



**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

The Transportation and Environment Committee of the City of San José convened in Regular Session at 1:33 p.m. in Committee Room 120, Council Wing, City Hall.

PRESENT: Council Member Ash Kalra, Chair; Council Member Tam Nguyen, Vice Chair; Council Member Donald Rocha and Council Member Manh Nguyen, Members.

ABSENT: Herrera. (Excused)

STAFF: Assistant City Manager David Sykes, Senior Deputy City Attorney Kevin Fisher, Mayor's Policy Advisor Ragan Henninger and Deputy City Clerk Susan M. Davis.

REVIEW OF WORK PLAN

Upon motion by Council Member Tam Nguyen, seconded by Council Member Manh Nguyen and carried unanimously, the Review of the Work Plan was approved and the below listed actions were taken as indicated. (4-0-1. Absent: Herrera.)

(1) Energy Services Company (ESCO) Program Update.

Action: Deferred to the October 5, 2015 Transportation and Environment Committee Meeting. (4-0-1. Absent: Herrera.)

(2) San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility Odor Strategy.

Action: Deferred to the October 5, 2015 Transportation and Environment Committee Meeting. (4-0-1. Absent: Herrera.)

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

(1) **Regional Transportation Quarterly Activities Report.**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Interim Director of Transportation James Ortbal, dated August 26, 2015, recommending acceptance of the report. (2) Staff presentation dated September 14, 2015 summarizing the Regional Transportation Activities Report.

Interim Director of Transportation James Ortbal and Division Manager for Local and Regional Project Delivery Ray Salvano offered the report.

Council Member Ash Kalra opened the floor for public testimony.

Public Comments: David Wall voiced his perspective regarding the issues surrounding the acceptance, receiving and deposition of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority "BART dirt" at the San José/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant.

Action: Upon motion by Council Member Donald Rocha, seconded by Council Member Tam Nguyen and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report. (4-0-1. Absent: Herrera.)

(2) **Burrowing Owl Habitat Improvements at the San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility.**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Environmental Services Kerrie Romanow, dated August 19, 2015, recommending acceptance of the report. (2) Staff presentation dated September 14, 2015 describing the San José/Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility Burrowing Owl Update.

Environmental Compliance Officer Ken Davies and Joshua McCluskey, Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, presented the report and responded to Committee questions.

Council Member Ash Kalra opened the floor for public testimony.

Public Comments: David Wall expressed concern about how the Burrowing Owl habitat will be protected in the event of torrential rains.

Action: Upon motion by Council Member Manh Nguyen, seconded by Council Member Tam Nguyen and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report. (4-0-1. Absent: Herrera.)

OPEN FORUM

David Wall expressed concern that the use of motor homes as a primary residence has increased criminal activities throughout San José neighborhoods and City Parks.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Ash Kalra adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m.



Council Member Ash Kalra, Chair
Transportation and Environment Committee

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