

October 14, 2021

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Vaughn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

- a. **Present:** Sharanjit Dhillon, Rajinish Khanna, Tim Silva, Alvin Vaughn
- b. **Absent:** Gary Cooper
- c. **Staff Present:** Ed Lovell, Transit Manager; Paula Jessup, Airport Manager; Jayne Pramod, Transit Coordinator.
- d. **Recorded By:** Jayne Pramod, Transit Coordinator

3. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Karen Moore, Tracy Earth Project, provided information regarding getting designated as a bike friendly community, and requested City of Tracy to get designated as a bike friendly community through the League of American Bicyclists. Designation helps get various funding for infrastructure and recommended City of Tracy to apply.

Dotty Nygard, Tracy Earth Project, thanked Commission, City Clerk, Parks Director and Ed Lovell, Transit Manager for partnering and promoting the Bike Rodeo event held two weeks ago and would like to partner with City again and expand next year through Commission outreach. Also addressed the need to get the City designated as a bike friendly community, which has been a number one priority of Tracy Earth Project. Addressed the importance of having a safe bike route which is a community unmet need request, that has been not yet met, and recommended getting on the agenda a sustainability action plan for a robust bike access in town. Requested Commission to make it as a priority.

Craig Schwab, Tracy, reiterated Dotty's comments and addressed the needs of the growing bike community. Suggested bicycle parks for kids to provide them a safe area. He stated Tracy Bike Life is pursuing a nonprofit designation, a club collaboration with Tracy Earth Project and with HUD to educate kids on bike safety and rules of the road, and also getting Tracy Police to be involved in educating kids about bike safety. Bike community is growing and requested Commission to make it is a major priority.

Karen Schwab, Tracy, addressed kids request to have a bike track and recommended BMX tracks, that will bring people into town from other places and will benefit the City.

4. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**

- a) **Motion to Approve:** Commissioner Silva
- b) **Second:** Commissioner Dhillon
- c) **Abstain:** None
- d) **Vote:** Approved by unanimous vote

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Presentation on Airport Funding:** Paula Jessup presented on Airport Funding, explained what an Enterprise Account is and provided information on yearly budget. Commission comments and questions followed.

b. Review and Provide Updates on Commission Goals and Objectives for FY21/22:

Staff provided updates on Commission participated outreach events. Paula Jessup provided information on Airport Halloween event that will be held at the Tracy Airport on 10/30/2021. Commission and Staff discussed about giveaways and pamphlets to promote transportation and Commission at the airport event. Staff will bring back updates on Short Range Transit Plan and fare policy. San Joaquin Council of Govt. staff will be invited to present to Commission on Vamos App. Shared information regarding bike survey available on the City website. Commission requested for MTM, Transit Contractor, to present on service, Transit Staff to present on transit funding and City Engineering Div. to present on Bikeway Masterplan.

6. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION :

Commissioner Silva: Thanked Tracy Earth Project Director Dotty Nygard and her team for organizing a great bike rodeo event that Commission enjoyed participating and would like to participate again next year.

7. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

- a. Airport Projects Update:** Paula Jessup, Airport Manager, provided airport updates on completed projects and additional information on upcoming Halloween event at the Tracy Airport on October 30, 2021. Commission comments and questions followed.
- b. Transit Ridership and Performance Update:** Ed Lovell, Transit Manager, provided updates on ridership, delivery status on additional two new buses on order, and updates on Transit Station Renovation project. Commission comments and questions followed.
- c. Bikeways Update:** Staff will email Commission the bike survey link and will also post information on social media and Tracy Press to inform public.

8. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Karen Moore, Tracy Earth Project, suggested providing bike survey information to local schools.

Mitchell Harnett, Kids Bike Lane, introduced himself and his passion for bicycling. He serves on two non-profit boards and currently with Kids Bike Lane assisting underserved families and kids with special needs. Focus is to promote bicycling to kids and train them on bike safety. He suggested City to provide a bike park that helps young riders to be in a safe environment and have control of their bikes. He commented on Santa Cruz bikeway system that is embraced by the community. He has extensive biking experience, skills, and knowledge that he wants to share to promote biking and would like to provide input to create a bikeway plan that will benefit both the bicycle community and the City.

Dotty Nygard, Tracy Earth Project, asked if the regional transit app has information on bike routes and suggested San Joaquin Council of Governments create an app for an efficient mode of transportation connecting cities. Announced they have partnered with Tracy Bike Life and SJ Housing Authority HUD in creating a bike program that promotes safe bicycling, and a facility to repair bikes, teach kids to repair bikes and to provide ride share assistance. They are partnering with Tracy PD to go over bike safety rules. Encouraged to donate bikes that can be fixed and given to someone in need. Thanked Commission and Staff for all their hard work

9. ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 11, 2021

- a. **Motion to Adjourn:** Commissioner Silva
- b. **Second:** Commissioner Khanna
- c. **Vote:** Approved by unanimous vote
- d. **Time:** 8:21 p.m.

The above agenda was posted at Tracy City Hall on October 7, 2021. The above are action minutes. A full recording of the meeting is available by contacting the City Clerk's Office.



Ed Lovell, Staff Liaison