

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023

The Transportation and Environment Committee of the City of San José was held in a hybrid format, in the Council Chambers and from remote locations. The meeting convened at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers - Cohen, Davis, Foley, Ortiz, Candelas.

Absent: Councilmembers - All present.

Staff: Deputy City Manager, Kip Harkness; Senior Deputy City Attorney, Colleen Winchester; Council Aide, Mayor's Office, Faye Garcia; and Deputy City Clerk, Yasmin Johnson.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Dev Davis, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley and carried unanimously, the Committee approved *adding Item D.5* (Brilliant at the Basics Infrastructure Strategy Status Report), to the June 5, 2023 Transportation and Environment Committee Meeting Agenda. Item D.5 is to be heard *concurrently* with Item, D.4 (City Initiatives Roadmap: Resilient and Sustainable City Infrastructure and Emergency Preparedness Enterprise Priority Quarterly Status Report). (5-0)

B. Brilliant at the Basics Infrastructure Strategy Status Report.

Public Comment: (*In person*) Blair Beekman and Lilian Koenig provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Dev Davis, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report and to add a status report to the June 5, 2023 Transportation and Environment Committee meeting on the Brilliant at the Basics Infrastructure Strategy that addresses meeting our 2030 carbon mitigation goals, municipal regional permit requirements, water supply needs, and strategies to pursue federal and state funding for aligned programs. (5-0)

C. Consent Calendar

None presented.

D. Reports to Committee

1. Wastewater Discharge Regulation and Potential Impacts on the San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility Status Report.

Environment Services Program Manager, ESD, Eric Dunlavey; Senior Engineer, ESD, Jason Nettleton; and Sustainability & Compliance Division Manager, ESD, Jennifer Voccola Brown offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: (*In person*) Blair Beekman provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Peter Ortiz and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on wastewater discharge regulations and potential impacts on Regional Wastewater Facility. (5-0)

2. Community Forest Management Plan and Urban Forestry Annual Report.

Director, Department of Transportation, John Ristow; Deputy Director, Department of Transportation, Rick Scott; City Forester, Department of Transportation, Sara Davis; and Division Manager, PBCE, John Tu offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: (*In person*) Blair Beekman provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Peter Ortiz and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the annual report on the Community Forest Management Plan and Urban Forestry and its partners in advancing urban forestry goals and increasing the tree canopy. (5-0)

3. San Jose Transportation Planning Semi-Annual Status Report.

Senior Transportation Planner, Valley Transportation Authority, John Rahul Sighamony and Division Manager, Planning, Policy, and Sustainability for the Department of Transportation, Ramses Madou offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: (*In person*) Blair Beekman provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Domingo Candelas, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the semi-annual verbal status report on major local transportation planning efforts being implemented in San José. (5-0)

4. City Initiatives Roadmap: Resilient and Sustainable City Infrastructure and Emergency Preparedness Enterprise Priority Quarterly Status Report.

Councilmember David Cohen stated the presentations for Items D.4 and D.5 would be heard *concurrently*, but public comments and motions made for Items D.4 and D.5 would be taken *separately*.

Deputy City Manager, Kip Harkness and Lead Resilience Strategist, Erica Garaffo offered the presentations for *Items D.4 and D.5* and responded to questions.

Public Comment: (*In person*) Blair Beekman provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Dev Davis and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the quarterly status report on Resilient and Sustainable City Infrastructure and Emergency Preparedness Enterprise Priority, including a review of objectives as measured by Key Results and status of select initiatives as part of the approved City Initiatives Roadmap for 2022-2023. (5-0)

5. Brilliant at the Basics Infrastructure Strategy Status Report.

Deputy City Manager, Kip Harkness and Lead Resilience Strategist, Erica Garaffo offered the presentations *Items D.4 and D.5* and responded to questions.

Public Comment: (*In person*) Blair Beekman provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Dev Davis and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted status report on the Brilliant at the Basics Infrastructure Strategy that addresses meeting our 2030 carbon mitigation goals, municipal regional permit requirements, water supply needs, and strategies to pursue federal and state funding for aligned programs and cross-referenced the item to the full City Council (*date not specified on the record*). (5-0)

• Open Forum

1. Blair Beekman spoke to Measure E, ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds, and urged that council seek community engagement to reallocate police funds.

• **Adjournment**

Councilmember David Cohen adjourned the Transportation and Environment Committee Meeting at 3:13 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared, and Respectfully Submitted by,

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Yasmin Johnson,
Deputy City Clerk, City of San José

Approved at Council on:

Attest By:

Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk, City of San José