

Regular Meeting
Of the
San José
Transportation & Environment Committee
Held
June 2, 2008 at 1:30 P.M.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Forrest Williams; Vice Chair Sam Liccardo; Councilmember Judy Chirco;
Councilmember Nora Campos

Chair Forrest Williams opened the meeting by asking the Committee for a motion to approve staff's recommendation to defer item h to August. Upon the motion of Vice Chair Sam Liccardo, and seconded by Councilmember Judy Chirco, the Committee deferred the item.

a. Action on Items Recommended for Deferral (see table on agenda)

Upon the motion of Vice Chair Sam Liccardo, and seconded by Councilmember Judy Chirco, the Committee deferred items 1 – 6 listed in the table on the agenda.

b. Recommend Council Adoption of Policy for City Funded Purchase of Single-Serve Bottle Water (ESD/FINANCE)

Environmental Services Department staff presented the report on the City Funded Purchase of Single-Serving Bottle Water. Consumption of bottle water has grown dramatically in the last few years. Production of bottled water is very resource intensive and has worldwide impacts. It takes approximately 9 gallons of water to bottle one gallon. The Cities and water districts across the county, funded by ratepayers and state and federal governments, are spending billions of dollars to provide safe, clean drinking water from the tap. Unfortunately, the migration from tap to bottled water fosters a perception that tap water isn't safe. In truth, tap water quality standards are much more stringent than those for bottle water. There is a growing national movement, led by environmental and public health agencies to eliminate single use plastic bottles. Several major cities now prohibit the use of city funds for bottled water. Staff is recommending that a "Prohibition of City Funding for Purchase of Single-Serving Bottle Water Policy" be implemented. The purpose of this policy is to reduce the purchase of single-serving bottle water by generally

prohibiting the use of City funds for such purposes, to demonstrate the City's commitment to environmental, economic, and social stewardship. Upon the motion of Vice Chair Sam Liccardo, and seconded by Councilmember Judy Chirco, the Committee accepted the report and recommended that the item be forwarded to the full Council for approval.

c. Recommend Council Adoption of Resolution for Green Cities California Sustainability (GS/FINANCE/AIRPORT/ESD)

Environmental Services Department staff presented the report on Green Cities California. In May of 2006, the Environmental Directors from ten major California Cities met to discuss how they could leverage their combined experience and the sustainability goals of their respective agencies to learn from each other, work together, lead by example, and use the economic impact of municipal purchasing power to be a strong advocate and catalyst for collective, urban and environmental action. This group would meet again in 2007 and together they would announce the formation of the "Green Cities California". The group would also outline their commitments proposing a Green Cities California Sustainability Resolution. By signing the Green Cities California Sustainability Resolution, the City would be committing to:

1. Work with other Green Cities California members to influence State and National policy.
2. Collaborate with other local governments throughout the state and the nation to adopt and implement sustainable policies and practices.
3. Initiate implementation of agreed upon objectives for municipal operations.

Upon the motion of Councilmember Judy Chirco, and seconded by Councilmember Nora Campos, the Committee accepted the report and recommended that the item be forwarded to the full Council for approval.

d. Status Report on the Terminal Area Improvement Program (TAIP) (AIRPORT)

Airport and Public Works Department staff presented the Airport Capital Improvement Program Quarterly Status Report. The report covers the period from January 1 through March 31, 2008. During this quarter Terminal Area Improvement Program (TAIP) continued to make good progress:

- Design of most major elements complete
- North Terminal C demolition completed
- Terminal B foundation work started
- North Roadway Bridge pile driving complete
- Outer Roadway Lane construction started
- Terminal A ticket lobby work started
- Rental Car Garage pile driving 20% complete
- New Jet Bridge installation started

The budget trends for TAIP improved from the projected deficit of \$8 million reported in the Fourth Quarter 2007 report to less than \$5 million this reporting period, out of a total program budget of \$711 million. Staff achieved this reduction by continually refining the scope and phasing options. Upon the motion of Councilmember Judy Chirco, and seconded by Vice Chair Sam Liccardo, the Committee accepted the report.

e. Discussion on Workload Assessment for Analysis of Extending the Livingwage Policy at Mineta San José International Airport (AIRPORT)

