



Regular Meeting
of the
San José
Transportation & Environment Committee
held
May 21, 2007 at 1:30 P.M

Roll Call

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

Chair Forrest Williams opened the meeting by asking the Committee for a motion to defer items # 4, 6 and 7 that were recommended for deferral by the Administration. Upon the motion by Councilmember Judy Chirco, and seconded by Councilmember Dave Cortese, the Committee voted to defer the items.

1. Caltrans Director's Report and Freeway Litter Removal Initiative (DOT)

State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 4 Director, Bijan Sartipi, presented the report on regional transportation issues. Included in the presentation was an overview of the State Transportation Improvement Project (STIP) and the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). Litter and pavement maintenance, highway and roadway projects, the Guadalupe Corridor and the MacArthur Maze response project status were also highlighted. Upon the motion of Councilmember Judy Chirco, and seconded by Vice Chair Sam Liccardo, the Committee voted to accept the report.

2. Review of Performance Measure Reporting (CMO)

Deputy City Manager Ed Shikada provided an overview of the work conducted by Management Partners on behalf of the City Manager's Office in response to the direction from Mayor Reed regarding the structure and workplans of Council Committees. Representatives from Management Partners presented the draft summary of key performance measures and indicators for the core services associated with this Committee. Management Partners stated that its goal is to help Committee members identify key performance measures and reporting approaches/timeframes that will best serve their needs in providing informed oversight of Transportation and Environment and Utility City Service Areas (CSA) programs and projects. Management Partners had conducted interviews with the Department of Transportation, Airport, Police, General Services, Environmental Service and the Transportation & Environment Committee Chair Forrest Williams. Resulting from these interviews

Management Partners learned that the City of San Jose focuses on results, clearly has goals and strategies and there is a large emphasis on customer service. The Committee reviewed each of the departments core services as they related to Transportation CSA and Environment and Utility CSA and discussed changes or additional information that they would like to see added in the report. Management Partners will come back to the Committee in June with a final report for approval. No action was taken on this item.

3. Status Report on Environmentally Responsible Fleet Replacement Policy (GS)

General Service's staff presented the status report on the Environmentally Responsible Fleet Replacement Policy. The City of San Jose's alternative or "Green" fuel fleet currently includes over 900 vehicles/equipment types which comprise of approximately 34% of the City's overall fleet. The City has also integrated alternative fuels and related emission reduction technology into the diverse fleet. Fleet Management staff has been directed within the Council approved Mayor's March 2007 budget message to develop a fleet management policy that further positions the City as a national leader in fleet management and that minimizes the City's fleet's carbon dioxide contribution to global warming. The City's membership in The Plug-in Partners Campaign was also discussed. The campaign's goal is to reduce the country's reliance on foreign oil, decrease air pollution and Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and address rising fuel costs. The Plug-in Partners National Campaign will track vehicle commitments made by all member agencies. Upon the motion of Vice Chair Sam Liccardo, and seconded by Councilmember Judy Chirco, the Committee voted to accept the report and recommend to Council approval of City membership in the Plug-in Partners National Campaign.

4. Environmentally Management System Pilot Report and Expansion to Other City Operations (ESD) DEFERRED TO AUGUST

5. Water Supply Issues Including San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) Negotiations & Rates (ESD)

Environmental Services Department staff presented the report on water supply issue for the Municipal Water System, including water shortage. The Municipal Water System (Muni Water) currently provides water service to North San Jose/Alviso, Evergreen, Edenvale and Coyote Valley. Population within Muni Water service areas is projected to double by 2030. Among the agencies highlighted were the San Francisco Water Department/Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), the South Bay Water Recycling System (SBWR), the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) and the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD). A detailed explanation of the current retail water rates was highlighted. All Muni Water bills include a charge based on actual water consumption, a service charge and a 5% utility tax. To encourage conservation, Muni Water has an inverted block rate structure for residential customers meaning the less water you use, the less you pay. According to the table provided of retailer water rate comparison, Muni Water rates have historically been among the lowest in the region. Water supply issues and a potential water shortage were also discussed. The SFPUC recently reported that the past winter was the fourth driest winter on record and urged customers to increase water conservation efforts to help avert possible mandatory rationing and deeper water consumption limits later in the year. In the event of a water supply shortage a Water Shortage Contingency Plan has been

included in the City's Municipal Code. This Plan outlines various stages of conservation needed to respond to the respective severity of the supply shortage. A representative of BAWSCA spoke in favor of the report. Upon the motion of Vice Chair Sam Liccardo, and seconded by Councilmember Judy Chirco, the Committee voted to accept the report.

