



COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

October 28, 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 (Arrived at 4:20 PM)

Staff Present:

- 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
- Irene Perez, Senior Secretary (Recorder)
- Kathy Garcia, Deputy Director of Public Works
- Kevin Briggs, Senior Civil Engineer
- Yama Farouqi, Associate Civil Engineer

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

There were no Committee comments.

1. Mission Boulevard Linear Park Landscape Update:

Dave Hung introduced the report and James Lord from SurfaceDesign Inc., presented the information.

Public Comments/Discussion

Council Member Mendall complimented staff on their outreach efforts. He mentioned an opportunity for additional park space in the northern end of the Linear Park as the existing church site parking lot is redeveloped and suggested that City Staff and the church owners have a conversation about using that space for an additional park

feature. Council Member Mendall also added that preserving the vegetative border along the eastside of the park is critical. Lastly, he suggested planting trees on both sides of the track to provide shade in the summer for those who walk along the track.

Council Member Salinas asked Staff on timeline of when the park can be enjoyed by residents. Director Ameri responded that it is estimated to be completed in the Summer of 2022. Council Member Salinas added that he likes to see when artifacts are used as furnishings for parks and suggested adding artifacts from nearby schools to the Linear Park.

Chair Márquez said she wants to see Linear Park be an activate spot for all residents of Hayward to enjoy. She shared concerns for the speeding at Mission Blvd. and would like to see buffers like trees and plants installed between walk path and street to provide more protection to residents. Lastly, she shared concern for the project budget as the information presented seemed costly. She asked Staff for suggestions for partnerships or park in-lieu fees to help with costs. Director Ameri mentioned that Staff has had preliminary discussions with HARD but due to change in leadership at HARD the focus shifted. He added that Staff will need to continue to pursue to see if a partnership is possible. Chair Marquez asked Staff what will happen to the existing chain link fence on the property. Director Ameri responded that no decision has been made and Staff is open to recommendations.

Chair Marquez responded that she feels it is best if the fence is covered and is open to suggestions on how to cover it. She would like to see continuity in the landscape as some residents have brought up gaps in landscape in other projects and believes this is something noticeable for residents. Lastly, she asked about the construction timeline as this area is highly utilized and would like to see minimal impact to residents who use this area. Senior Engineer Dave Hung responded that the project will not be split up in phases and will be completed in 8 to 10 months. He also added that the area would have to be closed as construction is underway. Chair Marquez recommended that Staff stay on track with project schedule as much as possible to limit impact on this area any more than needed as this area is used for walking. Dave Hung added that additional updates to this project are available on the City's project website.

2. Hayward 21st Century Library and Community Learning Center Improvement Project Update:

Kevin Briggs presented the report and provided background.

Public Comments/Discussion

Council Member Mendall expressed concern with project timeline and delays. He recommended that Staff push to get this project done as soon as possible and to prevent further delays.

Council Member Salinas asked if there were legal ramifications for the contractor delaying the project. Director Ameri responded that there is a provision in the contract that holds contractor responsible for liquidated damages for every day the project goes past the agreed completion date. He added that there are currently millions of dollars accumulated, however, staff will have to wait until project completion to be able to calculate and pursue these liquidated damages.

Chair Marquez expressed concerns about the delays with this contract down the line and asked Staff what legal procedures can be done to end the agreement with the company. Senior Civil Engineer Kevin Briggs stated that staff has been working with the contract to complete the Plaza construction and completion would alleviate some of the subcontractor's issues on the project. He mentioned there are about 8 subcontractors that have incomplete work in the Library such as the woodwork and HVAC system. He advised that the completion of the project is relatively close except for the millwork contractor. Staff is currently working the surety company and the millwork contractor to make necessary repairs before they can cancel contract with them. Director Ameri added that the Plaza work should be done by the next Infrastructure meeting and the solar system should be functional as well. He added that he understood Council's concerns and will work to get this project resolved as soon as possible.

