

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAN JOSE
TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, MAY 03, 2010

The Transportation and Environment Committee of the City of San José convened in regular session at 1:32 p.m. in Conference Rooms 118 and 119, Council Wing, City Hall.

PRESENT: Council Member Sam Liccardo, Chair, Vice Mayor Judy Chirco, Vice Chair and Council Member Nora Campos and Council Member Rose Herrera.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Chief Deputy City Manager Ed Shikada, Senior Deputy City Attorney Mollie Dent, Mayor's Senior Policy Advisor Jeff Janssen, Redevelopment Agency Director Bill Ekern and Legislative Secretary Susan M. Davis.

REVIEW OF WORK PLAN

- (1) Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit Implementation Update. (Environmental Services)**

Action: Deferred to June 07, 2010.

- (2) Environmental Innovation Center Development Updates and Proposed Tenants and Business Operational Plans. (Environmental Services)**

Action: Deferred to June 07, 2010.

- (3) LED Street Light Master Plan. (Transportation)**

Action: Deferred to June 07, 2010.

- (4) California High Speed Rail Project Update. (Transportation)**

Action: Deferred to June 07, 2010.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

(2) **Accept Status Report on efforts to reduce polystyrene foam in California. (Environmental Services)**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Environmental Services John Stufflebean, dated April 16, 2010, recommending acceptance of the report. (2) Staff presentation dated May 3, 2010 entitled "Reducing Polystyrene in the Waste Stream". (3) Memorandum from Ryan Kenny, American Chemistry Council, dated April 30, 2010, commenting on reducing polystyrene foam in waste streams. (4) Letter from Richard Ferdinand, Santa Cruz Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation, dated April 30, 2010, expressing support for reducing polystyrene foam in waste streams. (5) Letter from the Surfers' Environmental Alliance, dated April 30, 2010, expressing support for reducing polystyrene foam in waste streams. (6) Letter from Berg & Berg Developers, dated October 4, 2008, objecting to the imposition of mandatory Green Building Standards. (7) "Facts about Styrofoam Litter" submitted for the record by Andria Ventura, Clean Water Action, dated May 3, 2010. (8) Fourteen emails from members of the public all dated May 3, 2010 expressing support for reducing polystyrene foam in waste streams.

Meeting Disclosure: Council Member Liccardo disclosed that a member of his staff had discussed this matter with one Committee Member prior to the meeting without his knowledge. Council Member Liccardo added that he also discussed this item with a third Committee Member.

Deputy Director of Environmental Services Jo Zientek presented the staff report. Committee questions and comments followed.

Public Comments: Speaking in favor of the Staff recommendations were Andria Ventura (Clean Water Action), Emily Utter (Save the Bay) Rene Lovato (Texas Snoballs) and Jeff Cristina (Green Waste Recovery).

The Committee received the report. Staff was directed to examine issues relating to reducing polystyrene foam, including: (1) address all components of polystyrene and locate a regional clean polystyrene/foam packaging drop-off facility; (2) understand the ramifications to various sectors and find realistic alternatives for restaurants, food industries and high tech companies for packing large items like computers; (3) find ways to keep out of landfills and streams; (4) work comprehensively with the County, surrounding cities and businesses in the community; (5) use the Silicon Valley Leadership Group as a resource to expand County and statewide; (6) provide extensive outreach and education to change habits; include local ethnic chambers of commerce; (7) understand the costs, life cycle, environmental impacts and alternatives in moving forward; and (8) include comprehensive litter removal in the work plan. Staff directed to return to the Committee with a comprehensive update.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

- (1) **Accept the Verbal Report on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Activities. (Environmental Services)**

Note: Item (1) and (3) were heard together.

Documents Filed: Staff presentation dated May 3, 2010 summarizing the Energy Report.

Environmental Program Manager Mary Tucker presented the staff report.

Action: The Committee accepted the verbal report.

- (3) **Accept the report and recommend to the full City Council approval of the Strategic Energy Action Plan which establishes strategies and actions for achieving Green Vision Goals related to energy use reductions and use of renewables. (Environmental Services)**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Environmental Services John Stufflebean, dated April 16, 2010, recommending acceptance of the report and to forward to the full City Council for action. (2) Staff presentation dated May 3, 2010 summarizing San José's Strategic Energy Plan.

Environmental Program Manager Mary Tucker presented the staff report.

