

Transportation Commission

May 27, 2015

Item 5E

Review Quarterly Report on Activities Related to Transportation Policies and Plans

BACKGROUND

Alameda Municipal Code (AMC) Section 2-8.1 states that the Transportation Commission “shall monitor, via quarterly staff reports, implementation of approved transportation plans and policies.” This report provides an update regarding activities during the quarter of January through March 2015.

DISCUSSION

The table below lists various work tasks completed or are being worked on by staff relating to Transportation Plans from January through March 2015.

Plans	Recent/Upcoming Activities
Updated Bicycle Master Plan (Approved November 2010)	<p>Bicycle Racks Grant Opportunity: Public Works staff obtained an Air District grant to purchase bicycle racks called the Bicycle Rack Voucher Project. The grant totals \$3,720 for 31 bike racks. Public Works staff installed 29 of the 31 bike racks. Next Steps: Perforce will install the remaining two bike racks adjacent to the Little House Cafe. Project close-out is in process.</p> <p>Estuary Crossing Shuttle: Public Works staff signed an agreement for \$187,957 with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to partially fund beyond August 2015 with a federal grant called Job Access and Reverse Commute Program. Until August 2015, the shuttle is funded by the Air District (\$190,000 for two years), the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) (\$200,000 for two years) and the City's Transportation Demand Management Fund (\$60,000 for two years) in which Wind River contributes. The boardings per day averaged 141 during the first year of operation, 269 for the second year and 300 for the third year. For more information, please refer to the web site: www.EstuaryXINGshuttle.org. Next Steps: Staff will continue to seek funds for future year operations, and will work with AC Transit to see if the shuttle could become an additional AC Transit route.</p> <p>Shore Line Drive/Westline Drive Bikeway: Construction began in October 2014. The project plans to restripe Shore Line Drive and Westline Drive to install a two-way bikeway and to reduce travel lanes. Construction ended in March 2015. Next Steps: Project close-out and final invoicing is in process. Project web page: http://alamedaca.gov/public-works/shore-line-drivewestline-drive-cycle-track.</p> <p>Cross Alameda Trail: Public Works staff worked with the BKF team on a preliminary design and is working with Tetra Tech on soil contamination clean-up issues. Staff held a community workshop on Tuesday, February 10. The Transportation Commission and the Planning Board approved the preliminary design at a joint meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2015. The project is located on Appezato Pkwy between Main Street and Webster Street, and is funded from a Measure B/VRF Bike/Pedestrian Funds grant application totaling</p>

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	<p>\$793,000, Citywide Developer Fees as the local match totaling \$198,000 and Federal Transit Administration monies totaling \$787,440. Next Steps: Work with the Alameda County Environmental Health Department and Tetra Tech on soil remediation. Project web page: http://alamedaca.gov/public-works/cross-alameda-trail.</p> <p>Central Avenue Area Complete Streets Concept Proposal: Public Works staff worked with the Placeworks team on existing conditions. The City was awarded a Caltrans Community-Based Transportation Planning grant totaling \$232,200. The local match totals \$25,800, and is from Measure B. Next Steps: Staff will hold a community workshop on Tuesday, April 14 and on Thursday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m. – Encinal High School cafeteria. Staff will present the project to the Transportation Commission on May 27 (Item #5B). Project web page: http://alamedaca.gov/public-works/central-avenue-complete-street.</p> <p>Clement Avenue Area Complete Street Concept Proposal: Staff held a community workshop on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 and presented it to the Transportation Commission as a discussion item on January 28, 2015. Staff held a second community workshop on Monday, March 2, 2015. Staff obtained Transportation Commission approval of the draft concept at the March 25, 2015 meeting. The City was awarded a \$125,000 Sustainable Communities Technical Assistance Program grant, which is administered by the Alameda CTC. Next Steps: Staff will hold a community workshop on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Library's Stafford Room. Staff will present the project to the Transportation Commission on May 27 (Item #5C) as a discussion item for potential parking removal. Staff plans to submit a grant application to the Active Transportation Program for bikeway improvements and railroad track removal. Project web page: http://alamedaca.gov/public-works/clement-avenue-complete-street.</p>
Long-Range Transit Plan Update	<p>AC Transit Line 51 Delay Reduction and Sustainability Project: This project is funded by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Transit Performance Initiative. Construction began in summer 2014 and is expected to continue until Spring 2015. Next Steps: Complete construction. Project web page: http://www.actransit.org/line51/.</p> <p>Paratransit Program: The Premium taxi program, which provides a 50 percent discount for eligible residents, averages 45 monthly trips. The Medical Return Trip Improvement Program (MRTIP), which provides subsidized trips for individuals returning home from medical appointments, averages 25 monthly trips. The Alameda Paratransit Shuttle averages 310 monthly trips. City staff is working with the Alameda Paratransit Shuttle operator to potentially change the Thursday (Central) Route so that it could stop at the Fruitvale BART station. The schedule would need to be altered, possibly eliminating the Shore Line Drive corridor from the route. Program web page: www.AlamedaParatransit.com. Next Steps: City staff will continue to work with the shuttle operator on an improved shuttle route, and will prepare the draft budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016.</p>

