



# CASTRO VALLEY

MUNICIPAL

ADVISORY Advisory to Supervisor Nate Miley, 4<sup>th</sup> District

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## GENERAL PURPOSE MEETING

Monday, March 19, 2018

6:00 p.m.

**Council members present:** Marc Crawford, Chair, Sheila Cunha, Dave Sadoff, Chuck Moore, Linda Tangren, Ted Riche

**Location:** Castro Valley Library – 3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94646

### Summary Minutes

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

#### **I. Approval of Minutes**

December 18, 2017

January 29, 2018

A motion was made by Dave Sadoff and seconded by Sheila Cunha that the minutes of December 18, 2017, be accepted as submitted.

A motion was made by Sheila Cunha and seconded by Linda Tangren that the minutes of January 29, 2018, be accepted as submitted.

Motion passed 5/0.

#### **I. Alameda County Public Works Agency Annual Report**

Daniel Woldesenbet, Director, Public Works Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Public Works Agency Annual Report.

##### *Overview of 2017 Storms Response*

The Public Works Agency received and responded to 380 calls for services and logged over 37,000 hours in storm response, cleanup and repairs. The Agency removed over 38,000 cubic yards of mud/debris from County right-of-ways. \$11 million was spent in disaster relief and storm-related cleanup throughout unincorporated Alameda County.

##### *Transportation Projects and Programs*

From 2014 to present, \$72 million dollars has been spent on transportation projects and programs, including: safety/multi-modal projects - \$8 million; pavement management - \$24 million; traffic

services and signals - \$ 5 million; Safe Routes to School, sidewalks, bicycle - \$20 million; storm damage, drainage and roadside repairs - \$11 million; bridges/structures - \$4 million.

### *Flood Control Projects and Programs*

From 2014 to 2017 the Public Works Agency delivered \$63.5 million in Flood Control Projects and Programs. Projects include:

- Eden Landing Pump Station Rehabilitation,
- Line A-5 Off-line Detention Basin
- Ward Creek Floodwalls
- Lines K/K-1 Levee and Floodwalls Improvement
- Chabot Creek restoration upstream of Lake Chabot Road
- Cull Creek Dam spillway modifications and creek restoration

### *Maintenance & Operations*

The Public Works Agency maintains 470 miles of roadway, including: pothole repair, base repair, resurfacing, traffic signal installation, traffic marking maintenance, curb & gutter repair, weed abatement, illegally dumped debris removal and street sweeping.

The Public Works Agency also maintains over 290 units of heavy equipment, sedans and trucks and provide fleet services for the General Services Agency, Sheriff's Office and the Public Health Department.

The Public Works Agency also operates and maintains six (6) estuary bridges.

### *Building Permits and Inspection Services*

The Public Works Agency issues over 6,600 building permits per year and performs over 18,600 building inspections annually.

Other services provided by the Public Works Agency included: Clean Water Program, environmental services and regulatory permitting, right-of-way services, surveying & mapping, construction management, development & facilities engineering and county service area (CSA) administration.

### **Speaker**

Daniel Jones asked if there were any plans to bring fiber optics into the Canyon lands.

### **Castro Valley MAC Questions/Discussion**

Ken Carbone asked if there were any plans to put lighted crosswalks on Redwood Road and a possible timeline for doing so. Mr. Carbone also asked about the status of Burger Island/Storbridge project and an update on the Castro Valley Marketplace.

Art Carerra, Deputy Director, Public Works Agency, reported that they have received a grant to implement safety features such as bulb outs, flashing beacons and other safety features.

Daniel Woldesenbet reported that the Agency had been working with CalTrans to acquire property that would allow them to extend the Storbridge exit to Castro Valley Boulevard and they have not been able to do so. The Agency is now reevaluating the Burger Island/Storbridge project.

Daniel Woldesenbet reported that he did not have any details on the Castro Valley Marketplace.

Chuck Moore stated that the Agency has done a great job with flood control and storm clean up and signage however more work needs to be done in the canyon with fixing the roads.

Marc Crawford stated that the MAC formed a subcommittee to work on sidewalk, safety and traffic issues along Somerset and Stanton. The subcommittee completed a walkthrough of the areas and noted areas of concern and are working with staff to resolve those concerns.

Marc Crawford also asked about the options for the Strobridge closure to be moved to the vicinity of the school to open up the closure to lessen the impact of some of the residents in the area.

Daniel Woldesenbet reported that the Agency will review other options regarding the closure however, he believes the current closure should remain in place.

The Council requested the Public Works Agency to mail hardcopies of tonight's PWA presentation and provide the MAC with a time frame tied to the list of projects.

## **II. Potential Fire Hazards in Castro Valley**

### [Attachment](#)

John Sullivan, Castro Valley resident, made comments regarding potential fire hazards in Castro Valley, as Castro Valley has terrain similar to that of Santa Rosa, which suffered devastation due to wildfires last year.

David Rocha, Chief, Alameda County Fire Department, presented a PowerPoint presentation on potential fire hazards in Castro Valley. The Alameda County Fire Department is responsible for fire protection in the unincorporated areas with the exception of Fairview, in addition to five cities: Newark, San Leandro, Emeryville, Union City, Dublin and Berkeley, Livermore and Sandia National Laboratories.

