



City of San José
Transportation & Environment Committee
held
June 4, 2007 at 1:30 P.M.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Forrest Williams; Vice Chair Sam Liccardo; Councilmember Judy Chirco;
Vice Mayor Dave Cortese

Chair Forrest Williams opened the meeting stating that there was a request to defer item #1- Taxicab Service Model Update. Chair Williams explained that the Committee members received a request of legal nature in relation to this item. In order for the Committee to fully understand these concerns, additional work and clarification on the item will be needed. Upon the motion of Vice Mayor Dave Cortese and seconded by Councilmember Judy Chirco the Committee voted to defer item # 1 to the fall with no discussion.

**1. Status Report on Implementation of the Taxicab Service Model (AIRPORT/PD/DOT)
DEFERRED TO FALL**

2. Review of Performance Measure Reporting (CMO) – Continuation from May Meeting

Representatives from Management Partners presented the final report and recommendations regarding key performance measures for regular review by the Transportation and Environment Committee. Management Partners' goal is to help the Committee identify key performance indicators that will best serve their needs in providing informed oversight of Airport, Transportation, Traffic Safety, Environmental Services and General Services. The final report reflects comments and suggestions made by the Committee members and discussions with City staff. Included in the report in the form of a template was the name of the department, suggested reporting frequency, performance measures and alignment with the Committee's mission and Council goals. The Committee expressed interest in several performance measures related to customer service. It was recommended by Management Partners that the Committee discuss what information would be of greatest interest and this information be added to the biennial surveys that the City conducts of residents and employees. Upon the motion of Vice Mayor Dave Cortese and seconded by Councilmember Judy Chirco the Committee voted to accept the report.

3. Recycled Water Master Plan and City-District Collaboration & Funding for Infrastructure (ESD) – DEFERRED TO AUGUST

At this time Chair Williams asked the Committee for a motion to defer Item # 3 and # 7 and drop item # 9 as requested by the Administration. Upon the motion of Councilmember Judy Chirco, and seconded by Vice Chair Sam Liccardo, the Committee voted to defer items #3, #7 and drop #9. Deputy City Manager Ed Shikada explained to the Committee that a briefing is scheduled for June 7th to update the entire Council on the Recycle Plus Transition.

4. Citywide Trail Completion Status Report (PRNS)

Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services staff provided a presentation on the City of San Jose Trail Program. The presentation focused on progress in development of the network, web site enhancements, current projects in the study, plan, design and construction phase of development and recently completed projects and opened trails. Currently opened trails included the Guadalupe Creek Trail, Five Wounds Trail, Los Alamitos Creek Trail and the Highway 87 Bike Way. Upon the motion of Councilmember Judy Chirco, and seconded by Vice Mayor Dave Cortese, the Committee voted to accept the report.

5. Status Report on Tree Preservation (CMO/PBCE) – Continuation from May Meeting

City Manager's Office staff presented the update on the Tree Preservation Workplan. It is estimated that over 1,000,000 trees exist in San Jose's urban forest, with approximately one-third of those on public right-of-ways, City owned property and within our Park and Trail systems. Responsibility for care and preservation of the urban forest is a challenging issue, primarily due to comprehensive funding. Highlighted in the presentation was the City's overall goals, strategies for enhancing the urban forest and resource requirements, priorities and service delivery strategies. Staff has identified the need for improvements to the current tree removal processes that will provide greater consistency. Staff has also begun reviewing tree removal penalties to develop a more flexible structure that accounts for the severity of the action. Next steps for the workplan will be to continue contacts with other agencies and hold community stakeholder meetings to identify potential changes. Councilmember Judy Chirco suggested that this item also be heard at one of the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee meetings in the fall since many of the trees in San Jose are located in the neighborhoods. A representative from Our City Forest explained that their database is a potential source for tree information and they look forward to working with the City in the future to identify where trees are located and where there is a need for more trees. Upon the motion of Councilmember Judy Chirco and seconded by Vice Chair Sam Liccardo the Committee voted to accept the report.