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	<p>Ad Hoc Ferry Committee/ Ferry Access Improvements: Staff conducted a community workshop on February 24, 2015 regarding parking improvements around the Harbor Bay Ferry Terminal. Next Steps: The Transportation Commission will be asked to approve parking on the bay side of Harbor Bay Parkway at the April 22, 2015 special Transportation Commission meeting. Staff will work with the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission. Staff is working with Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) staff to improve access to the Main Street Ferry Terminal.</p>
TSM/TDM Plan	<p>Webster Street Smart Corridor Project: The project includes six intersections between Central Avenue and the Webster/Posey Tubes as well as Constitution Way, and will implement an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) or SMART Corridor to improve safety and operations of transit and vehicular modes and to enhance mobility and safety. The Environmental Document (ED) and Right-of-Way (ROW) Certification were approved by Caltrans Local Assistance Division. The design phase began in July 2009 and the final design and construction is now complete. Next Steps: System integration currently is in process. Project web page: http://alamedaca.gov/public-works/webster-street-smart-corridor</p> <p>Parking Meter Study: Upon completion of the IPS vendor "smart" parking meter pilot on Park and Webster Streets, staff evaluated the trial by surveying the public and collecting input from City departments and local business associations. The board of directors for both Webster Street and Park Street recommended installation of the "smart" parking meters city wide. From 104 survey responses, 75 rated their experience as satisfied or very satisfied. The main concern was height of the meters and difficulty of use for parkers who are 5'5" or shorter. Based on trial results, staff recommended installing IPS smart meters at all of the City's 822 single space meter locations. On March 3, City Council approved this recommendation and authorized a contract with IPS for the purchase, installation and operation of the new meters. As part of this approval, staff is addressing the height issue and exploring resizing meter poles to accommodate shorter parkers. Next Steps: Staff is currently completing the evaluation of meter height and will then resize poles as necessary and will install the newly purchased meters citywide by the end of June 2015.</p> <p>Point-to-Point Carsharing: The Transportation Commission approved the Point-to-Point Carsharing Policy at the March 25, 2015 meeting. Next Steps: Staff will request City Council approval.</p>
Pedestrian Plan (Approved January 2009)	<p>Accessible Pedestrian Signals - New Freedom Grant: On January 6, 2015, City Council adopted plans and specifications and authorized a call for bids for installation of pedestrian push button upgrades proposed for individuals with visual impairments. The grant provides monies to install Accessible Pedestrian Signals at nine intersections adjacent to bus stops. The total project cost is \$188,625, and the grant funds total \$150,900. Next Steps: Staff is processing the call for bids for installation of pedestrian push button upgrades.</p>

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	<p>Park Street Streetscape and Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project: Park Street Streetscape and Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project: Public Works staff held community meetings on October 29, 2012, July 16, 2013 and September 26, 2013 to discuss improving pedestrian safety at the intersections of Lincoln Avenue/Tilden Way, Pacific Avenue and Buena Vista Avenue along the Park Street corridor. These three intersections are being proposed in response to the recent and planned developments in this area. On March 26, 2014, the Transportation Commission approved the improvement concepts for the Pacific Avenue and Buena Vista Avenue intersections along the Park Street corridor. On July 23, 2014, the TC approved the improvement concept for the Lincoln Avenue intersection along Park Street. Next Steps: Staff is reviewing plans and specs currently and Council adoption of PS&E is anticipated in summer 2015.</p>
<p>Countywide Transportation Projects</p>	<p>Proposed I-880/Broadway/Jackson Multimodal Transportation and Circulation Improvements for Alameda Point, Oakland Chinatown, Downtown Oakland and Jack London Square Project: This project includes improvements to Jackson Street on-ramp, Sixth Street, Martin Luther King Jr. off-ramp, Market Street on-ramp, bus rapid transit to 12th Street BART, a transit center at Alameda Point, bike lanes on Appezzato Parkway, signal priority for buses and signal coordination, SMART corridor type improvements and pedestrian improvements. The project is estimated at \$189 million. About \$3 million has been allocated and expended on scoping work through the years. Alameda CTC is in process of selecting consultants for the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase. Next Steps: Complete the PA & ED phase.</p> <p>I-880/29th Avenue/23rd Avenue Interchange Improvement Project in Oakland: The City of Alameda, Caltrans, the City of Oakland and the Alameda CTC have developed a project to implement operational and safety improvements along I-880 between 23rd and 29th Avenues in Oakland. The Alameda CTC has been managing this project. The construction phase of the project is expected to begin in late spring/early summer 2014. Alameda CTC provided an update to the Transportation Commission at the March 26, 2014 Transportation Commission meeting. Construction is underway. Next Steps: Project completion. Construction completion is expected in 2019.</p>
<p>Ongoing Traffic Calming/ Intersection Improvement Projects</p>	<p>Island Drive/Robert Davey Junior Drive: Residents contacted the City about school-related congestion at this intersection. Staff is working with the community and Earhart School to improve the school-related access and circulation, which could include a signal upgrade and a potential relocation of crosswalks on Robert Davey Junior Drive, Packet Landing Road or Island Drive. No significant progress to report this quarter. Next Steps: Staff will create a draft concept to show to the school representatives.</p>

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS/FISCAL IMPACT

The City Council has approved the funding for staff efforts required for the above activities.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for discussion purposes only.

Respectfully submitted,
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