Transportation Commission

Meeting Minutes 5-28-25

Zoom Attendees: 14

Legistar Link (Agenda and Video)

https://alameda.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=1251754&GUID=47378433-21E9-454B-A81E-74B79DFAC0DB&Options=info|&Search=.

Roll Call

Chair Weitze called the meeting to order and conducted the roll call. Commissioners Dara Abrams, Kim, Gloyne, and Vice Chair Suthanthira were present. Commissioner Johnson arrived late, and Commissioner Nachtigal was absent.

Agenda Changes

No agenda changes were proposed by the commissioners or staff.

2025-5099 Staff Communications (Discussion)

Lisa Foster, Transportation Planning Manager, provided (*00:53) several updates: Updates can be found:

https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7407440&GUID=AFE146FE-FE1A-4607-9592-2FB0F403F316&FullText=1.

Non-Agenda Public Comment

2025-5107 - Written non-agenda public comment -

https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7412306&GUID=69BBE3BF-2082-47A8-8159-41A6B50C808A

There were no in-person speakers.

Consent Calendar

5-A 2025-5100 Approve Draft Minutes of April 30, 2025, Transportation Commission Meeting (Action)

Minutes can be found:

https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7407441&GUID=1284BF68-FE83-4CBC-8F6C-118819A82B6F&FullText=1

Vice Chair Suthanthira made a motion (*6:59) to approve the Consent Calendar and Commissioner Kim seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 5-0 and Commissioner Gloyne abstained due to his absence at the meeting.

Regular Agenda Items

6-A 2025-5101 Receive an Update on Caltrans' State Route 61 Otis Drive/Doolittle Drive/Broadway Preventative Maintenance Project and Future Project for Otis Drive from Broadway to the Bay Farm Island Bridge (Discussion)

Manager Foster introduced the presentation (*7:41). Staff Report and attachments can be found at:

https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7407442&GUID=F647F4FC-DB5E-4B06-BB8D-0BB0D1C08475&FullText=1.

Caltrans also presented (*13:15).

Commissioner's clarifying questions start at the 33:00-minute mark in the video.

Public Comment for 6-A

Maria Piper (*37:48) discussed her concerns about the goals and how the ride quality was considered more important than safety. She discussed how this was a neighborhood street and that safety and the people using this street should be the priority. She gave ideas and suggestions about what issues should be considered and pointed out other parts of the plan that needed more thought.

Christy Cannon (*41:18) discussed what changes she was happy to see however she did feel that overall Caltrans does not compromise or care about Alameda. She wanted City Staff to continue to stay on top of Caltrans with the city's concerns.

Cyndy Johnson, via Zoom (*43:12) spoke on behalf of Bike Walk Alameda. She discussed what elements they were pleased to see implemented and then discussed what was still missing. She gave suggestions about what ideas they would liked to see explored.

Jim Strehlow, via Zoom (*44:26) wanted to make sure the correct presentation was posted. He was pleased to see some changes but still had concerns that this was still not fully understood how to use the pedestrian bridge on the other side of Doolittle. He wanted to know whose responsibility that was.

Alice Sunshine, via Zoom (*46:24) President of the Ravens Cove HOA. She thanked City Staff for the inclusion of the bulb outs in this project. She discussed concerns that the neighborhood had, crowding was a main concern.

Action taken for 6-A

Commissioner discussion start at the 42:20-minute mark in the video.

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

Commission Communications

There were no commissioner communications on transportation issues.

Adjournment

Chair Weitze adjourned at 7:51 PM.