Assistant Airport Director, Kim Becker presented the workload assessment analysis of extending the livingwage policy at Mineta San José International Airport. At the Rules and Open Government Committee meeting on April 30, staff was directed to complete a preliminary workload assessment regarding the potential extension of the City's Living Wage policy and creation of new employment standards, training, and retention goals for contract employees working at Mineta San José Airport to be reviewed by the Transportation and Environment Committee during their June 2nd meeting. In order to provide recommendations to the City Council on this complex issue, City staff would need to conduct research, outreach, and analysis of potential effects on employees, employers, the Airport and the City, economic development, and the community. A project team has been assembled that include staff from the City Manager's Office, City Attorney's Office, Airport, and Department of Public Works/ Office of Equality Assurance. Staff will conduct research, outreach and analysis during the months of June – August and will return to the Transportation and Environment Committee with a study report in October. Public comment included employees from Aviation Safe Guard and drivers from the car rental companies. They stressed the importance of paying a "living wage" and urged the Committee to move forward quickly. Upon the motion of Councilmember Judy Chirco, and seconded by Councilmember Nora Campos, the Committee accepted the report and asked staff to come back in August with a proposal to extend the Living Wage policy to the Airport.

f. BART/VTA Issues Report (DOT)

Department of Transportation staff presented the status report on various Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) projects and programs. Highlighted in the report was the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP 2035) and the Measure A Transit Program Revenue and Expenditure Plan. Current highway projects that are being developed and expected to be completed in the next 5 years include the Route 101/Tully Interchange Upgrade, Route 880 Widening (237 to 880), Blossom/Monterey Area Pedestrian Overcrossing, Route 87 Corridor Landscaping, and Route 87 Corridor Ramp Metering. Various transit projects include the BART Extension to Silicon Valley and several Bus Rapid Transit lines. Upon the motion of Vice Chair Sam Liccardo, and seconded by Councilmember Judy Chirco, the Committee accepted the report.

g. Recommended Revisions to Traffic Calming Policy 5-6 (DOT)

Deputy Director of Transportation and Parking Operations, Laura Wells presented the report on proposed revisions to Council Policy 5-6 on Traffic Calming Policy for Residential Neighborhoods. Council Policy 5-6 was adopted in 2001. In the fall of 2007, a series of 10 Residential Traffic Calming Community Meetings, led by Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio, were held to gather input from San José residents on the existing policy, to solicit feedback on potential changes to the policy, and to recommend priorities for the City to consider in continuing to address neighborhood traffic concerns. The major revisions to the policy are primarily related to the implementation of comprehensive traffic calming projects which are intended to slow

traffic within, or divert traffic from residential neighborhoods; or to enhance pedestrian safety. With the adoption of an updated Traffic Calming Policy, it is anticipated that there will be a renewed interest in many neighborhoods throughout the City for traffic calming projects. In addition, it is anticipated that more residential neighborhoods will become eligible for comprehensive measures with the new policy criteria. Councilmember Oliverio was available to answer any question that the Committee had on revisions to the Council Policy and thanked City staff for all of their efforts. Upon the motion of Councilmember Judy Chirco, and seconded by Councilmember Nora Campos, the Committee approved the proposed revisions to Council Policy 5-6 and staff's recommendation to forward the item to the full City Council for approval.

h. Report on Red Light Running Camera Systems (PD) – Deferred to August

i. Update on Various Traffic Safety Items (DOT/IGR)

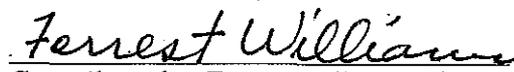
Department of Transportation Director, Jim Helmer and Intergovernmental Relations Director, Betsy Shotwell presented an update report on the feasibility of increasing fines for traffic violations, developing partnerships with school districts on traffic calming near schools, and implementation of Assembly Bill 321. The establishment of traffic fines for moving violations is governed by the State of California and managed at a County level. The determination of the fine amount is a factor of how fast a motorist is traveling over the posted speed limit, whether the violation is a first time or repetitive offense, and other factors, such as whether the violation occurred in a double fine construction zone. The current fine structure for traffic violations is complex with various add-ons, surcharges and penalty assessments. The Schools/City Collaborative brings together San José's 19 schools school superintendents, the Mayor of San José, Councilmember Chirco, and the City Administration to discuss issues of mutual interest. The Collaborative includes a School Safety subcommittee to focus on safety and transportation issues in and around schools. Developing partnerships with schools on the implementation of traffic calming was discussed at a Collaborative meeting with a majority of the school district superintendents favorably supportive of the concept. Assembly Bill 321 modified the California Vehicle Code to authorize a city or county to establish a prima facie speed limit of 15 mph in school zones, on two-lane roads that are currently posted with speed limits of 30 mph or less. Assembly Bill 321 became a state law on January 1, 2008. Upon the motion of Vice Chair Sam Liccardo, and seconded by Councilmember Nora Campos, the Committee accepted the report.

j. Oral Petition

There was no Oral Petition.

k. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned 3:50 p.m.


Councilmember Forrest Williams, Chair
Transportation & Environment Committee