

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, MAY 05, 2014

The Transportation and Environment Committee of the City of San José convened in Regular Session at 1:34 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Council Wing, City Hall.

PRESENT: Council Member Sam Liccardo, Chair; Council Member Rose Herrera, Vice Chair; Council Member Xavier Campos and Council Member Donald Rocha.

ABSENT: All Present.

STAFF: Deputy City Manager Jennifer A. Maguire, Senior Deputy City Attorney Kevin Fisher, Mayor's Senior Policy Advisor Jeff Janssen and Deputy City Clerk Susan M. Davis.

REVIEW OF WORK PLAN

Upon motion by Council Member Herrera, seconded by Council Member Liccardo and carried unanimously, the Work Plan was approved and the below listed actions were taken as indicated. (4-0)

(1) Sanitary Sewer Flow Study. (Environmental Services)

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Environmental Services Kerrie Romanow, dated April 16, 2014, recommending deferral of the report to June 2014.

Action: The Committee deferred the Sanitary Sewer Flow Study to June 02, 2014. (4-0.)

(2) Municipal Water System Update on Technology Enhancements. (Environmental Services)

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Environmental Services Kerrie Romanow, dated April 22, 2014, recommending deferral of the report to Fall 2014.

Action: The Committee deferred the Municipal Water Update to Fall 2014. (4-0.)

REVIEW OF WORK PLAN

(3) **Public Works Municipal Code Revisions. (Public Works)**

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Public Works David Sykes, dated April 23, 2014, recommending deferring the report to Fall 2014.

Action: The Committee deferred the Public Works Municipal Code Revisions Report to Fall 2014. (4-0.)

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

(1) **Transportation Safety Report. (Transportation)**

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Transportation Hans F. Larsen, dated April 16, 2014, recommending acceptance of the report.

Director of Transportation Hans F. Larsen offered the report.

Director of Transportation Hans F. Larsen and Deputy Director of Neighborhood Traffic Management Laura R. Wells responded to Committee questions and concerns.

Council Member Campos recommended that Staff coordinate with the School Districts and the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force and teach high school students the "rules of the road" for safe driving.

Action: Upon motion by Council Member Herrera, seconded by Council Member Campos and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report. (4-0.)

(2) **Status Report on Deferred Maintenance and Infrastructure Backlog. (Public Works)**

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Public Works David Sykes, dated April 21, 2014, recommending acceptance of the report and to cross reference the item to the June 3, 2014 Agenda.

Director of Public Works David Sykes, Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Matt Cano, Deputy Director of Transportation Kevin O'Connor and Director of Transportation Hans F. Larsen presented the report and responded to Committee questions and concerns.

Action: Upon motion by Council Member Herrera, seconded by Council Member Campos and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report and forwarded the item to the full Council for discussion and formal action on May 20, 2014. (4-0.)

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

(3) Annual Fleet Management Report. (Public Works)

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Public Works David Sykes, dated April 21, 2014, recommending acceptance of the report.

Director of Public Works David Sykes, Public Works Fleet Manager Dan Sunseri and Deputy Director of Public Works Joe Garcia presented the report and responded to Committee questions and concerns.

Action: Upon motion by Council Member Campos, seconded by Council Member Herrera and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report. (4-0.)

(4) Airport Ground Transportation Program. (Airport)

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Aviation Services Kimberly Becker Aguirre, dated April 24, 2014, recommending consideration and acceptance of the Staff analysis of the replacement memorandum from Council Member Campos, dated April 2, 2014. (2) As submitted to Rules and Open Government Committee on April 2, 2014, replacement memorandum from Council Member Campos, dated April 2, 2014, with amendments to the Airport Ground Transportation Program. (3) Email from Sherjagraj Singh, President, Bay Area Taxi Companies Association, dated April 28, 2014, expressing comments on the Airport Ground Transportation Program.

Director of Aviation Services Kimberly Becker Aguirre provided a brief overview of what was approved by Council on March 4, 2014 and responded to Committee questions and concerns.

