



# CITY COUNCIL RAIL COMMITTEE ACTION MINUTES

Special Meeting  
February 21, 2018

Chairperson Wolbach called the meeting to order at 8:03 A.M. in the Community Meeting Room, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California.

Present: Fine, Scharff, Wolbach (Chair)

Absent: Kou

## Agenda Items

1. Presentation on Connecting Palo Alto: Trenching-Tunneling White Paper.

**MOTION:** Council Member Scharff moved, seconded by Chair Wolbach to agree with the Staff analysis that citywide options do not look promising but we want to hear from the public at the next community roundtable and direct Staff to return with public input prior to making decisions regarding citywide options. We think that open trench options for West Meadow Drive and Charleston Road are worth further consideration.

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to replace in the Motion, "open trench options" with "submerged options."

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion, "among other options" after "submerged options."

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion, "trenching and tunneling" after "citywide options."

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Council Member Fine moved, seconded by Council Member XX to accept the Trenching-Tunneling White Paper and add it to our

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documentation and direct staff to work with the public and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to respond to assumptions in this White Paper.

## **SUBSTITUTE MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SECOND**

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to add to the Motion, "and direct staff to work with the public and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to respond to assumptions in this White Paper."

**INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAKER AND SECONDER** to replace in the Motion, "to work with the public and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to respond to assumptions in this White Paper" with "to acknowledge and identify salient points and frequently asked questions and concerns raised in response to the White Paper."

**MOTION AS AMENDED RESTATED:** Council Member Scharff moved, seconded by Chair Wolbach to agree with the Staff analysis that citywide options for trenching and tunneling do not look promising but we want to hear from the public at the next community roundtable. We think that submerged options among other options for West Meadow Drive and Charleston Road are worth further study. And direct staff to acknowledge and identify salient points and frequently asked questions and concerns raised in response to the White Paper.

**MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED:** 2-1 Fine no, Kou absent

2. Review of Rail Committee 2018 Workplan.

## **NO ACTION TAKEN**

### Interagency Communications

None.

### Next Steps and Future Agendas

City Staff and the Committee members discussed the upcoming meeting schedule.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 10:51 A.M.