

**CITY OF SAN MATEO**  
**Sustainability & Infrastructure**  
**Commission**  
**September 8, 2021**  
**7:00 PM**



**COMMISSION MEMBERS**  
Adam Loraine, Chair  
Kimiko Narita, Vice Chair  
Clifford Robbins  
Rafael Reyes  
Susan Rowinski

Remote Meeting

## MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER** – Due to the State of California’s Declaration of Emergency – This meeting is being held pursuant to authorization from Government Code 54943(b)(3) / AB 361 (2021) – City Council and Commission meetings are no longer open to in-person attendance. Anyone can watch and provide comments remotely in the ways described at the end of the agenda.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Remote: Chair Loraine, Commissioners Robbins, Narita and Rowinski. Commissioner Reyes was absent and excused.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

### 1. Sustainability and Infrastructure Commission Minutes - Approval

Motion to approve the minutes of August 11, 2021, with a change to the Hillsdale spelling. Motion passed as amended 4-0-1.

Moved: Robbins, Seconded: Loraine  
Ayes: 3 - Robbins, Narita, and Loraine  
Noes: None  
Abstain: 1 - Rowinski

## PUBLIC COMMENT – No speakers

Persons wishing to comment on any item not appearing on the agenda may submit to the Recording Secretary a “Request to Speak” form. State law prevents the commission from taking action on any matter not on this agenda. Your comments may be referred to staff for further review.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 2. Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects Update

Sue-Ellen Atkinson, Principal Transportation Planner, made a presentation to the Commission, acting as the City of San Mateo’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, to receive an update on bicycle and pedestrian projects.

Public Comment. The following spoke to the item: Raayan Mohtashemi, Erick Wohlford, Jennifer Plantenberg, Joanne Wong, David Hunt and Mike Swire

No motion needed for this item but comments from Commissioners included: importance of 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue as access point to Hillsdale; continue to look at Hillsdale pedestrian and bicycle overcrossing; look at trade-off of removing parking in North Central; prioritize programming and supporting the most at-risk section of the population; consideration for changing how citizens use our streets and infrastructure; utilize community outreach from other interested parties; partnership on community engagement; be more creative at attracting funding for the most disadvantaged; iterations of the original masterplans instead of waiting for specific timeframe; and make this a fluid living document.

Additional concerns from commissioners included: 1) whether the parking occupancy studies performed to date adequately captured the Project's impact to the community; 2) whether additional programs can be implemented to help alleviate the loss of parking; and 3) whether outreach conducted was sufficient to reach the impacted residents.

## **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENT FROM COMMISSIONER AND STAFF**

Director Mitch announced Matt Fabry as the new Deputy Director for the Clean Water Program, data management, wastewater treatment plant and operations and maintenance. He was previously the director of C/CAG and has many years of experience on the stormwater front.

Director Mitch also updated the Commission on several items happening in Public Works: it is the council's priority to transition from using compressed natural gas and to focus on electric vehicles and charging stations for the City's fleet; 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue opened, with the project almost complete, and a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 17; Public Works has been working on the expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant for over two years and today was the last day of pile driving, with 1960 piles driven; the next phase is vertical construction with this billion dollar effort on track to finish in the next four years; the Sugarloaf Traffic Action Plan will not be put on unscheduled items as a more data driven approach is needed.

Chair Loraine reminded folks of the Bayfront Clean-up on September 18. Registering can be done online on the city's webpage. There will be a public meeting with Council at 6PM on September 13, to hear more about redistricting. There will be a meeting for commissioners on September 9 and Commissioner Rowinski volunteered to become an ambassador for the Sustainability and Infrastructure Commission.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm

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