



**MINUTES OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**MONDAY, MARCH 05, 2012**

The Transportation and Environment Committee of the City of San José convened in Regular Session at 1:32 p.m. in Conference Room 120, Council Wing, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Council Member Sam Liccardo, Chair, Council Member Rose Herrera, Vice Chair (1:38 p.m.), Council Member Xavier Campos and Council Member Donald Rocha.

**ABSENT:** All Present.

**STAFF:** Assistant to the City Manager Ashwini Kantak, Senior Deputy City Attorney Kevin Fisher, Policy Analyst for Mayor's Office Jeff Janssen and Deputy City Clerk Susan M. Davis.

**REVIEW OF WORK PLAN**

- (1) **Annual Environmentally Preferable Procurement 2010-2011 Report. (Finance/ Environmental Services)**

Action: Deferred to April 2, 2012.

**REPORTS TO COMMITTEE**

- (1) **Regional Transportation Activities Report. (Transportation)**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Transportation Hans Larsen, dated February 15, 2012, recommending acceptance of the report. (2) Letter from Roland Lebrun, dated March 5, 2012, regarding the High Speed Rail project.

Director of Transportation Hans Larsen presented the report.

## REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

### (1) (Cont'd.)

Public Comments: Roland Lebrun offered a brief overview on Proposition 1A Early Funding for Northern California pertaining to High Speed Rail for the Committee Members and Staff.

Action: The Committee accepted the report.

### (2) Pavement Network Maintenance Priorities. (Transportation)

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Transportation Hans Larsen, dated February 21, 2012, recommending acceptance of the report and to forward the report to the full City Council.

Director of Transportation Hans Larsen presented the report.

Public Comments: David Wall expressed support to the Staff recommendations with two suggestions. Roland Lebrun pointed out that last year he observed Caltrans repaving Interstate 85 when it did not require repaving.

Action: The Committee accepted the report and forwarded the item to the full City Council for formal action on April 27, 2012. Staff was directed to continue to pursue opportunities to facilitate increased funding for pavement maintenance to secure a total funding investment of \$100 million annually, by considering the following: (1) Evaluation of a possible San José parcel tax, bond measure and/or sales tax to substantially address pavement maintenance funding needs. (2) Evaluate extending and amending the current ½ cent sales tax for transportation in Santa Clara County, allowing use of funds for local pavement maintenance consistent with many other counties in California. (3) Advocate for timely approval of a new Federal transportation bill that increases overall investment for transportation and with support for local pavement maintenance.

### (3) Status Report on CEQA Mitigation Monitoring. (Planning, Building and Code Enforcement)

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Joseph Horwedel, dated February 21, 2012, recommending acceptance of the report.

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

Public Comments: David Wall asked the Committee if the burrowing owl habitat was being protected and whether the Eco Pass Program was being reinstated.

## REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

**(3) (Cont'd.)**

Action: The Committee accepted the report. Staff was directed to return to the Transportation and Environment Committee with a level of cost assessing if it is cost effective for Staff to develop a short list of prequalified consultants.

**(4) Green Building Program Update. (Planning, Building and Code Enforcement)**

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Joseph Horwedel and Acting Director of Environmental Services Kerrie Romanow, dated February 23, 2012, recommending acceptance of the report.

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

Council Member Rocha left the meeting at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Public Comments: David Wall presented comments focusing on the San José Convention Center.

Action: The Committee accepted the report.

**(5) San José/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant – Energy and Reliability Update. (Environmental Services)**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Acting Director of Environmental Services Kerrie Romanow, dated February 15, 2012, recommending acceptance of the report. (2) Staff presentation dated March 5, 2012 summarizing the Plant Energy and Reliability Update.

Acting Director of Environmental Services Kerrie Romanow offered opening comments. Acting Division Manager Ron Nickels presented the report.

Public Comments: David Wall commented on the water pollution control plant and expressed opposition to the Staff recommendations.

Action: The Committee accepted the report.

**(6) Quarterly Energy Update. (Environmental Services)**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Acting Director of Environmental Services Kerrie Romanow, dated February 15, 2012, recommending acceptance of the report. (2) Staff presentation dated March 5, 2012 outlining the First Quarter Energy Report.

## REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

### (6) (Cont'd.)

Acting Director of Environmental Services Kerrie Romanow provided introductory comments. Acting Environmental Services Program Manager Michael Foster presented the report.

Public Comments: David Wall expressed opposition to the Staff recommendations. Roland Lebrun suggested that Staff reach out to the community when there is an upcoming solar installation in the neighborhoods to ensure everyone was involved in the process.

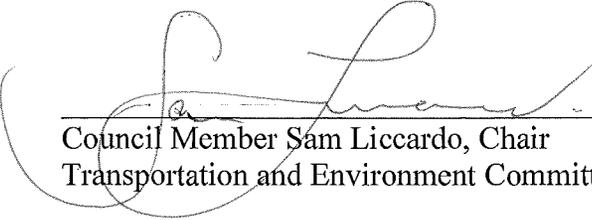
Action: The Committee accepted the report.

## OPEN FORUM

- (1) David Wall suggested that Council modify the City Charter to include, not just the plant operators in the revised pay scale, but the engine men, the electricians and the various other trades that work at the Water Pollution Control Plant.
- (2) Roland Lebrun suggested providing satellite parking at Tamien Station and recycling household batteries similar to the City of Gilroy (inserting batteries in plastic bags and placing the bags on top of the recycle can for pickup).
- (3) Laura Kasa, Executive Director of Save Our Shores, thanked the Committee and the City for their efforts and leadership on the plastic bag ban that went into effect in January 2012. She requested that the Committee move forward quickly on the banning of Styrofoam take out containers.

## ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Liccardo adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m.



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Council Member Sam Liccardo, Chair  
Transportation and Environment Committee

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