

CITY OF SUNNYVALE
Joint City Council Study Session with Planning Commission and
Sustainability Commission
El Camino Real Bus Rapid Transit Project
May 8, 2012 - 5:30 p.m.
NOVA Conference Center, Santa Clara Room

The City Council met in a joint study session with the Planning Commission and Sustainability Commission at the NOVA Conference Center, Santa Clara Room, 505 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, California on May 8, 2012 at 5:30 p.m., with Vice-Mayor David Whittum presiding.

Council Present: Mayor Anthony Spitaleri
Vice-Mayor David Whittum
Council Member Chris Moylan
Council Member Jim Griffith
Council Member Tara Martin-Milius
Council Member Jim Davis
Council Member

Council Absent: None

Planning Commissioners

Present: Hendricks, Glenn, Chair
Gustav Larsen, Vice-Chair
Bo Chang
Arcadi Kolchak
Brandon Sulser

Commissioners

Absent: Nick Travis
Maria Dohadwala

Sustainability Commissioners

Present: Sue Harrison, Chair (by teleconference)
Barbara Fukumoto
Gerald Glaser
Dan Hafeman
Amit Srivastava

Commissioners

Absent: Joe Green-Heffern
Regina Wheeler, Vice Chair

Staff Present:

Gary Luebbbers, City Manager
Robert Walker, Assistant City Manager
Kathy Berry, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Kent Steffens, Director of Public Works
Trudi Ryan, Planning Officer
Jack Witthaus, Transportation and Traffic Manager
Gloria Barron, Administrative Aide-Interim

Vice-Mayor Whittum called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Study Session Summary

1. Introduction and Agenda Presentation

Public Works Director Kent Steffens introduced the purpose and agenda for the Study Session.

2. Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Presentation on the El Camino Real Bus Rapid Transit Project

Kevin Connolly, Director of Transit Planning for the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) summarized the basis for the VTA's current study of an El Camino Real Bus Rapid Transit Project. He presented findings on the physical and operational characteristics, effects and benefits of the project.

3. Sunnyvale Issues for Consideration

After introduction by Director Steffens, Transportation and Traffic Manager Witthaus outlined policy, traffic and bus rapid transit station information relevant to the proposed project. Director Steffens presented other operational issues that the proposed project might present, and concluded with some potential means that the project could address City interests.

Questions

Director Steffens and Mr. Connolly responded to questions from City Council Members and Commissioners. Questions included inquiries regarding local bus service, parking, improvements of north-south routes in Sunnyvale, clarification of the roles of the Commissioners at the study session, traffic impacts of automobile lane conversion, bicycle impacts, and pedestrian improvements.

Public Comments

The Council took comments from two members of the public regarding trial closure of an automobile lane and support for BRT to serve regional job serving trips.

Adjournment

The Study Session was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Witthaus, Transportation and Traffic Manager