6. Sewer Service & Use Charge Fund Financing Alternatives to Address Critical Infrastructure Needs (ESD/PW/DOT) DEFERRED TO FALL

**7. Union Pacific Railroad Coordination (DOT)
DEFERRED TO AUGUST**

8. Report on Infrastructure Deferred Maintenance Strategy Workplan (CMO)

Staff from the City Manager's Office CIP (Capital Improvement Program) Action Team presented the report and workplan for strategies to reduce deferred maintenance and infrastructure backlog for City facilities. The City's facilities consist of numerous buildings, parks, trails, pools, streets, water, sewer and storm systems as well as an International Airport and a large Water Pollution Control Plant. Some of these assets are approaching the end of their life cycle and the need to replace, rehabilitate and upgrade them is becoming critical. The City's current attention to deferred maintenance and its infrastructure backlog is the results of several years of diminishing resources. The Mayor's 2007 March Budget Message identifies reduction of the City's deferred maintenance and infrastructure backlog as a top priority. Staff has been directed to create a Two-Year Infrastructure Work Plan to identify prioritized needs and potential funding mechanisms. Upon the motion of Councilmember Dave Cortese, and seconded by Councilmember Judy Chirco, the Committee voted to accept the report.

9. Report on Tree Preservation Workplan (CMO/PBCE)

City Manager's Office and Planning, Building and Code Enforcement staff presented an update report on the Tree Preservation Workplan. As a result of community concerns about unpermitted or improper pruning or removal of trees, the City Council has directed several recent reviews and modifications related to tree regulation. The Tree Preservation Workplan will evaluate the City's current tree preservation activities, confirm the City's overall goals, review resource allocation and develop any proposed program, process or policy changes required. The City's tree preservation services should provide efficient and effective guidelines for the preservation and growth of our urban forest. These guidelines should reflect the interests of residents and businesses, the available funding and City Council's priorities. Speakers on this item included individuals from the Santa Clara County Realtors Association who felt that residents should be able to plant the trees they want and should be educated about permitting requirements. The SCCRA would like to be included in the process and be able to give input to any policy changes that occur. Members of Our City Forest also spoke on the item. Our City Forest feels that they have established an excellent partnership with the City and would like to continue working with the City in the future. Upon the motion of Vice Chair Sam Liccardo and seconded by Councilmember Judy Chirco the Committee voted to accept the report and accompanying work plan to allow staff to continue their efforts to improve tree preservation in San Jose.

10. Support for National Campaign to Manufacture and Use Plug-in Electric Hybrid Vehicles (ESD) REPORT COVERED UNDER ITEM #3**11. Greenhouse Gas Reduction Goals Development Process (ESD)**

Environmental Services Department staff presented the status report on the City of San Jose climate change activities. With adoption of the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement, the City Council recognized that climate disruption is a reality and that human activities are largely responsible for increasing concentrations of global warming pollution. As one of the guiding principles of the vision of San Jose, the Sustainable City Strategy is a statement of San Jose's desire to become an environmentally and economically sustainable city. A "sustainable city" is a city designed, constructed and operated to minimize waste, efficiently use its natural resources and manage and conserve them for the use of present and future generations. Greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals and targets were discussed. These goals and targets will provide an objective toward which to strive and measure progress. In order to recommend a municipal goal for San Jose, research was conducted that examined the goals of the State of California, other cities and counties in the US, and various research documents related to the establishment of GHG goals and climate action plans. The City of San Jose's Climate Action Team recommends a municipal goal that is both practical and aggressive and would establish the City of San Jose as the regional and national leader in municipal climate change mitigation. The Climate Action Team will also be initiating discussions with various regional climate change organizations in San Jose. Members of the Sierra Club Cool Cities Campaign, Acterra, Greenbelt Alliance, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition and The Climate Project spoke on the item. The consensus of each organization is they are impressed with the City's initiative of tackling global warming and applaud the City's efforts and goals. They are excited about community involvement and look forward to working together in the future. Upon the motion of Councilmember Dave Cortese and seconded by Councilmember Judy Chirco the Committee voted to accept the report and move forward with the recommendation that the City Council adopt the recommended greenhouse gas emission (GHG) reduction goal for municipal activities.

12. Update on Recycle Plus Transition (ESD)

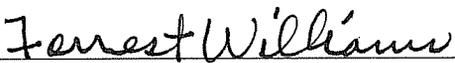
Environmental Services Department staff presented an update on the Recycle Plus transition. The 2007 Recycle Plus Customer Satisfaction Survey and current community outreach was highlighted. Staff explained to the Committee that everything is in place for the transition which will occur on July 1, 2007. The Committee accepted the report with only two members present.

13. Oral Petition

There were no oral petitions at this time

14. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 5:07 p.m.



Councilmember Forrest Williams
Transportation & Environment Committee