TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 11, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Silva called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

a. Present: Maurice Francis, Rajpal Dhillon, Sharanjit Dhillon, Tim Silva

b. Absent: Gary Cooper

c. Staff Present: Ed Lovell, Transit Manager; Brandi Reybol, Transit Coordinator

d. Recorded By: Brandi Reybol, Transit Coordinator

3. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE: John Moore, President of the Tracy Airport Association, commented that the high fuel prices at the Tracy Airport compared to similar-sized neighboring airports discourage local and visiting pilots from fueling at the Tracy Airport. He questioned why the City could not have a better fuel price even with the large volume of fuel sales with the aviation school and requested the City to be transparent.

Michael Thibodeau, Tracy, agreed with John Moore's comments on the fuel price and addressed his frustration of having to fuel at other locations due to the high price at the Tracy Airport. He suggested that the City invest in other revenue-generating ideas for the airport instead of just fuel sales and consider offering discount fuel prices to airport tenants.

4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2023

a) Motion to Approve: Commissioner Francisb) Second: Commissioner S. Dhillon

c) Abstain: None

d) Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Review and Provide Input on the Annual Commission Report to City Council: Staff informed the Commission regarding the upcoming Annual Commission Report to City Council on February 20, 2024. The report consists of the goals and accomplishments of the prior year. Commissioner S. Dhillon agreed to present the report. Commission discussion and questions followed.
- b. Review and Provide Updates on Commission Goals and Objectives for FY23/24 Ed Lovell informed the Commission of the outreach opportunities starting in Spring. The Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) consultant is currently doing data analysis and will conduct outreach in the next few months, providing the Commission with multiple opportunities to submit input. The Airport Masterplan draft has been completed, with an outreach conducted in December, and PD to present in February on bicycle traffic enforcement and e-bikes. Commission comments followed.

6. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

<u>Commissioner Francis</u>: referred to the traffic congestion on Eaton Ave. during the school bell time and mentioned that he received updates that the City Traffic Engineer reached out to the St. Bernard School Principal to assist in mitigating the traffic congestion.

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<u>Commissioner R. Dhillon:</u> commented on 2023 as a good year for the Commission and appreciated the increase in audience participation. He requested information on making the meetings go live in 2024 via WebEx for more public participation. Staff agreed to bring back information.

<u>Commissioner Silva</u>: He referred to the Commission meeting recording method and inquired about Chanel 26's formal audio recording in the past. Staff provided updates on a new AV system in the plan.

<u>Commissioner Francis</u>: Requested for the Pledge of Allegiance at the meeting.

7. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

a. Airport Projects Update: Ed Lovell, Transit Manager, referred to the Airport updates listed in the agenda. The Airport Manager could not attend the meeting. Commission was informed to contact the Airport Manager if they have questions or concerns regarding the airport projects.

John Moore, President of the Tracy Airport Association, shared his experience visiting the Old Fort Marina Airport and the information he gathered regarding eVTOL aircraft, charging stations, flight range, and power usage required to operate electric aircraft.

Michael Thibodeau, Tracy, referred to the Dec 9th Airport Master Plan Update presentation and commented on various items the City could provide at the airport without being on the Master Plan. There is flexibility, and the City can do what it wants.

- **b.** Transit Ridership and Performance Update: Ed Lovell, Transit Manager, provided updates on the Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) contract to be awarded at the March 2024 City Council meeting. Staff also provided updates on ridership and the new routes. Commission comments followed.
- **c. Bikeways Update:** Staff provided an update on the Class I bike path, a multi-use pathway at the Multi-Gen Rec Center at El Pescadero Park, connecting Grant Line Rd. to Kavanagh Ave. Commissioner S Dhillon asked about requesting the installation of a mid-block crosswalk light sensor.

8. ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 8, 2024

a. Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Silva
b. Second: Commissioner R. Dhillon
c. Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

d. Time: 8:19 p.m.

The above agenda was posted at Tracy City Hall on January 8, 2024. The above are action minutes. A full recording of the meeting is available by contacting the City Clerk's Office.

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