled to continue gathering feedback.

Council Member Salinas also expressed concern with delays in emergency service responses due to reduced lanes. Director Ameri confirmed that the City would not move forward with a project unless it had support from HFD and HPD.

Council Member Andrews was concerned with access for AC Transit buses while Council Member Salinas asked if routes could be re-directed off Main Street. Director Ameri confirmed that Staff is actively working with AC Transit to resolve any foreseeable concerns and possibly re-routing buses from Main Street.

Council Member Andrews asked if the One Bay Area Grant could be used for this project and Chair Márquez asked if scheduling of the community meetings would cause any issues with the deadline to use Grant funds. Director Ameri advised that Grant funds could be used for the project with approval of measures that would make the street more bicycle and pedestrian friendly. Council Member Andrews asked Staff to compare the Main Street design to Oakland (e.g., Broadway and Telegraph) as they are also increasing bicycle lanes and pedestrian safety measures. Mr. Tat added that the Grant guidelines allow for a two-year period to complete the design, and a ten-year period to complete the project.

Chair Márquez inquired on the number of new parking spaces added as a result of the project with Mr. Tat advising of ninety current parking spaces and a total of 108 after completion of the project.

Chair Márquez asked Staff how many potential housing units would be created along Maple Court and Lincoln Landing within the next one to four years. Director Ameri introduced Michelle Koo, Landscape Architect, who confirmed 476 units at Lincoln Landing, 314 units at Maple Court and Main Street, for a total of 790 units. There will also be 7,100 square feet of retail at Maple Court and Main Street, and 80,500 square feet of retail at Lincoln Landing.

Council Member Salinas and Chair Márquez expressed concern over businesses along Main Street who are trying to regain business after COVID and Chair Márquez also suggested a joint publicity effort between the City and Hayward Chamber of Commerce to encourage the community to use the retail services on Main Street during construction.

Chair Márquez stated that she is still in favor of concept design one but would like Staff to work on design variations given tonight's community feedback and provide them in a future update to the Committee.

### **3. Safe Routes for Seniors Program**

Director Alex Ameri introduced Ayeh Khajouei, Associate Transportation Planner, who presented the report and provided background.

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

Mr. Dave Campbell with Bike East Bay asked if there will be bicycle lanes on Watkins Street and D Street.

Mr. Carl Gorringer, would also like to see bicycle lanes on Watkins Street as well as Foothill Boulevard. He also suggested a more direct walking path from Lincoln Landing to compensate increased foot traffic due to the new housing developments.

Staff acknowledged public comments by stating that bicycle lanes could be considered in the future, but the project's initial focus is to increase pedestrian safety for the City's senior community who live in the Downtown area. Director Ameri added that funding secured for this project is for Safe Routes for Seniors and cannot be used for bicycle lanes. Staff would need to secure additional funding for the addition of bicycle lanes in the proposed areas.

Council Member Andrews and Chair Márquez expressed concern over possible vandalism, graffiti, and litter on median benches, and asked what actions the City would take if this became an issue. Director Ameri acknowledge the possibility and advised that benches could and would be removed if this became problematic.

### **4. Review of Recommended Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2022 - FY 2031**

Director Ameri introduced Kaitlyn Byrne, Management Analyst I, for the report and presentation.

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

There were no public comments.

The Committee thanks staff for their excellent work and program selection. Chair Márquez asked Staff to work with the City's Communications Division to get the CIP website information out to the public, potentially using The Stack newsletter. Director Ameri thanked Kaitlyn Byrne and Elli Lo for their tremendous work on this project.

**5. 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/Discussion**

There were no public comments.

The Committee thanked staff for the time and effort dedicated to the program and asked staff to postpone further discussion on the project for a future meeting due to the limited time of this meeting. Director Ameri confirmed that staff would poll the Committee and schedule a special meeting to continue discussing the project.

**6. Oral Reports**

Item moved to Special CIC Meeting in May.

**7. Proposed 2021 Agenda Planning Calendar: Review and Comment**

Item moved to Special CIC Meeting in May

**8. COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REFERRALS**

Director Ameri confirmed once again that Staff would poll Committee members for a special meeting in May.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:42 PM

Attendance	MEETINGS						
	Present 07/22/20 Meeting	Present 10/28/20 Meeting	Present 01/27/21 Meeting	Present 04/28/21 Meeting	Present to Date This Fiscal Year	Excused to Date This Fiscal Year	Absent to Date This Fiscal Year
Elisa Márquez	✓	✓	✓	✓	4	0	0
Mark Salinas	✓	✓	✓	✓	4	0	0
Angela Andrews	NA	NA	✓	✓	2	0	0