

**MINUTES OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**MONDAY, APRIL 08, 2013**

The Transportation and Environment Committee of the City of San José convened in Regular Session at 1:31 p.m. in Conference Room 120, 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:** Assistant City Manager Edward K. Shikada, Senior Deputy City Attorney Kevin Fisher, Policy Advisor for Mayor's Office Jeff Janssen and Deputy City Clerk Susan M. Davis.

**REPORTS TO COMMITTEE**

**(1) Verbal Report on the Status of Energy Generation at the Water Pollution Control Plant. (Environmental Services)**

Director of Environmental Services Kerrie Romanow presented introductory remarks. Deputy Director of Environmental Services Joanna De Sa presented the report.

Action: The Committee accepted the report.

**(2) Report on Key Legislative Items.**

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Intergovernmental Relations Betsy Shotwell and State Legislative Advocate Roxanne L. Miller, dated March 20, 2013, recommending acceptance of the report.

Director of Intergovernmental Relations Betsy Shotwell presented the report and responded to Committee questions.

Action: The Committee accepted the report.

## REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

### (3) Bike Plan 2020 Annual Progress Report.

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Transportation Hans F. Larsen, dated March 20, 2013, recommending acceptance of the report. (2) Supplemental memorandum from Director of Transportation Hans F. Larsen, dated March 20, 2013, providing a memorandum referred by Rules and Open Government Committee proposing to prohibit the riding of bicycles for anyone over the age of 12 on sidewalks in the downtown or alternative boundary. (3) Staff presentation dated April 8, 2013 summarizing the San José Bike Plan 2020 Annual Progress Report.

Director of Transportation Hans F. Larsen and Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager John Brazil provided the report and responded to Committee questions and concerns.

Public Comments: Speaking in support to the Staff recommendations were Colin Heyne, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition; Carlos Babcock, William Glen Neighborhood Association and Jessica Zenk, Silicon Valley Leadership Group.

Council Member Liccardo requested that Staff include the residents, particularly the Downtown residents, and conduct a public meeting prior to moving forward with the proposal to prohibit the riding of bicycles for anyone over the age of 12 on sidewalks in the Downtown area or within an alternative boundary proposed by Staff.

Council Member Herrera pointed out that bicyclists require a safe place to ride if they cannot ride on the sidewalk. Council Member Herrera suggested Staff consider an exemption for seniors also.

Council Member Rocha expressed concerns and agreed with Council Member Liccardo.

Council Member Herrera suggested Staff look at "The Wiggle" to create safe bike routes with signage. ("The Wiggle" is a one-mile, zig-zagging bicycle route from Market Street to Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, California, that minimizes hilly inclines for bicycle riders.)

Council Member Campos suggested that Staff focus on the districts that have smaller setbacks, such as parts of Willow Glen, The Alameda, West San Carlos and provide feedback to the Committee.

Action: The Committee accepted the report. Staff was directed to conduct a public meeting prior to moving forward with the proposal to prohibit the riding of bicycles for anyone over the age of 12 on sidewalks in the Downtown area or within an alternative boundary and to take a look at what type of signage San Francisco is using for safe bike routes.

## REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

### **(4) Semi Annual Plant Capital Improvement Plan Report.**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Environmental Services Kerrie Romano, dated April 2, 2013, recommending acceptance of the report and cross referencing to the full Council for action. (2) Semi Annual Status Report on the San José/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant Capital Improvement Program dated July through December 2012.

Director of Environmental Services Kerrie Romanow offered the report.

Action: The Committee accepted the report and forwarded the item to the full Council for consideration and formal action on April 30, 2013.

### **(5) Burrowing Owl Habitat Improvements at Water Pollution Control Plant.**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Environmental Services Kerrie Romanow, dated March 14, 2013, recommending acceptance of the report. (2) Staff presentation dated April 8, 2013 summarizing the Burrowing Owl Update

Director of Environmental Services Kerrie Romanow provided introductory remarks. Supervising Environmental Services Specialist Ken Davies offered the report.

Action: The Committee accepted the report.

### **(6) Adoption of Updated Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and Related Municipal Code Changes.**

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Environmental Services Kerrie Romanow, dated March 13, 2013, recommending acceptance of the report and forwarding the item to the Council for consideration.

Director of Environmental Services Kerrie Romanow presented introductory comments. Division Manager Jeffrey Provenzano provided the report.

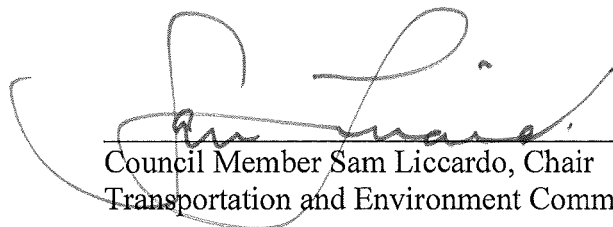
Action: The Committee accepted the report and forwarded the item to the full Council for consideration and formal action on April 16, 2013.

## OPEN FORUM

There was no public testimony from the floor.

## ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Liccardo adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.



Council Member Sam Liccardo, Chair  
Transportation and Environment Committee

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