

**Approved Minutes**  
**Transportation Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 23, 2023**

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: 12

Legistar Link (Agenda and Video):

<https://alameda.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=1061945&GUID=BED60751-3CF9-415C-8C75-B9243D3B250C&Options=info|&Search=>

**1. Roll Call**

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

Absent: None.

Chair Soules introduced Commissioner Abrams (\*0:34) and he gave a brief introduction about himself.

**2. Agenda Changes**

None.

**3. 2023-3329 - Staff Communications**

Lisa Foster, Senior Transportation Coordinator, made several announcements (\*2:30), which are available in detail at:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6318563&GUID=9C3CB94D-9BC1-41BA-83CA-6FD4089896D2&FullText=1>.

**4. Announcements / Public Comments**

Denyse Trepanier, via Zoom, spoke on behalf of Bike Walk Alameda and discussed (\*5:08) the dangerous situation that was created when the Shoreline trail at Bay Farm was closed by the City

for maintenance. It was closed on the first day of school without warning, and many families relied on that path to get kids to school. She was happy the City got alternative routes together quickly but felt this was part of a bigger issue. She gave suggestions on ways to improve future issues and asked that the City prioritize different forms of transportation.

Cyndy Johnson, via Zoom, Bike Walk Alameda, called (\*8:00) to bring attention to Cycle September and invited everyone to join. She hoped for the month of September families would use their bikes instead of driving.

## **5. Consent Calendar**

### **5A. 2023 – 3330 - Approve Draft Minutes of the June 21, 2023, Transportation Commission Meeting (Action)**

Minutes can be found:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6318564&GUID=60BF12F1-4D4B-4F5B-8B43-E9496749FDE3>.

Commissioner Nachtigall pointed out a small typo, she was referred to Board Member instead of Commissioner.

Chair Soules made a motion to approve the minutes with this correction and Commissioner Nachtigall seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Commissioners Weitze and Abrams abstaining due to their absences at the meeting.

### **5B. 2023-3331 - Amend the Transportation Commission Rules and Procedures to Include Reference to Alameda Municipal Code 8-1.3 [Appeal of Public Works Director Decisions]. (Action)**

Staff Member Foster gave a brief description. Attachments can be found at:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6318565&GUID=EF2F9B0D-16FA-4187-AD1B-3C083131A4F2&FullText=1>.

Chair Soules made a motion to approve the amendment to the Transportation Commission Rules and Procedures and Vice Chair Yuen seconded. A vote was taken the motion passed 7-0.

## **6. Regular Agenda Items**

### **6A. 2023-3332 - Resolution Recognizing the Service of Rebecca Kohlstrand (Action)**

Chair Soules thanked Rebecca Kohlstrand and spoke on her many accomplishments (\*13:07)

Resolution can be found:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6318566&GUID=CBD31485-CE37-416C-A5A1-B62875313953>.

Ms. Kohlstrand addressed the commission at the 14:48 minute mark.

### **6B. 2023-3333 - AC Transit Realign: Existing Conditions and Draft Guiding Principles (Discussion)**

AC Transit gave a presentation and introduced (\*17:18) members of their staff who would be working with the City of Alameda.

Presentation can be found at:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6318567&GUID=3109BF2B-E8F2-4F68-ABC3-DC38D3E92E3A>.

Commissioners clarifying questions and discussion start at the 38:05 minute mark.

### **Public Comments for Item 6B**

There were no public speakers

### **Action for Item 6B**

Commissioner discussion and comments continued at the 1:04:35 minute mark.

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

### **6C. 2023-3334 - Accept Status Report on Transportation (Action)**

*Commissioner Suthanthira briefly stepped away for a few minutes (\*1:11:40)*

Staff Member Foster introduced this item and gave a presentation (\*1:11:57). Staff report and attachments can be found at:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6318568&GUID=ED12DB9C-562A-408C-A3B0-99C98DC0BE0A&FullText=1>.

Commissioner clarifying questions started at the 1:28:50 minute mark.

### **Public Comment for Item 6C**

There were no public speakers

### **Action for Item 6C**

Commissioner discussion started at the 1:29:46 minute mark.

**Chair Soules made a motion (\*2:07:28) to accept the Status Report on Transportation and Commissioner Weitze seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.**

### **6D. 2023-3336 - Elect Chair and Vice Chair (Action)**

**Chair Soules made a motion (\*2:08:42) to nominate Vice Chair Yuen to continue her role as Vice Chair and Commissioner Weitze seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0 with Vice Chair Yuen in abstention.**

**Commissioner Nachtigall made a motion to nominate Chair Soules to continue her role as Chair and Commissioner Weitze seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0 with Chair Soules in abstention.**

## **7. Commission Communications**

Commissioner Suthanthira spoke (\*2:10:05) about keeping the commissioners aware of transportation issues in the city. She discussed issues she had not been aware of.

Commissioner Dara-Abrams discussed (\*2:11:10) a paper he had read that was a concise overview about traffic safety. He further discussed what that paper contained.

Chair Soules pointed out (\*2:12:53) that September was Transit Month in the Bay Area.

## **8. Adjournment**

Chair Soules adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

\*shows minute mark in video to hear comments in full.