Alameda County alerts: notify through AC alert, legislation to change the opt-in feature;  
Response to protect structures; keeping fire into open space; reach out into open space  
Maps fire severity zones; hydrant maps,

Dennis Waespi, Board of Directors member, District 3, Rick Seal, Fire Chief, East Bay Regional Parks District and Steve Castile, Chief of Operations, East Bay Regional Park District, all commented on the potential fire hazards in Castro Valley. East Bay Regional Park District is committed to fire safety and reducing fire hazards in Castro Valley and have plans for potential hazards.

Steve Castillo, Chief of Operations, East Bay Regional Park District, some of the work includes: cattle grazing, mechanical methods, work with the various agencies, over 121,000 acres; focus on sources of fuel, ignition sources; fuel reduction, grading of roadways, annual brushing of pathways and trails; remove underbrush; also has a hazardous tree program; working with PG& E for transmission and distribution lines;

Richard Seal, Chief, East Bay Regional Chief Seal, will work with the agencies and create a plan to remove fire hazards.

Frank Mellon, East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), there is an issue – working on a project for clearing eucalyptus trees, infringement on the environment; water supply management plan,

watershed management plan that includes clearing undergrowth; work closely with Alameda County Fire and East Bay Regional Parks District; trying to maintain the land and the environment.

## **Speakers**

Sonia Howes, lives on Seaview Avenue, stated that there is a lot of dry brush in the back area of her home that needs to be cleared.

Daniel Jones, Palomares Canyon resident, stated that there is great improvement with road access and asked about ceremonial fires being permissible.

Bonnie Terra, Fire Marshal, reported that individuals can obtain a recreational burn permit if specific criteria is met, such as the annual school bonfire.

Scott Troyer has concerns about Ten Hills Trails fire

Bob Patrino, Castro Valley resident, is concerned about trees, vegetation and thick brush near his home.

Toni Wilkerson, lives on Proctor Road, is concerned about trees along Ten Hills Trail near her home.

Sarah is concerned about the trees and underbrush that needs to be cleared along Ten Hills Trail.

## **Castro Valley MAC Questions/Discussion**

After discussion from MAC Council it was determined that the East Bay Regional Park District will return to the MAC within 60 to 90 days with a plan and timeline and prioritization for activities related to fire safety.

### **III. Alameda County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update**

#### [Attachment](#)

Paul Keener, Senior Transportation Planner, Public Works Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Alameda County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

The purpose of the Alameda County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan is to develop implementable and practical, yet inspiring policies, projects and programs that enhance the walking and biking environment in the unincorporated areas.

There were six goals that guided the development of the plan:

- 1) Connectivity – connected and continuous bicycle and pedestrian network
- 2) Access – Access for all users
- 3) Safety – Improved safety for all modes of transportation
- 4) Comfort – A pleasant walking and biking experience through the provision of support amenities
- 5) Awareness – Community awareness of the benefits of walking and biking as an alternative
- 6) Land Use Integration – Land use support and promote walking and bicycling

The Plan will develop strategies to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety; increase access to work, school, shopping, recreation, and transit; and facilitate more walking and biking in the Alameda County Unincorporated Areas. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan will include goals and policies, bicycle and pedestrian networks, safety and education programs, and funding/implementation strategies to provide more opportunities to walk and bike in the Alameda County Unincorporated Areas.

The Agency is in the process working on the draft plan to be released in the early part of April, and there will be six weeks for public comment.

### **Speakers**

JoAnne Lauer, Bike-Walk Castro Valley, thanked the Public Works Agency staff on the work thus far, and the MAC for their response to safety issues related to biking in Castro Valley. The plan includes much more public input.

Ron Proto stated that he was concerned about the percentage of people who bike and the County is taking away 50% of roadways for bike lanes for a few bicyclists.

Bruce Dughi supports the bike and pedestrian plan; it is a massive improvement over the last plan, the bike plan supports reducing carbon footprint; Public Works Agency has done a fantastic job.

Ashley Strausberg, Executive Director, Eden Area Chamber of Commerce, has questions and concerns with the plans to remove parking along Castro Valley Boulevard, Redwood Road and Lake Chabot Road. Ms. Strausberg is interested in knowing the percentage of people who bike in Castro Valley and also has there been any outreach to the business community.

Unknown speaker: There weren't any safe places to bike in Castro Valley, there are more people moving to Castro Valley who would like to be able to ride down Lake Chabot Road to the BART. Make the roads safer to allow people to bike in Castro Valley.

### **Castro Valley MAC Questions/Discussion**

Chuck Moore stated that the Council is not "anti-bike" and also there was nothing in the presentation from the agricultural community; roads are not safe for bicyclists.

Ken Carbone stated that he does not agree with removing parking along the boulevard and asked the Agency to develop a more flexible plan.

Linda Tangren stated that she is interested in a balanced policy and asked ss there a way to redesign roads to accommodate bikes; would like the plan to address the needs of the entire community.

Sheila Cunha stated that she is interested in knowing how many children are biking to school; how many people are biking to the boulevard.

Ted Riche stated that with the Castro Valley Marketplace coming in he does not support removing parking along Castro Valley Boulevard.

Mark Crawford stated that he does not support removing parking on both sides on Castro Valley Boulevard, Lake Chabot and Center Street.

The Council requested the Public Works Agency to report back to the MAC and invite the business community for input on the plan and also to receive the draft plan in advance of the meeting.

#### **IV. Council/Staff Comments**

Marc Crawford reported that the MAC was invited to an AC Transit Breakfast at Hayward City Hall on Friday, March 23, 2018 at 8am.

The Castro Valley Sanitary District is holding a sewer meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned to April 16, 2018.