



## **BUILDING BETTER TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Executive Summary  
October 2, 2006

- PRESENT:** Chair Nora Campos, Vice Chair Dave Cortese,  
Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte, Councilmember Forrest Williams
- STAFF:** Jim Webb, Ed Shikada, Glen Schwarzbach, Jim Ortbal, Timm Borden,  
Ben Tripousis, Hans Larsen, Bill Ekern, Richard Saito, Amit Kothari,  
Linda Crabill
- GUESTS:** Darren Deffner, PG&E; Laura Sellheim, PG&E; Dennis Oliver, PG&E;  
David Dudek, Vice President, Hensley Historic District

The meeting convened at 1:33 PM

### **1. Report on PG&E Utility Undergrounding Project Delivery**

Staff from Public Works presented a progress report on the status of projects, key program issues and methods used to fulfill the General Plan goal of converting overhead utilities to underground systems. Representatives from PG&E spoke about their commitment to move forward and thanked the City for the 5 year plan.

As the Committee did not have a quorum at the time of the presentation, action was taken after Item 3 was heard. Upon the motion of Vice Chair Dave Cortese and seconded by Councilmember Forrest Williams the committee accepted the report and directed staff to work with the City's lobbyist, Public Utilities Commission and PG&E on the tariff issue.

## **2. Report on Railroad Quiet Zones**

Department of Transportation staff presented a report on opportunities and issues associated with implementing railroad quiet zones. Recommendation was to defer action until potential liability issues are further reviewed and until Citywide transportation funding needs, priorities and funding sources are addressed as part of the Transportation Maintenance Master Plan process. David Dudek, Vice President of the Hensley Historic District commented on the frequency of the trains horn blowing and the disruption it causes to his community. He urged the City to look into implementing a short safety zone. Upon the motion of Vice Chair Dave Cortese, and seconded by Councilmember Forrest Williams the Committee accepted Recommendations A & B and asked staff to include the Hensley Historic District on their list for consideration for a case study.

## **3. Update on Traffic Calming and School Safety Programs**

Staff from the Department of Transportation and Police Departments presented a summary on the basic levels of traffic calming projects and their rate of completion. Key components of the School Safety program included public outreach and education. Upon the motion of Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte, and seconded by Councilmember Forrest Williams the Committee accepted the report.

## **4. Oral Petitions**

There were no oral petitions

## **5. Adjournment**

**The Committee was adjourned at 3:00 PM**

*N.E. for N.C.*

Councilmember Nora Campos, Chair  
Building Better Transportation Committee