

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

June 28, 2023 5:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Mark Salinas

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

- Angela Andrews, City Council Member, Mayor Pro Tempore
- Mark Salinas, Mayor

Staff Present:

- Alex Ameri, Director of Public Works
- Dustin Claussen, Assistant City Manager
- Kathy Garcia, Deputy Director of Public Works
- Emily Hwang, Management Fellow
- Irene Perez, Management Analyst
- Judy Phung, Senior Secretary (Meeting Recorder)
- Byron Tang, Senior Transportation Engineer
- Mary Thomas, Assistant to the City Manager

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none.

1. Approval of Minutes of the Council Infrastructure Committee (CIC) Meeting Held on April 26, 2023

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

2. SR-92/Whitesell Interchange Project Discussion

Director Alex Ameri introduced Sheena Patel with Gray-Bowen-Scott and Parag Mehta with Kimley-Horn, who provided the report and presentation.

Public Comments

There were none.

Committee Questions / Discussion

Council Member (CM) Andrews suggested to have more discussions in prioritizing Tennyson Road for this project. Among the different classes of bike lanes, Mr. Mehta

recommended the Class IV dedicated bike lanes. Director Ameri added that there is much more flexibility to implement bike lanes because this is a new interchange. Both CM Andrews and Mayor Salinas were in favor of Class IV bike lanes to increase safety along the interchange.

Mayor Salinas asked about the possibility of building underground instead of an overpass. Mr. Mehta explained that the location's proximity to the bay water would pose challenges for such a design. Ms. Patel added that costs would rise substantially if building underground. Project costs will be better calculated when more information becomes available in the next phase of delivery.

Mayor Salinas emphasized the importance of aesthetics for the overpass design. Director Ameri stated that staff will present design ideas to the Committee in a future meeting.

3. Update on Next Steps for Expenditure of Remaining Fund Balance for the South Hayward Bay Area Rapid Transit Station Access Joint Powers Authority

Dustin Claussen, Assistant City Manager, provided the presentation and report.

Public Comments

There were none.

Committee Questions / Discussion

Mayor Salinas proposed adding a large public art piece to serve as a gateway to the South Hayward BART Station. CM Andrews added that the public art can be a simple and attractive design to minimize costs. She would like to see physical pieces, such as a statue or play structure, built at this station. She was in support of new fare gates but noted that the improvements may not require the entirety of BART's remaining fund balance. She urged for more activities and events to drive ridership. Assistant City Manager Claussen stated that there is a possibility to negotiate the fund balance proportions between BART and the City.

4. BART Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Prioritization and Work Plan Update

Assistant City Manager Claussen introduced Irene Perez, Management Analyst, who provided the presentation and report.

Public Comments

There were none.

Committee Questions / Discussion

CM Andrews asked about the criteria for development streamlining and community outreach. Assistant City Manager Claussen's responded that BART is expecting to rely on agencies to commit their staff resources for both development and outreach. CM Andrews suggested that the TOD should include retailers and restaurants and not just office space and housing. She stressed that the South Hayward BART Station area needs to have more amenities to ensure the project's success.

5. Proposed 2023 Agenda Planning Calendar: Review and Comment

Director Ameri proposed a special meeting to discuss aesthetics for the interchange on Whipple Road and Industrial Parkway SW.

Public Comments

There were none.

Committee Questions / Discussion

There were none.

ORAL REPORTS

There were none.

COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REFERRALS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Salinas adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

MEETINGS				
Attendance	Present 6/28/23 Meeting	Present to Date This Fiscal Year	Excused to Date This Fiscal Year	Absent to Date This Fiscal Year
Angela Andrews	✓	3	0	0
Ray Bonilla Jr.	X	1	1	0
Mark Salinas	✓	3	0	0