



COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
Hayward City Hall – via Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting
777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541-5007

July 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
- Mark Salinas, City Council Member

Staff Present:

- Alex Ameri, Director of Public Works
- Alex Tat, Associate Civil Engineer
- Ayeh Khajouei, Associate Transportation Planner
- Charmine Solla, Senior Transportation Engineer
- Fred Kelley, Transportation Manager
- Irene Perez, Senior Secretary (Recorder)
- Jorge Simbaqueba, Senior Transportation Engineer
- Kathy Garcia, Deputy Director of Public Works
- Maria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager
- Shabnam Yari, Associate Transportation Engineer

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

There were no Committee comments.

1. La Vista Park Project:

Kathy Garcia, Deputy Director of Public Works, introduced the report. Alex Tat, Associate Engineer, and Tyler Jones-Powell of SurfaceDesign Inc. presented the information.

Public Comments/Discussion

Council Member Mendall had a question about the whether the additional fill on-site that the developer left behind is City's responsibility. Alex Tat responded that DeSilva

Gates removed the soil and the materials from that area. Council Member Mendall mentioned he would like to assure the top lot is an enclosed space to prevent children for wandering out. Council Member Mendall also addressed concern for the timing of the project and how it has been pushed from April of 2021 to start in 2022. He believes that if this delay is tied to Parcel 3 disposition then it would be a good idea for Council to consider acquiring that parcel to speed up the project timing. Alex Tat responded that the geotechnical report has been completed and the recommendations have had an impact to timing. He added that CEQA could not be completed until the geotechnical report was received which has also impacted the timing of the project.

Council Member Salinas commented that some of the park amenities were not addressed. He questioned at what phase would more specificity in the amenities be presented. Tyler Jones -Powell mentioned that in this round they were covering more of the bigger moves on-site as far as balancing earthworks and that amenities were something they would highlight in the next submission. Council Member Salinas added that in looking at other city parks he notices that the picnic areas are small. He mentioned that the barbeque grills are very small, and the tables only allow up to 4 to 6 people. He would like to include large grills and longer 8-foot tables where larger multi-generational families can cook and gather.

Council Member Marquez brought up the mention of updating the CEQA document and whether there were any significant measures that must be mitigated in turn further delaying the processing. She questioned if Staff were anticipating any other issues that could potentially delay the project. Alex Tat mentioned potential for existing wetlands that were preliminary shown from the parcel 3 assessment. He assured that the consultant would re-evaluate and provide an updated report in about 2 months. Chair Márquez questioned if that was going to be included in the next meeting. Director Ameri responded that it would be included in the next meeting. Chair Marquez added that there was no mention of the possibility of community events and festivals being held here in the future and whether the amphitheater space or parking area would be equipped with electrical outlets to meet the needs of the events. Director Ameri mentioned that those details have not been worked out yet, but these comments would be taken into consideration. Chair Marquez questioned if work were being done at the site currently and if the project would be completed in phases. Alex Tat responded that there is no work on site currently and when construction would begin it would be completed in one phase. Chair Marquez questioned if after the CEQA updated report was completed, whether this item would be back in December or January for an update. Director Ameri responded that it would be in December.

2. Main Street Complete Streets Design:

Alex Tat introduced the report and provided background.

Public Comments/Discussion

Carl Gorringer's written comment mentioned a desire for a concept that included diagonal parking as Staff had not yet presented one. Mr. Gorringer included a detailed plan with a diagonal concept. Director Ameri commented on the plan and noted that the sidewalk width on both sides remain at 10 feet which is not contributing to complete streets. He also noted that the bike lane was located behind the parked vehicles and adjacent to an 11-foot travel lane that can have buses and delivery vehicles, deeming it unsafe and inconvenient to bikers. He added that these features are also not contributing to a complete street. He added that Staff is not in support of this concept.

Nicholas Yoo, manager of Sapporo, commented that he is also in favor of Mr. Gorringer's diagonal concept plan that was presented earlier as he believes it offers more parking for customers.

Susie Hufstader from Bike East Bay suggested an approach for meeting the needs of street seating for restaurants and for the safety of the pedestrians walking and biking. She presented a design with building protected bikeways with temporary materials such as semi-permanent separation materials instead of concrete islands. This idea also includes fully built bulb outs and sidewalk features with planters or other separators that can be evaluated and adjusted in the future. Kathy Garcia mentioned this is very similar to the C-1 concept presented.

