

Approved Minutes
Transportation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Alameda City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Avenue, Council Chambers
The City allows members of the public to participate in person or remotely via Zoom. For information to assist with Zoom participation, please click: <https://www.alamedaca.gov/zoom>.

Zoom Attendees: 8

Legistar Link (Agenda and Video):

<https://alameda.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=1142569&GUID=15E4C026-4D65-4A05-8894-0EC8BE33D110&Options=info|&Search=>

1. Roll Call

Present: Chair Soules, Vice Chair Yuen and Commissioners Dara-Abrams, Nachtigall Johnson, Suthanthira, and Weitze.

Absent: None

Chair Soules joined from AC Hotel Fort Worth Downtown at 101 West 5th Street, Fort Worth, Texas, 76102 and Vice Chair Yuen led the meeting.

2. Agenda Changes

None.

3. 2023-3329 - Staff Communications

Lisa Foster, Acting Transportation Planning Manager, made several announcements (*2:16), which are available in detail at:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6481843&GUID=95C3CA1A-93B7-4B6D-81FA-6CE3ACC6E019&FullText=1>.

4. Announcements / Public Comments

None.

5. Consent Calendar

5A. 2024-3758 - Approve Draft Minutes of the November 15, 2023, Transportation Commission Meeting (Action)

Minutes can be found:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6481844&GUID=899C09D7-BA23-4233-83D1-A090E1423AA9&FullText=1>.

Commissioner Suthanthira pointed out a typo.

Chair Soules made a motion (*9:33) to approve the minutes with this correction and Commissioner Suthanthira seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 5-0 with Vice Chair Yuen and Commissioner Nachtigall abstaining due to their absences at the meeting.

6. Regular Agenda Items

6A. 2024-3759 - Review and Discuss Existing Conditions & Initial Public Input for the Fernside Boulevard Traffic Safety & Bikeways Project (Discussion)

Staff Member Foster introduced this item and the speakers (*10:43).

Staff report and attachments can be found at:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6481845&GUID=E195340F-CA60-43FD-B3FF-B163C07CBF91&FullText=1>.

Commissioner clarifying questions began at the 42:20-minute mark in the video.

Public Comment for 6A

Jim Strehlow discussed (*51:50) his issues with online participation and what he disliked about the community workshop. He thought that police participation should be stressed more, and he gave his thoughts on the high injury corridors. He also gave feedback about his experiences as a cyclist.

Bennet Shots, via Zoom, (*55:11) have feedback as a cyclist and pointed out dangerous intersections.

Jay Garfinkle, via Zoom, (*56:39) discussed his frustrations with the staff report and he felt that the commission will do whatever staff says and public input plays no part. He doubted the information in the staff report and thought it was misleading.

Action for item 6A

Commissioner discussion began at the 59:39-minute mark in the video.

This was a discussion item, and no formal action was taken.

7. Commission Communications

Commissioner Suthanthira commented (*1:35:18) on lighting around City Hall and safety. She thought the lighting could be better.

8. Adjournment

Vice Chair Yuen adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

*Shows minute mark in video to hear comments in full.