3. Main Street Complete Streets Update:

Associate Civil Engineer Alex Tat introduced the report and provided background.

Public Comments/Discussion

Council Member Mendall is in favor of Alternative A-1. He added that he believes merging Safe Routes for Seniors project with Main Streets Complete Streets project is a good idea. In reference to providing feedback on the proposed pilot program to re-stripe Main Street to simulate lane reductions, reconfigure parking and bicycle lanes, he said that he is not in favor. Council Member Mendall referenced the recent re-striping bike lane and parking project with no physical barrier on Patrick Ave and added that it is not going well. He fears that if Staff does the same for Main Street it will cause the same negative feedback. He would like to prevent that and wait until a physical barrier can be added to make this type of reconfiguration workable.

Council Member Salinas asked Staff for clarification on the type of physical barrier that is being proposed to be added on Main Street. Director Ameri stated that there has not been a decision made on the type of separation. He added that during the last update made to the Committee, the consensus was that the physical separation should be attractive and not plastic barriers. He pointed out that in the presentation there was an idea to have spaced out planters that completely delineates the bike lane from the parking lane.

Chair Márquez is in favor of Alternative A-1 to reduce the scope of improvement. Chair Marquez asked Staff to confirm if the bike lane from A Street to McKeever Ave was protected or unprotected. Director Ameri responded that the bike lane would consist of a striped separation but not a protected bike lane as the other blocks in this project. He added that this was not only due to cost but also the character of the street and its difference from the core of downtown. He added that because of these differences in his opinion it did not need the same treatment.

In reference to the combination of Safe Routes for Seniors project with Main Street Complete Streets project, Chair Marquez asked when staff would hear back from MTC about approval for the \$1M allocation. Director Ameri responded that he does not believe there are any requirements for their approval. He added that the Safe Routes for Senior Projects was approved to make modifications to A Street and Main Street and also C Street and Main Street so it made more sense to combine improvements from both projects and the project cost and in turn allocate the funding to the Main Street Complete Streets Project so both project improvements can be done at once. Chair Marquez provided feedback on the proposed pilot program to re-stripe Main Street ahead of construction of physical improvements and expressed hesitation for it. She commented on the resistance of community for the re-striping at Patrick Avenue and believes this project is different as there has been a lot of community engagement regarding modifications and it was agreed to go with Concept Plan C-1. She added she would like to move forward with this project and with construction documents.

4. FY 20 Pavement Improvement Project

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

Public Comments/Discussion

Council Member Salinas asked staff if Clarkford Street was owned by the City of Hayward or if it is a private street as this street is in dire need of paving. Director Ameri advised that Staff will investigate and see what can be done in terms of repair.

Council Member Mendall commended Staff on their efforts to add streets in the industrial area into the project, such as Clawiter Road, due to its high truck traffic volume and constant need of repairs.

Chair Marquez asked about if staff was taking a different approach than the past district selection. Director Ameri confirmed that the district selection is part of the Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project and not the Pavement Improvement Project. He added that for the Pavement Improvement project they cluster the streets for the contractor to make the most of construction costs. Chair Marquez expressed support for the industrial roads being part of the project, such as Clawiter Road. She added that she had seen a lot of concern regarding West Winton and its potholes. She asked if that was going to be added to next year's project. Associate Civil Engineer Yama Farouqi responded that

West Winton repairs are part of a separate project that includes OBAG funding and involves paving of West Winton to the East and West of the I-880 overpass. Deputy Director Kathy Garcia added that this project is with Caltrans for review and once approved will go to Council for review and approval to call for bids.

5. 5 Year Planning Calendar:

Chair Márquez requested that staff add an update with road diet on Patrick Avenue to the calendar and advise community members once a date is set.

6. Committee Member/Staff Announcements and Referrals:

Council Member Mendall announced this will be his last Infrastructure Committee meeting and wanted to commend Staff and fellow Committee members on their efforts to make this Committee valuable and productive.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:40 PM