



MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION COMMITTEE (TCC)

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Thursday, June 25, 2020, 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Kathleen Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

ROLL CALL:

TCC MEMBERS

Kathleen Rodriguez	Present
Hillary Blackerby	Present
David Hodges	Excused
Eve Sanford	Present
Susan Horne	Present
Andres Malovos	Present
David Collom	Present

Attendees

CITY STAFF PRESENT :

Rob Dayton, Transportation Planning and Downtown
Parking Manager
Jessica Grant, Supervising Transportation Planner
Roxana Bonderson, Planning Commission Liaison
Michelle Bedard, Associate Transportation Planner
Mindy Jackson, Administrative Specialist

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: NONE

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. **Approval of Minutes from the February 27, 2020, TCC Meeting, where a TCC quorum was present:** (Location on video: 6:30)

MOTION: Chair Rodriguez moved to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2020, meeting.
Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

REPORTS

3. **Vision Zero Communication Public Outreach Initiative (Location on video: 8:15)**
Recommendation: That the Committee receive a report and presentation about the status of the Vision Zero Communication Public Outreach Initiative.

Rob Dayton, Transportation Planning & Parking Manager, gave the presentation.

Staff is working to develop messaging and branding for Vision Zero.

The Vision Zero website was shown to the committee, along with a video that is available to view on the website.

Vision Zero is guided by 7 Core Principles:

1. Life is Most important
2. Every Person Matters
3. People Make Mistakes
4. Focus On Dangerous Locations and Behaviors
5. Drivers Have a Critical Responsibility
6. Peds/Cyclists are the Most Vulnerable Road Users
7. The Governments Shares Responsibility for Safe Streets

The four elements of Implementation are: Evaluation Engineering Enforcement Education

Take the pledge at VISIONZERO.SANTABARBARACA.GOV.

Rob Dayton stated that projects that are safety oriented will be branded with Vision Zero.

Chair Rodriguez stated that people should feel comfortable taking the pledge and have a sense of what good it is doing. She would like to see the website state what the data is being used for.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barry Remis (COAST) – He is excited to see Vision Zero and the outreach to the public. He would like to see printed materials available at hotels, buses, and available for visitors. He is happy to have been a part of it.

Hillary Blackerby wanted to make sure that the website would be translated to Spanish. Mr. Dayton said that it would be and that printed materials would be as well. Ms. Blackerby would like to see that further advertising show a bus as a mode of transportation. Ms. Blackerby asked that staff take another look at the position of the Police Officer in the video under the heading of Enforcement. Ms. Blackerby agreed with Ms. Sanford that the reference to collisions should not be called accidents and that when a person is hit, the collision is caused by a driver of a vehicle and not by the vehicle.

4. Anacapa Street Vision Zero Restriping Project: (Location on video 45:25)

Recommendation: That the Committee receive a report and presentation on the Anacapa Street Vision Zero Restriping Project.

Rob Dayton, Transportation Planning & Parking Manager, gave the presentation.

Mr. Dayton stated that whenever a street is repaved, there is an opportunity to look at striping to see if it is Vision Zero.

Mr. Collom asked if there is any concern with travel times with the opening of State Street. Mr. Dayton said it was considered and that it will have the capacity for the traffic flow.

Ms. Sanford asked if there is an aspect of the design that will help provide drivers with predictability on where to expect bicyclists on the road. Drivers need to look before turning on to side streets. Mr. Dayton said he thinks that we will see a slower street and the buffer lane will act like a bike lane.

Chair Rodriguez is concerned with drivers being confused with the new concept. She suggested having KEYT news, and other sources, inform people of this change. She also suggested a striping color that is uniform to buffer zones.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barry Remis (COAST) – He thanked the City team for making this a part of Vision Zero. He would like to see this project given media time to prepare drivers for the change.

Ms. Blackerby is concerned that motorists will drive in the buffer lane.

Chair Rodriguez would like to see some signage that says bikes are allowed.

Ms. Sandford would like to know if the desired outcomes are met with the new design.

5. **State Street Reopening and Parklets:** (Location on video: 1:29:40)
Recommendation: That the Committee receive a report and presentation on the State Street Reopening.

Rob Dayton gave a visual presentation that showed Parklets and the activity on State Street.

The purpose of closing State Street was to give restaurants a space to move out into and be successful, amid orders from the state regarding COVID-19. Council approved an ordinance to close State Street from Haley to Sola. Currently, the ordinance will be in place until Labor Day. Parklets are being constructed in the parking lane. The Parklet guidelines can be found on the City of Santa Barbara website. Staff is working with business owners to make parklets ADA accessible and also for visibility for vehicle travel.

Mr. Dayton said that there is a challenge to accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians within this area. Mr. Dayton thanked SB Bike and COAST for their input and help with signage and also with additional bike parking.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kent Epperson from Traffic Solutions at SBCAG, showed a video (audio) of Public Comments from people on State Street.

Barry Remis – Chooses to call this a State Street Opening.

QUESTIONS:

Mr. Malovos asked what happens after Labor Day.

Mr. Dayton stated that Council may choose to extend the closure. There is a task force that may be formed to look at making this permanent and formalizing the use. Parklet use is Citywide.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Rodriguez mentioned that the City of Santa Barbara was named as the third best city for bikes.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM

The video recording of this meeting can be found at the City of Santa Barbara's website at: <https://www.santabarbaraca.gov/gov/brdcomm/nz/tcc/video.asp>