Council Member Campos offered introductory comments regarding his amendments to the Airport Ground Transportation Program.

Public Comments: The following speakers expressed concerns, objections and comments to the Airport Ground Transportation Program: Sherry Singh, American Cab Inc.; Aboli Baiiol, Habte Abraha, Abraham Nohannes, Soloman Tsehay, Harminder Tovieno, All Star Cab; Jatinder Kumar, Classic Cab; Bikram Jeet Singh, Alpha Cab; Fekadu, Engida, Karan Deep, Dawit Ayebe, Salan Buni, Mesay Kebedl, Rahul Malik, Shakur Buni, Bhupinder Singh, Harpal Chahal, Silver Cab; Larry Silva, Yellow Checker Cab; Omar, A Shumie, Kiflon Sebihato, Green Cab and Kassahun.

Council Member Liccardo emphasized that the item before the Committee is the consideration of the memorandum from Council Member Campos recommending amendments to the Airport Ground Transportation Program. Council Member Liccardo pointed out that the Committee cannot reconsider the decision made by the Council on March 4, 2014.

Extensive Committee discussion ensued.

(4) (Cont'd.)

Council Member Rocha requested that Staff return to Council with a Status Report on the Request for Proposals (RFP).

Motion: Council Member Campos moved approval of his replacement memorandum dated April 2, 2014, with the recommendations as described below in "Action", including allowing the three companies that qualified and went through the process, to be included as vendors, and for the item to be forwarded to the full Council for discussion and formal action. Council Member Herrera seconded the motion.

Council Member Campos requested that this item be heard by the full Council as soon as possible.

Council Member Campos requested to amend the motion to include that the Council consider setting a moratorium date for Taxi Companies coming into San José. Council Member Herrera accepted the amendment.

Council Member Liccardo expressed his opposition to the motion on the floor.

Council Member Herrera requested that Staff ensure that the ability to work at the Airport will be distributed equally among through the companies by the Dispatch Company.

Council Member Rocha left the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

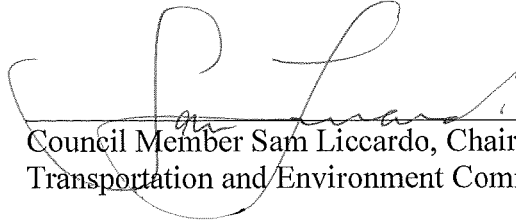
Action: On a call for the question, the motion carried, the Committee forwarded the following to the full Council for discussion and formal action on June 10, 2014: the replacement memorandum from Council Member Campos, dated April 2, 2014, was approved, and recommended the following changes to be incorporated as part of the new Airport Ground Transportation Program directive: (1) Recommend a 3 year moratorium on any new taxi cab companies from servicing the City of San José; after the third year, Staff should determine through a "needs and necessities" process whether passenger demand supports any new taxi companies' increases in the City of San José. (2) Staff should require any new taxi companies to have at minimum 3 years experience operating taxis in San José before they can become qualified to service the Airport. (3) For the first 3 years of the new Airport Ground Transportation program, to require any new taxi company servicing the Airport to have been GPS approved by the Department of Transportation either on or before March 4, 2014. (4) Continue to allow individual drivers to apply for Taxi Driver permits in the City of San José. (5) Allow the three companies that qualified and went through the process, to be included as vendors. (6) The Committee recommended that the Council consider setting a moratorium date for Taxi Companies coming into San José. Staff was directed: (1) To return to Council with a Status Report on the Request for Proposals (RFP) for review. (2) To ensure that the ability to work at the Airport will be distributed equally among through the companies by the Dispatch Company. (2-1-1. Noes: Liccardo. Absent: Rocha.)

OPEN FORUM

There was no public testimony from the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Sam Liccardo adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m.



Council Member Sam Liccardo, Chair
Transportation and Environment Committee

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