



# City Council Committee of the Whole ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting  
March 18, 2019

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers at 8:47 P.M.

Present: Cormack, DuBois, Fine, Kou, Tanaka

Absent: Filseth, Kniss

## Action Items

1. Connecting Palo Alto Grade Separations Recommendations: Adjust Schedule, Update Selection Criteria, and Review Terms for Upcoming Contract Amendment With AECOM to Increase Funds and Timeline for Additional Engineering and Outreach Services.

Mayor Filseth advised he will not participate in this Agenda Item because he lives within 500 feet of the Caltrain right of way.

Council Member Kniss advised she will not participate in this Agenda Item because she has a real property interest within 500 feet of Caltrain right of way.

Council Member Tanaka left the meeting at 10:00 P.M.

**MOTION:** Council Member Fine moved, seconded by Council Member Cormack to:

- A. Accept updates to the timeline for the Connecting Palo Alto Rail Grade Separation planning effort, with the timeline being extended to October 2019;
- B. Direct Staff to review and consider recommendations to the City Council-adopted criteria for Rail Grade Separation without the tiering structure;
- C. Continue the CAP meetings;
- D. Direct Staff to return to Council with polling options;

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- E. Hold specific meetings on the financial risk and strategy on the Caltrain business plan, passing tracks, and Embarcadero/Churchill crossings;
- F. Direct Staff to develop a list of ongoing questions and answers; and
- G. Recommend the City Council approve the parameters for an upcoming contract amendment to contract C18171057 with AECOM funded in the Grade Separation capital project (PL-17001) to continue work to assist the City with the selection of a preferred solution for environmental review.

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to amend Motion, Part A to state "Direct Staff to propose a detailed timeline..." and delete Motion Part C "Continue the CAP meetings."

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to amend Motion, Part B to state "Direct Staff to create a dynamic model that orders the alternatives based on the criteria."

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to amend Motion, Part C to state "Direct Staff to return to Council with a plan for a community working group which would focus on project alternatives, funding and technical issues, and communications. The working group should include members of the CAP, businesses, and Stanford."

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to delete Motion, Part E "Hold specific meetings on the financial risk and strategy on the Caltrain business plan, passing tracks, and Embarcadero/Churchill crossing."

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to amend Motion, Part C to state "...focus on recommending project alternatives..."

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to remove from the Motion, Part C "The working group should include members of the CAP, businesses, and Stanford."

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion, Part C "Direct Staff to return to Council with a plan for a community working group which reports to Council and.."

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**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to delete Motion, Part D "Direct Staff to return to Council with polling options" and amend Motion Part A to state "...and which includes community engagement."

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion, Part D "...and answers..."

**MOTION AS AMENDED RESTATED:** Vice Mayor Fine moved, seconded by Council Member Cormack to:

- A. Direct Staff to propose a detailed timeline for the Connecting Palo Alto Rail Grade Separation planning effort, with the timeline being extended to October 2019, and which includes community engagement;
- B. Direct Staff to create a dynamic model that orders the alternatives based on the criteria;
- C. Direct Staff to return to Council with a plan for a community working group which reports to Council and would focus on recommending consensus-based project alternatives based on funding and technical issues, and ideas for communication;
- D. Direct Staff to develop a list of ongoing questions and answers from the Rail Committee of the Whole; and
- E. Recommend the City Council approve the parameters for an upcoming contract amendment to contract C18171057 with AECOM funded in the Grade Separation capital project (PL-17001) to continue work to assist the City with the selection of a preferred solution for environmental review.

**MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED:** 4-0 Tanaka absent; Filseth, Kniss recused

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 P.M.