Action: The Committee accepted the report. The Committee forwarded the Strategy Energy Action Plan to the full City Council for action on May 18, 2010. Staff requested to provide the Council Offices with information about PG&E smart meters, where to direct complaints to about concerns and other related issues, so Council Members can distribute information via their email lists and newsletters for their constituents.

- (4) **Accept the status report on the implementation for red light running violations. (Transportation)**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Acting Director of Transportation Hans Larsen, dated April 16, 2010, recommending acceptance of the report. (2) Staff presentation dated May 3, 2010 outlining the Automated Camera Enforcement.

Acting Director of Transportation Hans Larsen presented the staff report.

Action: The Committee accepted the report.

- (5) **California High Speed Rail Project Update. (Transportation)**

Action: Deferred to June 07, 2010.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

- (6) **Update on Deferred maintenance and infrastructure backlog.**
- (a) **Accept the staff report on the condition and funding needs of the City's pavement network.**
 - (b) **Recommend that the City Council conduct a special Study Session in the fall of 2010 to discuss specific pavement maintenance funding alternatives and strategies to reduce or eliminate pavement maintenance backlogs and funding shortfalls. (Public Works)**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Public Works Katy Allen, dated April 21, 2010, recommending acceptance of the report. (2) Memorandum from Acting Director of Transportation Hans Larsen, dated April 19, 2010, recommending acceptance of the report and that the City Council conduct a special Study Session in the Fall of 2010. (3) Staff presentation dated May 3, 2010 summarized the Deferred Maintenance and Infrastructure Backlog.

Director of Public Works Katy Allen, Deputy Director of Public Works Timm Borden and Acting Director of Transportation Hans Larsen provided the update.

Action: The Committee accepted the report. The Committee referred this item to the Rules and Open Government Committee to schedule a special Study Session in the fall of 2010.

- (7) **Accept the report and recommend City Council approval of a Major Amendment to the Airport Master Plan for the Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport to:**
- (a) **Shorten the plan horizon from 2017 to 2027.**
 - (b) **Update projected demand and facility requirements.**
 - (c) **Modify specific components of the facility development program.**
- (Airport)**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Aviation William Sherry, dated April 16, 2010, recommending acceptance of the report and to forward to the full City Council for action. (2) Staff presentation dated May 3, 2010 summarizing the Non-Terminal Area Improvement Program and Airport Master Plan Amendment.

Deputy Director of Aviation David Maas presented the staff report.

Action: The Committee accepted the report. The Committee forwarded the Major Amendment to the Airport Master Plan for the Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport to the full City Council for action on June 8, 2010. Staff requested to forward a copy of the Staff presentation to the Committee Members.

Council Member Liccardo left the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

- (8) **Direct staff to prepare draft revisions and updates to the Private Sector Green Building Policy (City Council Policy 6-32) and the Ordinance to establish Green Building Regulations for private development and bring forward recommendations based on stakeholder input for Council adoption by Fall 2010 that include mandatory requirements for all new buildings:**
- (a) **Move up phasing-in mandatory requirements for all new buildings from 2012 to January 2011.**
 - (b) **Defer phasing-in certification requirements for building additions from 2010 to 2013 or later.**

(Planning, Building and Code Enforcement)

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Joseph Horwedel, dated April 16, 2010, recommending approval of direction to Staff. (2) Letter from Mary Follenweider, AIA Santa Clara Valley, dated May 1, 2010, expressing support to all of the ten green vision goals set forth through the leadership of the San José City Council.

Deputy Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Laurel Prevetti presented the staff report.

Public Comments: Speaking in support to the Staff recommendations were Gail Price, Hari Sripadanna, John Diffendrfer and Sam Sanderson (AIA Santa Clara Valley), Steve Stenton (USGBC, Northern California) and Crisand Giles (Building Industry Association).

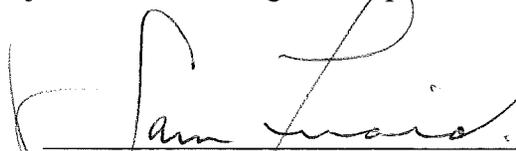
Action: The Committee directed Staff to move forward with continued outreach on the various alternatives and return to the Transportation and Environment Committee with a recommendation before returning to the full City Council.

OPEN FORUM

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Campos adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.



Council Member Sam Liccardo, Chair
Transportation and Environment Committee

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