

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' TRANSPORTATION/ PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, March 6, 2017
9:30 a.m.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Chair
Supervisor Nate Miley

Location Board of Supervisors Chamber – 5th Floor
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Housing Policies Report for Alameda County

[Attachment](#)

Micah Weinberg, President, Economic Institute, Bay Area Council, presented a PowerPoint presentation on a proposal for a Housing Policies Report for Alameda County.

The Bay Area Council Economic Institute proposes the development of framework for understanding and quantifying the major policies impacting housing affordability in Alameda County. The analysis will catalogue county-wide and city specific housing policies that impact prices for homeowners and renters, quantify the impacts of each individual policy, and make recommendations to policymakers based on the findings.

The Institute proposes to begin work on this project immediately upon funding. The total project budget is estimated at \$50,000 which includes direct costs for copy editing and graphic design. The project is expected to be completed in May 2017.

Purpose:

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

Recommendation from Transportation and Planning Committee: Support. Move to the full Board of Supervisors.

II. 2016 Alameda County General Plan Annual Report

[Attachment](#)

Liz McElligott, Assistant Agency Director, Community Development Agency presented the 2016 General Plan Annual Report.

State law requires that each city and county in California prepare a comprehensive general plan. The County General Plan consists of specific goals, policies and actions pertaining to open space, conservation, safety and noise.

The Community Development Agency requests the Transportation and Planning Committees support to move the item to the full Board of Supervisors and upon approval, submit to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

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III. Revision to the Roadway Ordinance for Moratorium following Roadway Improvements
[Attachment](#)

Daniel Woldesenbet, Director, Public Works Agency, presented introductory comments and Bill Lepere, Assistant Agency Director, presented a memorandum and draft revisions to the Roadway Ordinance for Moratorium following Roadway Improvements.

In an effort to better manage pavement degradation from the effects of utility cuts, the Public Works Agency (Agency) is proposing an amendment to Chapter 12.08 of the Alameda County General Ordinance Code to establish a time limit, preventing unnecessary excavation or modification of a new or reconstructed roadway for a period of five years. This will protect recent overlays, inlays, reconstruction, and new construction of at least a half street or greater. The research of other municipalities throughout the country makes clear that trench cuts significantly alter and degrade pavement surfaces adjacent to the actual trench line.

The proposed amendment to the Roadway Use Ordinance would include the following:

Chapter 12.08, Roadway Use Regulations, of the General Ordinance Code of the County of Alameda shall be amended to add the following as Section 12.08.052 to Article I:

“12.08.052 Time limits on modification of new or recently reconstructed roadways.

1. Trenching, excavation, or other modification of roadway facilities shall not be permitted in a roadway that was constructed, reconstructed, or resurfaced within a five-year period prior to the date of application, with the following exceptions:

- a. The relocation or modification of a utility or storm drain facility where that relocation or modification is mandated by a federal, state, or county agency.
- b. The installation of underground utility service lines, storm drains, and conduits serving adjacent properties when no other reasonable means of providing such services is available.
- c. Emergency repairs of existing roadway, utility, and owner facilities.
- d. Encroachments deemed acceptable by the director upon submission of reasonable evidence showing that 1) the excavation or modification is necessary to protect the public health and safety, and 2) the excavation or modification will not adversely impact the remaining service life of the affected roadway.

2. All trenching, excavation, or other modification permitted under the above exceptions shall meet or better the design and construction standards used in the prior construction, reconstruction, or resurfacing, and shall comply with additional guidelines and reconstruction standards developed by the Director for this purpose. All traffic control measures and survey points removed or damaged by the permitted encroachment must be fully restored.”

Section 12.08.140 – Violation – Penalty would remain in effect for any violation of this ordinance including the proposed amendment. Any person, firm, corporation or other body or association of persons who violates this chapter or amendment is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not more than one hundred eighty (180) days or by both. Each day's violation of this chapter is a separate offense.”

There will be no financial impact to the County or workload to the Agency as a result of these changes. The Agency has already been implementing time restrictions on utility work through permit conditions. Including this requirement in the Chapter 12.08 of the Roadway Use Ordinance will eliminate any confusion on this requirement. With your approval, the Agency will prepare a package for submittal to the Board of Supervisors for consideration by the full Board.

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IV. Recent Storm Responses and Damage Assessment

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Daniel Woldesenbet, Director, Public Works Agency, presented introductory comments and John Medlock, Jr., Deputy Director of Maintenance and Operations, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Agency's Response to Recent Storms and Damage Assessment.

The Public Works Agency's Maintenance and Operation Department:

- Received and responded to 269 calls for service
- Logged approximately 10,875 labor hours
- Logged approximately 11,750 equipment hours
- Removed 5,600 cubic yards of mud/debris from County Right-of-Ways
- Closed 28 County roads from just a few hours to a several days
 - Palomares Road remains closed as of Thursday, March 2, 2017
- One-lane traffic control in place on 3 roadways:
 - Redwood Road, Castro Valley; Foothill Road, Pleasanton; Koopman Road, Sunol

Overall Storm impact resulted in:

- Short-term Impacts (2 hours or less to manage)
- Intermediate Impact (more than 2 hours to manage)
- Long Term Impact (requires long-term fix)

Public Information Efforts

- Updates were provided in real time (24/7) during storm events to:
 - Board of Supervisors
 - Alameda County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services
 - Alameda County Fire Department
 - Public Works Agency Website (www.acpwa.org)
 - Various Social Media
- County of Alameda, Sheriff's Department, Fire Department
- News Media (print, online, radio, TV)
- E-Subscribe Notices

A Winter Storm Preparedness and Educational Video Series ran routinely on County social media accounts providing preparedness tips as well as reminders on what to do in emergency situations (flooding, downed trees, downed powerlines, etc.)

The Agency is currently assessing approximately 21 sites that sustained substantial damage, estimates will likely be several million dollars.

On January 20, 2017, a proclamation declaring a local emergency was issued by the County Department of Emergency Services.

On February 10, 2017, the Governor's Office declared a statewide Declaration of Emergency for damages caused by this winter storm. This will assist the County in obtaining State and Federal disaster relief funds.

Mr. Medlock acknowledged the hard work of the Maintenance and Operations Department personnel for their extraordinary effort in responding and handling the multitude of storm related emergencies.

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This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

V. Update on Medical Cannabis Dispensary and Cultivation Ordinances

[Attachment](#)

At the February 14, 2017, Transportation and Planning Committee meeting staff presented a revised draft ordinance that incorporated the direction the Committee provided at the January meeting to address several issues that were raised by public comments. Since that meeting, the draft ordinances have been considered at the February 21st Planning Commission meeting and the February 27th Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) meeting.

A tentative meeting schedule for the completion of the public process for the approval of the draft dispensary and cultivation ordinances is provided in the table below. The public meeting schedule, including times and locations, is available on the County website at: <http://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/landuseprojects/medical-cannabis.htm>. This webpage also provides a list of past meetings and links to presentations and written materials from those meetings.

- March 20, 2017 - Planning Commission
- March 22, 2017 - Unincorporated Services
- April 3, 2017 - Planning Commission – Action
- April 25, 2017 - Board of Supervisors - First Reading
- May 9, 2017 - Board of Supervisors - Second Reading

The ordinances will go into effect 30 days after the Board takes action at the second reading of the ordinances. After that time, staff will begin preparing for the solicitation of proposals for the additional dispensaries and the cultivation sites allowed under the ordinances.

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VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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