



DOWNTOWN PARKING COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, June 8, 2017
David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

1) **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30 AM

2) **ROLL CALL**

DPC MEMBERS

Trey Pinner (Chair)
Matt LaBrie (Vice-Chair)
Edward France
Robert Janeway
Tracy Pfautch
Sean Pratt
Kate Schwab

Attendance

Present
Present
Absent
Excused
Excused
Present
Present

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Rob Dayton, Transportation Planning and Parking Manager
Victor Garza, Parking /TMP Superintendent
Chris Rickerd, Administrative Assistant
Rebecca Bjork, Public Works Director
Dion Tait, Parking Supervisor
Sarah Clark, Parking Resources Specialist
Teri Green, Associate Transportation Planner
Brian D'Amour, City Engineer

LIAISONS PRESENT

Randy Rowse, City Council

OTHERS PRESENT

3) **CHANGES TO AGENDA**

None

4) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

5) **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 11, 2017**

Motion: To approve minutes from the regular meeting of May 11, 2017

Made By: 1st Kate Schwab 2nd Matt LaBrie

Discussion: N/A

Vote: Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 Excused: 2

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6) PRESENTATION ON INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR AND COMMUNITY SERVICE NEEDS

Rob Dayton, Transportation Planning and Parking Manager introduced *Brian D'Amour, City Engineer* who presented the proposed infrastructure tax measure.

Rebecca Bjork, Public Works Director responded to *Vice Chair Matt LaBrie's* question that staff would appreciate a formal response and input from the Committee.

Brian D'Amour, City Engineer, discussed an outreach effort where the polling of the community's interest seemed favorable. A key challenge for the community is addressing how to maintain safe and functioning streets in essential public facilities to prevent them from falling into disrepair or closure. The City can fund basic maintenance but lack funds for major maintenance and replacement. Streets is one of the issues on the forefront as it is something that most of us see every day. About 2/3 of the City's streets are rated as poor or failing. The further the streets fall into disrepair the more costly the repairs become. Each City block costs \$16,000 to slurry seal. Repaving costs \$80,000. The cost of asphalt has gone up 161% in the last 15 years while the revenue streams have been flat.

Over the last 5 years the City has lost more than \$100 Million in Redevelopment Agency funding dedicated to Downtown revitalization, infrastructure and affordable housing. The funds were lost when the State eliminated redevelopment agencies. Local revenue sources are now needed.

Another challenge is the existing Police Station. The building is not ADA accessible, does not meet seismic safety standards, needs asbestos and lead removal, and is overcrowded. Police Stations are considered essential facilities and per building code requirements they are required to be functional following an earthquake or other natural disaster. The current building would not likely be functional after an earthquake.

Also, fire stations are aging and many of them are small. They are expected to need repairs in the coming years.

The Parks and Recreation facility "Thousand Steps" needs funding to make safe.

The State Street bricks, furniture and landscaping will be needing work in order to continue to draw people to the Downtown District.

Vice Chair, Matt LaBrie asked if the brick work on State Street has been worked into the proposed tax. *Rebecca Bjork* replied that the work is based on severity and safety and that the cost of the brick work is not figured into the current calculations.

Committee Member Kate Schwab inquired about revenue for curb painting, trash can repair, and street light pole repairs. *Rebecca Bjork* replied that the schedule for curb painting is based on safety issues. Streets will fund light pole painting and repairs. Environmental services is now in charge of trash can repair.

Brian D'Amour said that there is \$25 Million worth of infrastructure repairs per year. The 1 cent tax will fund \$22 Million of that. The top priorities are Police, Fire, 911, and Paramedic services. All of the funds must be spent locally. A break-down of costs will be publically disclosed. The poll taken supports no end date for this tax. The need for the funds will not go away. The City of Santa Barbara is in the middle range when compared to other city and county tax rates. We are currently at 7.75%.

Chair Trey Pinner asked where the present taxes go. *Mr. D'Amour* responded that the City gets 1% of the total. The rest goes to other entities, mostly the State. Half of the City budget goes to Public Safety.

Vice Chair LaBrie asked staff to speak specific to the Downtown core. *Rebecca Bjork* responded that the lamppost, bricks, trash cans, and landscaping have 10-15 year revolving maintenance needs that need to be addressed. Downtown Parking has picked up \$700,000 in additional expenses related to the non-parking issues in the Downtown core. It is important to be protective of Downtown Parking and not to think of it as a cash cow.

Vice Chair LaBrie commented that he would love to see funds dedicated to paseo improvements. Addressing trip and fall safety issues is also essential.

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Brian D'Amour said that Edison will be doing more work Downtown, further damaging the streets. The City will need to come in after the work to repair.

Vice Chair LaBrie stated that he was comfortable with the priority of public safety and asked how funding is prioritized after Public Safety. Is it district focused? Does the squeaky wheel get the focus? *Rebecca Bjork* responded that the 2nd priority is cost reduction by means of prevention. The City will also partly cater to tourists.

Motion: The Committee recognizes the Cities infrastructure needs and is supportive of the tax measure as presented.

Made By: 1st Trey Pinner 2nd Matt LaBrie

Discussion: N/A

Vote: Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 Excused: 2

7) PROGRAM UPDATES

A. PBIA

Rob Dayton said the intention of the upcoming Finance Sub Committee meeting is to hear the bullet point objectives and summary of what a consultant that we would hire would be tasked with to update the current PBIA. Identifying the stakeholders to be discussed at the Finance Sub Committee meeting. A status quo Council Agenda Report for FY18 PBIA was approved.

B. LOT 5 KIOSK PROJECT

Rob Dayton gave background on why staff was changing the Lot 5 layout from 2 entrances and 1 exit to 1 entrance and 2 exits. We have a contractor that is building a new Kiosk for the Victoria St exit. We are in the second round of the bidding process because no bids were submitted the first time. Staff is sensitive to the fact that having 2 exits doubles the staffing level at that lot. However, one of the exits would be automated during periods of low occupancy.

C. LOT 2 STAIRCASE

Rob Dayton said that the bid for the stairwell was much higher than the engineers estimate. The trend of higher and fewer bids is affecting the City as a hole.

D. LOT 3 PASEO PROJECT

Item moved to July meeting.

E. REY ROAD PROJECT

Item moved to July meeting.

F. BIKESTATION

Item moved to July meeting.

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8) ANNOUNCEMENT

Rob Dayton said the Committee was presented with a proposal during the last meeting about an injection of housing in the Downtown core. While the AUD has been successful at bringing housing it has not been significant enough. The Housing Taskforce appreciated and agreed with DPC's recommendation. The Downtown District had its own parking requirement that housing set at 1 space per unit since 1996. Staff is working to change this with the Committee's involvement.

9) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 AM