Council Member Mendall commented on C-1 with protected bike lane. He mentioned that he does not like that there the planters are spaced out as he believes it is not entirely clear to motorists that it is a protected bike lane and not a travel lane. He added that if C-1 is selected the separator needs to be in a continuous line. He would also like if those separators were semi-permanent with the ability to move to accommodate future sidewalk seating opportunities for business owners. Director Ameri responded that the plan is to have flexible separators that can be moved, like those seen on Mission Blvd. Phase 2 project. Council Member Mendall noted that he believes the visual aspect of those plastic separators is not ideal and would like Staff to consider other options to provide more visual appeal. Director Ameri responded that if Council were to move forward with C-1 Staff would bring forward ideas for designs and let the Committee pick what solution is best. Council Member Mendall concluded that he is comfortable moving forward with C-1. He acknowledged the desire for more parking, however, as Staff has demonstrated, it will not be a complete street design if parking is added.

Council Member Salinas commented that he has spoken with business owner of Sapporo who is looking to maximize space in front of his restaurant for a delivery truck. Council Member Salinas questioned whether if doing that it would still fall under a complete streets design. Director Ameri responded that it would not, however, he will discuss with owner of Sapporo to discuss their needs. He added that perhaps a loading zone in front of his business would function, however, Staff will have to look at design and see what is possible. Council Member Salinas added that he received positive feedback from business owners along Main Street about feeling included in this process

and having their voices heard. Council Member commended Staff on their efforts. Council Member Salinas added that he agrees with comments made by Bike East Bay regarding bike barriers with temporary materials. He stated that he would like to be able to accommodate outdoor seating for current and future restaurants given current climate. He expressed interest in C-1 due to its flexibility to move onto the sidewalk if needed and its bike barriers. He added that the bike barriers that will be added need to look great and would like to see those renderings in the next update.

Chair Márquez commended Staff for their responsiveness to hear business and community input. She agreed with Council Member Mendall's comment on the buffer being continuous and not spaced out and would like to see that as well. Chair Marquez wanted confirmation on the amounts of the grant amount being \$1.6M and the project cost coming at a little over \$2M and questioned if the grant was specifically for complete streets design. Director Ameri confirmed the amounts as well as the grant being specifically for a complete street design. Chair Marquez advised Staff to reiterate that information to the business community. She also added that she would like Staff to work strongly with Economic Development team to promote the various municipal parking lots available for parking. She advised Staff to investigate ways to partner with businesses to get ideas in conveying the actual parking lot counts.

3. Foothill Blvd & D Street Intersection Safety Analysis & Improvement:

Transportation Manager, Fred Kelley, introduced the report and Associate Transportation Engineer, Shabnam Yari, presented the information.

Public Comments/Discussion

Council Member Salinas commented that the biggest complaint he hears from residents is that of the D St./Foothill Blvd./Jackson St. merge and after reviewing the presentation Staff has presented, he believes it looks smart and rational. He added that he is happy to see that Staff has added light covers so that motorists do not see multiple lights at once.

Council Member Mendall supports the change. He believes this idea is much safer for motorists and residents. He pointed out that currently the traffic light south of Mission where E Street use to be is counter synchronized with Mission Blvd & D Street traffic signal, therefore, when one signal is green the other is red. With this improvement, he would like to see that these two traffic signals be synchronized to both turn green simultaneously. Director Ameri responded that Staff will investigate this and follow his advice.

Chair Márquez commented that she is very excited about these changes as she usually avoids this area due to its numerous traffic issues. She thanked staff for making these changes and looks forward to seeing the right lane being a designated right turn from Foothill Boulevard to A Street.

4. I-880/Winton Ave./A Street

Transportation Manager, Fred Kelley, introduced the report and Scott Shephard, Project Manager at Alameda CTC and Parag Mehta, Project Manager at Kimley-Horn, presented the information.

Public Comments/Discussion

Susie Hufstader of Bike East Bay commented in favor of Option 2 for both interchanges. She added that she would like to see protected bike lanes and protected intersections with as few crossing points as possible.

Council Member Mendall commented on the A Street improvement bike and pedestrian lanes, noting that he would like to make sure that the separator is not just a solid wall that simulates a tunnel. He added that it should feel open and inviting to make pedestrians feel safe. On Winton Ave improvements he commented that he is unable to determine how this concept would alleviate the traffic issues this area has during the holiday shopping. Transportation Manager Kelley responded that the proposed concept is designed to eliminate the existing merge that occurs from I-880 southbound off-ramp traffic by the addition of creating more left turn capacity at Southland Drive and signaling the Southbound I-880 off ramp. Council Member Mendall questioned if his last comment about adding a lane coming the Southbound I-880 off ramp exit ramp that flowed from the exit to westbound Winton Ave without having to stop at the light, in turn assisting big rigs from flowing freely. Parag Mehta from Kimley-Horn responded that this concept would affect bike and pedestrian safety in this intersection.

Council Member Salinas asked which concepts were greater in price and what the major differences in the concepts were. Director Ameri responded that A-1 and W-1 were higher-priced and the lower price concepts were more bike and pedestrian friendly. Parag Mehta added the major differences of both concepts are the tradeoff of having signals versus having no signals on W-1 and the real estate and relocation cost of businesses are what impacts the costs on A-1. Council Member Salinas questioned the option of having an on-ramp from La Playa Drive and whether that was going to be possible. Scott Shepard of Alameda CTC responded that although Caltrans has not given a formal rejection, the direction is that it is likely not to be approved. Council Member Salinas added that he favors W-1 and will wait until the next update to further comment on the A Street concepts.

Chair Marquez feels the attachment plans could be clearer in differentiating the two concepts presented. She would like Staff to be clear when performing outreach on which concepts are being referred to. She added that is in favor of W-2. She commented on the A Street concepts and agreed with Council Member Mendall's comment about the wall barriers creating an unsafe feeling for pedestrians. Scott Shepard responded that it is a vehicular barrier with columns that protect pedestrians and the wall is on the other side of pedestrians that prevent soil from falling into walkway. Chair Marquez showed support to A-2. She questioned if Staff were prepared to do outreach to residents in

affected areas regardless of city and county limits. Scott Shepard responded that at this preliminary stage they have not gathered the property information, but they will be prepared to gather that information and reach out to all property owners. Chair Marquez questioned whether funding has been secured for this project. Scott Shepard responded that only scoping and PADD funding was secured, which is roughly \$5.3M. He added that they will not apply to secure more funding until project is approved, and a total project cost is determined. Chair Marquez asked Staff if they were partnering with the Economic Development team to reach out to business owners in the Industrial area off Winton Ave. Transportation Manager Kelley responded that Staff is working with Paul Nguyen, Economic Development Manager, to reach out to all business owners in affected areas.

5. Safe Routes for Seniors:

Transportation Manager, Fred Kelley, introduced the report and Senior Transportation Engineer, Jorge Simbaqueba, presented the information.

Susie Hufstader from Bike East Bay commented on Staff to consider implementing lane reduction to calm traffic and shorten crossing distances. She would also like Staff to consider planning for future bikeways with all curb and ramp designs even if the bikeway is not part of the pedestrian safety project.

Council Member Mendall agreed with Susie Hufstader's comment with making sure it coordinates with future changes. He added that the conversion of the loop to two-way should be long standing and not changed once the later phases are completed.

Chair Salinas also agrees with Susie Hufstader's comment about coordinating future changes. He is in favor of this concept and looks forward to this project.

Chair Marquez thanked Staff for the detailed analysis and data points. She looks forward to this project moving forward and securing funding in the future to also tackle A Street.

6. 5 Year Planning Calendar:

Due to time constraints, the calendar was not presented. Director Ameri welcomed any comments from Council Members.

Council Member Mendall requested that the next conversation for La Vista Park be discussed before December.

7. Oral Updates:

Council Member Marquez added that she received an email from Mimi in Fairway Park regarding lack of landscaping between the Fire Station and Fairway Park. Chair Marquez added that she has she drove by the area and stated it looks impressive. She

commended Staff for their amazing work on the landscaping. She added that we can address the landscape concerns and make sure the area is consistently maintained and completed. Director Ameri assured that Staff will complete the landscaping in this area and address resident concerns.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:09 PM