

# ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' TRANSPORTATION/ PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 21, 2016  
11:00 a.m.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Chair  
Supervisor Nate Miley

Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers – Room 512 5<sup>th</sup> floor  
County Administration Building  
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

## Summary/Action Minutes

### I. Public Health Recommendations for the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) Goods Movement Plan Draft [Attachment](#)

Dr. Muntu Davis, Alameda County Health Officer, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Recommendations for the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) Goods Movement Draft Plan.

The presentation included the following recommendations:

ACTC should immediately seek funding for strategies in the Plan to reduce environmental and community impacts from goods movement.

Proposed strategies

- Demonstration projects using zero emission and near-zero emission technologies
- A proposed freight corridors community enhancement and impact reduction initiative
- Land use guidance to reduce conflicts between goods movement and residential development, schools, childcare centers and other projects that put sensitive people near freight operations.

ACTC should work with the Alameda County Public Health Department and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to assess the environmental and community impacts that are likely to occur from proposed Plan strategies that increase the efficiency and capacity of the County's goods movement system.

ACTC should target impact reduction investments to benefit those communities most impacted by the County's freight system.

### **Speakers**

Mike Baratta, Cherryland resident, stated he lives near I-238, and he is happy to see that I-238 is being considered as part of the health assessment for goods movement.

Jill Ratner, President of the Rose Foundation for Communities and Environment, has worked with Dr. Davis' staff on the health assessment. Develop more information before we move forward with a plan.

Tess Lengyel, Alameda County Transportation Commission stated that she supports the recommendations in the report and ACTC is already practicing some of the recommendations. In addition, she looks forward to meeting with the Public Health Department and other stakeholders about the report.

**Purpose:**

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education**
- Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation
- Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

**II. Discussion of an Elected Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council** (*informational item*)  
[Attachment](#)

Ray Lara, Deputy County Counsel, presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee, to discuss options of an elected Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council.

The California Government Code section 31010 allows the Board of Supervisor to create a Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) by resolution within the unincorporated area. This statute does not explicitly provide for a voter or citizen-created MAC.

The options for creating an elected MAC include:

- 1) The Board could amend the current resolution to convert the MAC into an elected MAC.
- 2) The Board may adopt a resolution to convert the MAC to elected upon voter approval
- 3) The Board submits to the voters within the MAC area if they want the Board to create an elected MAC

**Election Provisions and Considerations**

Tim Dupuis, Registrar, Registrar of Voters (ROV), answered questions regarding determining political boundaries and election costs.

To qualify for the ballot, Section 9107 provides that the County elections official shall ascertain the number of signatures required to sign the petition by obtaining the number of votes cast within the county for all candidates for Governor at the last gubernatorial election preceding the publication of the notice of intention to circulate the initiative petition. Estimated County ROV costs to run an election may range from \$238,000 to \$442,000 not including translation and sample ballot costs.

**Speakers**

Michael Baldwin, JoAnn Lauer, Michael Kusiak, Peter Rosen and Bruce Dughi spoke in support of an elected MAC.

Hera Alikian stated that she was undecided about an elected MAC and looks forward to getting more information about it.

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Supervisor Miley will request the Board of Supervisor's President to agendize "Option 2: The Board may adopt a resolution to convert the MAC to elected upon voter approval" to the full Board of Supervisors for consideration at the February 2, 2016 Regular Board of Supervisors meeting. County Counsel clarified that the actual resolution would not come to the full Board for action on February 2, 2016 however the matter to bring a resolution would be up for consideration.

### III. Update on Alameda County Housing Needs and Strategies

#### [Attachment](#)

Linda Gardner, Director, Housing and Community Development, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the County's Housing Needs and Strategies.

The presentation included information on the County's affordable housing crisis and the County's response.

Currently the County provides voluntary rent mediation services and through contracting tenant/landlord mediation services. The County offers subsidies for renters, and first time homebuyer assistance and other programs to assist potential homebuyers.

The Housing and Community development agency recommends exploring new sources to provide subsidies. Community based organizations for low-income housing and Supervisor Chan's office have worked with Ruth Bernstein of EMC to commission and fund a poll of 500 voters in Alameda County on potential support for a \$500 million housing bond that would benefit all areas of the County. The results will be available in early February for discussion at a full Board retreat.

#### Speakers

Hera Alikian supports increasing housing supply and suggested that the County might provide builders with a builder forum to determine what would encourage them to build more housing for low income communities.

Mike Baratta commented on the County's housing crisis.

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- Other:

Supervisor Miley will request the Board of Supervisor's President to agendaize the Housing Needs Strategies and housing bond discussion for the Board of Supervisors retreat in February.

### IV. Update of Recent State Legislative Developments in California Medical Marijuana Law and Alameda County Efforts

Andrea Weddle, Assistant County Counsel, reported on the status of State legislation that will affect an amendment to an ordinance and it is agendaized for a second reading at the full Board of Supervisors meeting on February 2, 2016. The ordinance is related to the prohibition of medical marijuana cultivation and delivery.

Key legislation, AB 21 - Medical Marijuana: cultivation and licenses" is moving forward with a deletion of the March 1, 2016 deadline for State regulations to become effective.

County Counsel will continue to monitor other legislation related to medical marijuana, including, AB 1575, AB 26 and SB 435.

Representatives from several county agencies that may have a role in the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act, including the Sheriff's Office, Agriculture/Weights & Measures, the Community Development Agency, Environmental Health, and Public Health were available to answer questions.

## Speaker

Shareef El-Sissi, owner of Garden of Eden dispensary, stated that he would like to be a part of the conversation to craft the new or amended ordinance.

Alex Zavell supports the County is taking action on medical marijuana cultivation and licensing and would like to be a part of the discussion.

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Supervisor Miley requested that the County agencies convene an internal working group to work on the ordinance and revisions for medical marijuana, and report back to the Transportation & Planning Committee April 2016 meeting.

Supervisor Miley suggested the stakeholders contact his office and or the office of Supervisor Scott Haggerty to request to be a part of the stakeholders working group. In addition he suggested that the stakeholders create a draft ordinance, as a guideline, that they would like to see in the discussion and forward to his and Supervisor Haggerty's office.

## V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Aaron Raven, representing No Coal in Oakland and 350 Bay Area requested the Board of Supervisors support to prohibit any Measure BB funding for projects having to do with coal or other fossil fuels.

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