



MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION COMMITTEE (TCC)

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA
Thursday, December 8, 2016, 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Boche called the meeting to order at 5:30

ROLL CALL:

TCC MEMBERS

Hillary Blackerby
Bob Burnham
Edward France
E. Howard Green
Susan Horne
Kathleen Rodriguez

Attendees

Present
Excused
Excused
Present
Present
Present

CITY STAFF PRESENT :

Rob Dayton, Principal Transportation Planner
Kim Thaler-Strange, Administrative Specialist
John Ewasiuk, Principal Civil Engineer
Brian D'Amour, City Engineer
Derrick Bailey, Supervising Transportation Planner

CITY CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

LIAISONS PRESENT:

Chair Blackerby called the meeting to order at 5:31

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

There were no public speakers.

CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items to approve

REPORTS

Review of the Draft 6-Year Capital Improvement Program

John Ewasiuk, Principal Civil Engineer, gave a presentation on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). He gave an overview of the CIP Program, discussed funding priorities, the Draft Fiscal Year 2018 and 2019 Budgets and the next steps in the process. He asked for comments from the Committee regarding the proposed budgets, and explained the issues that have arisen in the last few years with the increase in costs of materials and a loss of funding.

He introduced Derrick Bailey, Supervising Transportation Engineer and Brian D'Amour, City Engineer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Ms. Blackerby thanked John for the presentation and reminded the committee to stick with what has been presented, which is the budget for the next two years.

Mr. Green said that the presentation was nice, and he appreciated the chance to review the report in advance. He pointed out that Street Engineering and Traffic Signal Improvement categories were missing. Mr. Ewasiuk replied that those two categories aren't proposed to be funded because of other priorities. He said that Mr. Bailey had some existing funds, and there was some carryover, but that the focus was the CIP for the next two fiscal years. He pointed out that on the Engineering side, a lot of funding is for survey work, and we don't have an in-house survey staff.

Mr. Green asked if operational funding has gone down. Mr. Ewasiuk said that Streets Operations and Maintenance is changing both structurally and from a managerial standpoint. Streets and Maintenance staff maintain the streets and work closely with Engineering staff to get the necessary work done. Mr. Green asked what could the Committee do to support more funds. Mr. Ewasiuk replied that staff is asking the Committee to comment tonight and to vote for additional funding if it comes to the table. The City has major funding shortfalls for infrastructure.

Ms. Rodriguez complimented the City on the presentation. She asked about the rationale for taking the Adopted Fiscal Year 2017 Budget as a starting place. Mr. Ewasiuk explained that Streets gets a set amount of the money. Operations and Maintenance gets another share and the rest goes into Capital Projects. The City is expecting a flat revenue, and experiencing higher costs for construction and getting less bidders. The Pavement Project had to be rebid because staff was not receiving competitive bids.

Ms. Horne asked where the green stripes for bicycles will be, but then found it under grants. Mr. Ewasiuk confirmed that it is in the grant funding and has never been done before. Ms. Horne commented that the handouts were easier to follow than the ones in the presentation two years ago.

Ms. Blackerby remembers the years during the recession. The amount of money went up recently, but trending is down, even though there is decent sales tax revenue. She is expecting more money in the next cycle.

The meeting was Adjourned at 6:05