



# **MEETING MINUTES**

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## **TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION COMMITTEE (TCC)**

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room  
630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA  
Thursday, November 10, 2005  
6:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER: Chair Coffman-Grey called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

### **ROLL CALL:**

#### TCC MEMBERS

William C. Boyd  
Mark Bradley  
Michael Cooper  
Isabelle Greene  
Keith Coffman-Grey  
Barry Siegel  
David Tabor

#### Attendance

Absent  
Present  
Present  
Present  
Present  
Present  
Present

#### CITY STAFF PRESENT :

Browning Allen, Transportation Manager  
Robert J. Dayton, Supervising Transportation Planner  
Anne Van Belkom, Senior Office Specialist

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Grant House, Councilmember

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. None.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the TCC meeting on October 27, 2005, were approved as written with a vote of

Ayes: 4 (Greene, Tabor, Bradley, Coffman-Grey)

Noes: 0

Abstain: 2 (Cooper, Siegel)

Absent: 1 (Boyd)

3. The Future Role of the TCC.

Browning Allen reviewed the attachment listing the additional duties to be included as part of the future role of the TCC. He also discussed some of the projects that have already been reviewed by the TCC as part of their expanded role, such as the pre-design visioning process on the West Downtown Neighborhood Project, the State Street Sidewalk Project, the Sidewalk Infill Project, and the 101 In Motion.

TCC members had numerous comments and questions. They liked the direction of reviewing projects early, and asked about the TCC involvement in visioning, and in the General Plan Update. Browning replied that visioning items were under the TCC purview and were already being brought to the TCC (the Circulation Element, the Pedestrian Master Plan, and the update of the Bicycle Master Plan). The next visioning item to go before the TCC will be the future Parking Design Guidelines, where the TCC will be asked for policy recommendations. As to the General Plan Update, some of the issues related to transportation would come before the TCC. Questions were also asked about being able to do project related review at the pre-budget phase instead of at the post-budget phase. Mr. Allen replied that the TCC prioritizes Capital projects and the future "Needs" list every two years.

An interest was also expressed in having the TCC more involved with the General Plan especially regarding working with other jurisdictions. This would need to be discussed with John Ledbetter.

Rob Dayton gave an update on the 101 In Motion and informed the TCC that a financial plan needs to be developed. Caltrans is doing a Project Study Report (PSR) in four months. Hopefully by February, portions of this plan can be folded in the State Transportation Improvement Program. Thus, the Technical Advisory Group is currently on hold until February when the Caltrans' PSR is finished, and the SBCAG Board has developed and approved a more specific Measure D Expenditure Plan. Once, these items are completed, the actual financial plan can be developed and scheduled.

TCC members asked what the TCC involvement would be regarding the findings from the Downtown Parking Committee recommendations on parking rate increases. While the Downtown Parking Committee decides on Parking Rates, the recommendations from the Enhanced Transit Subcommittee will come before the TCC in the near future.

While TCC members were pleased to be given a voice regarding Major Land Development Projects, Mr. Allen cautioned the TCC that the determination of how and when to include the TCC was up to the discretion of the Community Development Director. Mr. Allen also requested of the TCC should give the current proposal a tryout first, before trying different approaches such as a joint TCC/PC Subcommittee.

Mr. Tabor commented that the TCC should not be another Planning Commission but should be involved in policy issues that drive the projects, and that drive actual staff and Planning Commission decisions on those projects. Other agreed that they would like to see the TCC have a more meaningful role. TCC members stated that what would help them would be a list of projects with general guidelines on how certain developments generate specific number of car trips.

**MOTION**: Made by Greene and seconded by Siegel.

The Transportation & Circulation Committee formally confirms the additional duties to be included as part of the future role of the TCC, as reviewed during the workshop on June 9, 2005, and outlined in the "Future Role of the Transportation & Circulation Committee" attachment; and, in addition, the TCC would like to work on a stronger role in the planning of policy coordinated with Transportation.

Ayes: 6 (Bradley, Cooper, Coffman-Grey, Greene, Siegel, Tabor)  
Noes: 0  
Abstains: 0  
Absent: 1 (Boyd)

In response to comments on charging developers when their development impact traffic, Mr. Allen stated that Development Impact Fees for Transit are being considered and would become before the TCC.

4. Staff Briefing on Current Topics.

St. Francis Traffic Calming: Staff will be installing temporary (Garden Street) and semi-permanent (Garden/Isly intersection) traffic calming devices next week on Garden Street. Coordination will be improved between Traffic Operations and Streets in order to get more timely installations of the traffic calming devices. TCC will be updated regarding these installations at the next meeting.

Enhanced Traffic Subcommittee: This group has been meeting every other week since August 3<sup>rd</sup>, to discuss ways of enhancing transit throughout the City. TCC Chair Coffman- Grey stated that this subcommittee is prepared to forward their motions to the TCC, the PC, and to the City's Finance Committee. The motions include the following enhancements:

- a. Lines 1 and 2                    Increase headway to 10 minutes during the AM and PM rush.
- b. Lines 6 and 11                Increase headway to 10 minutes during the AM rush hour.
- c. Line 3                            Increase headway to 20 minutes during entire day.

Chair Coffman-Grey also informed the TCC that funding options were discussed but that further discussion will be needed for this very complicated issue. Some suggestions that were put into motions by the Enhanced Traffic Subcommittee included the release of the MyRide program funds for the Granada Garage and applying these funds towards enhanced transit as the mitigation for the Granada Garage. Another suggestion of possibly re-allocating Measure D funds will go before the Council's Finance Committee. Also a suggestion was made to have the Waterfront Department contribute funds out of their Measure D allotment for their portion of the Waterfront Shuttle. These three motions will be forwarded to the TCC, PC, and the Downtown Parking Committee.

Street Light Advisory Subcommittee:

Chair Coffman-Grey also updated the TCC on the Street Light Advisory Subcommittee which was looking at Street Light standards throughout the City. Their members are wrapping up, and will bring their recommendations to the TCC and PC before going before Council.

5. Review of Upcoming Agenda Items.

Chair Coffman-Grey asked if TCC members would be available December 8, in order to have an update from the Street Light Advisory Subcommittee. Mr. Allen said he would check with John Ewasiuk to see if he was ready to present their recommendations to the TCC. If not, this would be made an agenda item for the January 26<sup>th</sup> TCC meeting.

Mr. Allen also stated that the Enhanced Transit Subcommittee's recommendations will come before the TCC in the near future. The date for this will still need to be determined since it will need to be prioritized and coordinated with the schedules of the Downtown Parking Committee, the Planning Commission, and Council. In addition, exact recommendations will need to be determined before it can be agendized.

There does appear to be a quorum available for December 8, 2005.

6. Committee Member/Subcommittee Comments.

Dr. Cooper asked about the status of De La Guerra Plaza. Mr. Allen replied that he thought that this was still an active project. He will check into it and will get back with further information.

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:40 PM**