6. Private Development Incentives for Green Building (PBCE/OED)

Office of Economic Development and Planning, Building and Code Enforcement staff presented the report on private development incentives for green building. With the adoption of the Green Building Policy, Council directed staff to propose a package of incentives San Jose should introduce to catalyze integration of Green Building practices and clean technology

products into private-sector uses. Council also directed staff to develop a work plan through which staff would reach out to the private sector community for their ideas and input. Highlighted in the presentation were outreach efforts to date, a listing of the range of incentive ideas proposed, and development of the work plan finalizing and integrating Green Building incentives and initiatives citywide. In the past month, staff has reached out to a variety of leaders and members of the Developers Roundtable, Housing Roundtable, Joint Venture Silicon Valley, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, as well as private developers, architects, business leaders, and academic experts. Staff incorporated the numerous ideas and principles into a potential incentive/initiatives to catalyze private sector building matrix. Upon the motion of Councilmember Judy Chirco and seconded by Vice Chair Sam Liccardo the Committee voted to accept the report.

**7. Update on the Urban Environmental Accords (ESD) -
DEFERRED TO FALL**

8. State and Federal Legislation Quarterly Report (CMO) – Deferred from May

City Manager's Office staff presented the State and Federal Legislation Quarterly report with regards to budgetary and legislative matters concerning transportation and environment. Highlighted in the report was the San Jose sponsored SB 641 bill relating to vehicle rental agreements at the San Jose International Airport. This bill cleared by the State Senate and will continue through the legislative process. Passage of Proposition 1B was passed and will authorize the state to sell more than \$19.9 billion in general obligation bonds to fund transportation projects to relieve congestion, improve the movement of goods, improve air quality, and enhance the safety and security of the statewide transportation system. In February, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved the allocation of \$4.5 billion from the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account. The CTC approved \$186.5 million for several key transportation projects in Santa Clara County. Upon the motion on Councilmember Judy Chirco, and seconded by Vice Mayor Dave Cortese, the Committee voted to accept the report.

**9. Update on Key Aspects of Recycle Plus Transition (ESD) -
DROPPED BY THE ADMINISTRATION**

10. Verbal Update on Status of Aviation Safeguard Discussions (AIRPORT)

Due to feedback received from Aviation Safeguard Employees and the SEIU Local 1877 regarding contract discussions, Chair Williams felt that the Transportation and Environment Committee would be a good venue to hear concerns. San Jose Airport Assistant Director Frank Kirkbride presented an update on the situation. Mr. Kirkbride explained that there are two contracts with employees that provide passenger service. One is with the City of San Jose and the other is with the airlines. The contract with the City of San Jose does include a living wage requirement. The contract with the airlines does not include this requirement. The Airport Director's office understands that the employees are frustrated with the lack of health benefits and the need for better wages. Airport Director Bill Sherry and his staff have spoken with the airlines and representative for Aviation Safeguard regarding the issues. Another

meeting is scheduled with the Airport Director, representatives from the airlines and Aviation Safeguard for later in the week. A representative from SEIU Local 1877 thanked the Committee for adding this item to their agenda. SEIU represents passenger service workers' for the Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Jose Airports. Their goal is to help provide a stable workforce and good customer service. Several employees from Aviation Safeguard explained to the Committee that the main problem was lack of health benefits. They also explained that their efforts to unionize have met interference and as a result customer service may be disturbed at the Airport. Upon the motion of Councilmember Judy Chirco, and seconded by Vice Chair Sam Liccardo, the Committee voted to accept the update and requested another update at the next Committee meeting that is scheduled to occur in the fall.

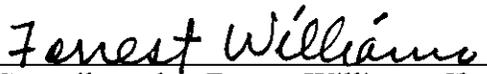
11. **Oral Petition**

There were no oral petitions

12. **Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 3:40 pm

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Councilmember Forrest Williams, Chair
Transportation & Environment Committee