

# TRANSPORTATION and INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 16th, 2023, 7:00 pm

#### A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

#### 1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Parolek at 7:04 pm.

#### 2. Roll call

Commissioners Present: Noelani Fixler, Barnali Ghosh, Adrian Leung, Liza

Lutzker, Bryce Nesbitt, Karen Parolek, Rick Raffanti,

Ray Yep, Kim Walton (arrived at 7:30 pm)

Staff Present: Liam Garland, Farid Javandel, Srinivas Muktevi, Noah

Budnick

#### 3. Public comment on items not on the agenda

2 public comments

### 4. Approval of minutes from regular meeting on January 19th, 2023

**7:13 Action:** It was Moved / Seconded (Yep / Lutzker) to approve the minutes with the following addition to the T1 Update agenda item, carried:

Joe Enke (Public Works' Manager or Engineering) and Scott Ferris (Director of Parks, Recreation & Waterfront) provided an informational presentation on the \$3.3 - 4.6 million funding gap for phase 2 T1 projects and received commissioners' comments. No action.

Ayes: Parolek, Leung, Lutzker, Fixler, Ghosh, Nesbitt, Raffanti, Yep

Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Walton **Motion passed 8-0-0-1** 

#### 5. Update on administration and staff

Secretary Javandel (Public Works Deputy Director) provided updates on the following: staff vacancies and recruiting, the Gilman I-80 interchange project and the Hopkins Corridor plan. He answered Commissioners' questions about pedestrian crossings, BerkDOT, the City's Traffic Safety Working Group and parking garage pricing. No action.

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#### **B. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

## 1. T1 Update: Funding shortfalls and resulting adjustments needed (follow up from January meeting)

Public Works Direct Garland briefed the Commission on the direction City Council provided to staff at their January 31, 2023 meeting and said that he is not seeking action or input from the Commission tonight but would welcome it. No action.

#### 2. TIC Chair and Vice-Chair Nominations and Elections

8:22 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Yep / Walton) to nominate Karen

Parolek as Commission Chair.

8:24 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Lutzker / Parolek) to nominate

Noelani Fixler as Commission Vice Chair.

1 public comment

**8:28 pm Action:** It was Moved / Seconded (Yep / Ghosh) to close nominations and vote to elect Karen Parolek as Chair and Noelani Fixler as Vice Chair.

Ayes: Parolek, Leung, Lutzker, Fixler, Ghosh, Nesbitt, Raffanti, Walton,

Yep

Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Motion passed 9-0-0-0

#### 3. TIC Mission Statement and 2023 Work Plan\* \*\*

Commissioners discussed the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission's mission statement and 2023 work plan. The work plan categories discussed included: Vision 2050, Vision Zero, BerkDOT, Bike Plan update, 5-year paving plan, project review, Council referrals, ACTC/MTC grant proposal review, funding measures implementation review and other topics. The work plan will be brought to the Commission's March meeting for completion.

**9:02 pm Action:** It was Moved / Seconded (Nesbitt / Yep) to accept the Commission's mission statement as:

The Berkeley City Council established this Transportation and Infrastructure Commission to advise the City Council on matters related to transportation and public works infrastructure policies, facilities, and services in the City. In addition, the commission functions as the City of Berkeley's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC).

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Ayes: Parolek, Leung, Lutzker, Fixler, Ghosh, Nesbitt, Raffanti, Walton, Yep

Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: None **Motion passed 9-0-0-0** 

**9:27 pm Action:** It was Moved / Seconded (Parolek / Walton) to extend the meeting to 10 pm.

Ayes: Parolek, Leung, Lutzker, Fixler, Ghosh, Nesbitt, Raffanti, Walton,

Yep

Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Motion passed 9-0-0-0

#### C. ADJOURNMENT

**10:01 pm Action:** It was Moved / Seconded (Parolek / Fixler) to close the meeting, passed unanimously.

Ayes: Fixler, Ghosh, Leung, Lutzker, Nesbitt, Parolek, Raffanti, Walton,

Yep

Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: None **Motion carried 9-0-0-0** 

Public Present: 5 people at 7:06 pm, 2 people at close

Speakers: 3

The next meeting of the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission is scheduled for Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley, CA 94703.

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