



MINUTES

MOBILITY COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting on Zoom

These meeting minutes were approved by the Mobility Commission on September 8, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Commissioner Mark Spencer

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Nisar Ahmed
Melissa Avery
Julie Huang
Flavio Poehlmann
Mark Spencer
Stephen Tu
Erin Vaca
Ken Wu

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Hans Larsen, Public Works Director
Noe Veloso, Assistant City Engineer
Matthew Bomberg, Senior Transportation Engineer
Rocio Fierro, Senior Deputy City Attorney II
Christina Hanlon, Office Specialist II
Natalie Khwaja, Management Analyst II

SCHEDULED ITEMS

1. Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call - Commissioner Mark Spencer

2. Approval of Minutes

The Commission unanimously approved the minutes for the December 16, 2020 meeting

3. Seamless Bay Area Transit

Hans Larsen introduced a report on the Seamless Bay Area Transit program and noted that staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution of support for seamless transit principles. Ian Griffins, co-founder of Seamless Bay Area Transit, introduced the key issues, vision, and mission. Seamless Bay Area Transit is leading an advocacy effort to create change toward integrating the transit systems in the Bay Area. Overall, the Commission expressed support of Seamless Bay Area Transit.

Public Comments:

Diann Castleberry from AC Transit suggested taking action at a later meeting

4. Fremont's "Vision Zero 2020" Program - 5 Year Update - Status Report

Matt Bomberg presented data from the last 5 years of Fremont's Vision Zero 2020 Program and noted that staff is recommending the City Council renew the Vision Zero commitment for 2021-2025.

Overall, the Commission was complimentary of the Vision Zero Program and agreed that more work needed to be done to reach zero traffic fatalities. Many Commissioners suggested having a community awareness plan which includes pedestrian crossing and bicyclists. There was also some discussion on speed cameras to better monitor vehicle speed within the city.

Commissioner Poehlmann and Vaca volunteered to help to review the draft report.

Public Comments:

William Yragui suggested more communication from the City to the public on this effort

Andreas Kadavanich suggested re-emphasizing the importance of the overall plan

Steve Skala suggested a special analysis of the elderly in this report as well as educating the most vulnerable

4. FY 2021-22 TDA Article 3 Grant (Fremont and Country Drive)

Eric Hu recommended support from the Mobility Commission for staff to apply for a TDA Article 3 Grant which would allocate funds to improve the intersection of Fremont and Country Drive. This is a high traffic area that is near Washington High School. Eric also informed the Commissioners that staff already applied for the Safe Routes to School Grant for this particular intersection.

Many Commissioners agreed that they were happy to see Fremont Blvd and Country Drive intersections being improved and requested that staff have a future discussion with the Commission on a list of candidate projects for funding by the TDA3 program.

5. Decoto Road Complete Streets

Due to time constraints, Commissioners agreed to reschedule this agenda item to a future meeting.

6. Staff Updates

Hans Larsen updated the Commissioners on the following topics:

- New Federal Transportation Leadership - Pete Buttigieg
- City Budget Process
- “Community Working Group” Meetings for South Bay Connect
- Centerville Complete Street
- Safe Routes to Schools Programs
- Bike Program

7. Public Comment

Kelly Abreu commented on the new development project in Niles.

Andreas Kadavanich commented on the limited access to the Alameda Creek Trail and the many private access points to get to the park.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm