



CITY COUNCIL RAIL COMMITTEE ACTION MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 22, 2017

Chairperson DuBois called the meeting to order at 8:03 A.M. in the Community Meeting Room, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California.

Present: DuBois (Chair), Filseth, Fine, Mayor Scharff

Absent:

Agenda Review and Staff Update

1. Receive and Review Rail Program Briefing Paper From March 2017.

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Agenda Items

2. Review and Recommend City Council Adoption of an Updated Rail Committee Charter.

MOTION: Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Filseth to recommend to the City Council adoption of Guiding Principles 1-9.

AMENDMENT: Council Member Fine moved, seconded by Council Member XX to modify Guiding Principles 3 and 7 to the following:

- a) (Guiding Principle 3) When examining the potential impacts of vertical rail alignments equal attention shall be given to all Palo Alto neighborhoods; and
- b) (Guiding Principle 7) Palo Alto supports transit and urban design solutions that will be compatible with our community safety and quality of life, transportation goals, and rail corridor vision.

AMENDMENT RESTATED: Council Member Fine moved, seconded by Council Member XX to modify Guiding Principle 7:

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- a) (Guiding Principle 7) Palo Alto supports transit and urban design solutions that will be compatible with our community safety and quality of life, transportation goals, and rail corridor vision.

AMENDMENT FAILED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add east/west connectivity to Guiding Principle 1.

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND THE SECONDER to add a Principle regarding Freight Modernization.

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND THE SECONDER to change Guiding Principle 5 to: "Palo Alto has long had concerns about the potential impacts of High Speed Rail and believes that the project should be terminated. If the project proceeds, California High Speed Rail Authority should provide funding for affected cities to analyze potential impacts."

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to add "including electrification" under Guiding Principle 2.

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND THE SECONDER to advocate for modernization of freight and for flexibility.

INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER to have the Preamble read: "The City Council's Rail Committee was re-established in 2015 to analyze and advance grade separated crossings for all modes of travel (autos, bikes, pedestrians). While the Committee in the past found focus on High Speed Rail, the Committee recognized that the decisions on Caltrain Grade Separation/Electrification are the essential focus of the Committee for 2017 and 2018."

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MOTION AS AMENDED RESTATED: Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Filseth to recommend to the City Council adoption of Guiding Principles 1-9, including the following changes:

- A. To add east/west connectivity to Guiding Principle 1; and
- B. To add a Principle regarding Freight Modernization; and
- C. To change to Guiding Principle 5 to: "Palo Alto has long had concerns about the potential impacts of High Speed Rail and believes that the project should be terminated. If the project proceeds, California High Speed Rail Authority should provide funding for affected cities to analyze potential impacts;" and
- D. To add "including electrification" under Guiding Principle 2; and
- E. To advocate for modernization of freight and for flexibility; and
- F. To have the Preamble read: "The City Council's Rail Committee was re-established in 2015 to analyze and advance grade separated crossings for all modes of travel (autos, bikes, pedestrians). While the Committee in the past found focus on High Speed Rail, the Committee recognized that the decisions on Caltrain Grade Separation/Electrification are the essential focus of the Committee for 2017 and 2018."

MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED: 4-0

- 3. Review and Provide Direction on the Context Sensitive Solutions Alternatives Analysis Task Scope and Schedule.

MOTION: Mayor Scharff moved, seconded by Council Member Filseth to recommend to the City Council that a Technical Advisory Group be formed.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

- 4. Receive Railroad Quiet Zone Informational Report and Presentation.

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Future Meetings and Agendas

None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 11:18 A.M.