



Memorandum

To: City Council

Date: February 18th, 2020

From: Mayor Emily Beach

Subject: Committee Report

Committee Report Highlights January 1, 2020-February 12, 2020

Monday, 1/6/20

- San Mateo County Express Lane JPA Finance Committee Meeting
- Annual Goal Session planning meeting
- Burlingame City Council Meeting

Tuesday, 1/7/20

- Minimum wage stakeholder outreach

Wednesday, 1/8/20

- Council of Cities Vision Zero program planning meeting
- Ribbon Cutting – BHS pool; delivered celebratory remarks on behalf of City Council

Thursday, 1/9/20

- Minimum wage stakeholder outreach
- El Camino Real Renewal preview meeting with Caltrans and City staff; attended portion of next meeting with citizen ECR Task Force
- San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) Board of Directors Meeting
 - Discussed county shuttle programs and next call for projects
 - I was elected Chairperson of SMCTA
- Delivered congratulatory remarks at Citizens Environmental Council 10th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, 1/10/20

- San Mateo County Express Lane JPA Board of Directors Meeting
- Delivered "State of the City" remarks at Burlingame's Chamber of Commerce Annual Luncheon at the Hyatt Regency
- Council of Cities Vision Zero program planning meeting

Saturday, 1/11/20

- Hosted constituent Coffee and Conversation town-hall event at Copenhagen

Monday, 1/13/20

- Minimum wage stakeholder outreach

Tuesday, 1/14/20

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Subcommittee (Beach/Colson) previewed presentation to City Council and provided input
- Meeting with Enterprise Rental Car
- Agenda review meeting with City Manager and Attorney to discuss future agenda items

Wednesday, 1/15/20

- Minimum wage stakeholder outreach

Thursday, 1/16/20

- Minimum wage stakeholder outreach
- Celebrated ribbon cutting for Loan Depot on Airport Boulevard

Friday, 1/17/20

- Meeting with San Mateo City Councilmember
- Minimum wage stakeholder outreach

Monday, 1/20/20

- Annual Goal Session strategy meeting
- Minimum wage stakeholder outreach

Tuesday, 1/21/20

- Minimum wage stakeholder outreach
- California League of Cities Peninsula Division Executive Board Meeting
- Burlingame City Council Meeting

Wednesday, 1/22/20

- Minimum wage stakeholder outreach

Thursday, 1/23/20

- Minimum wage stakeholder outreach
- Chaired Caltrain Local Policy Makers Group monthly meeting in San Carlos
 - High Speed Rail Update
 - Public/private partnership happening in SoCal with Virgin Trains creating connecting corridor LA, Southern Cal, and Las Vegas. Been successful in UK and Florida. Will be interesting to watch.
 - HSR Draft 2020 Business plan will be published in February
 - Important: DRAFT EIR for San Francisco to San Jose segment will be published Spring 2020 with 45-day public comment period. Jurisdictions and cities should participate in this process. HSR projects final EIR approved by summer 2021.
 - Caltrain Update
 - New 2040 service vision approved by Caltrain JPB Board in October will likely triple Caltrain ridership by 2040
 - General service vision: more service at more stations; standardization of schedule (clock-face predictability); more off-peak and weekend service so Caltrain is competitive with auto driving.
 - Challenge on mid-Peninsula (like Burlingame and San Mateo) = lots of stations very close together so tough to get 15 minute service everywhere, but alternating 30-minute service is achievable.
 - Currently 42 at-grade crossings on Caltrain corridor. Estimated (rough/updated) cost for grade-separating most of corridor (with some crossings closed, some crossings remain at-grade) cost projection \$9.3 billion. Could be as high as \$11 billion. Sobering context: Caltrain electrification currently underway cost \$2 billion. Grade separations are an astounding financial regional lift.
 - Caltrain will initiate a corridor-wide grade separation study late spring/early summer – not to design individual grade separations, but to understand the scope, develop a potential system-wide approach to construction, and prioritize projects. Huge thanks to Burlingame staff for getting us to final design phase for Broadway so we are at the front of the line for funding and priority.
 - Downtown extension of Caltrain projected 2029

- C/CAG (City/County Association of Government) BPAC (Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee) Monthly Meeting
 - Discussed scoring and deliberation process for future grant applications
 - Received Safe Routes to Schools update from County Office of Education; shared annual report

Friday, 1/24/20

- Attended San Mateo County State of Transportation Meeting – highlights:
 - Measure W county sales tax is transformative and enables a sustainable future for the San Mateo County Transit District
 - Samtrans bus ridership on rise: “Reimagine SamTrans” strategic planning underway to innovate bus service; two Proterra (R&D facility here in Burlingame) all-electric buses in the fleet, six more coming soon; on-demand bus service pilot program happening in Pacifica – important data and experience.
 - Caltrans 7th largest commuter rail in USA; most efficient service in country (as result ticket prices are high, and member agencies shoulder a heavy financial load – Caltrain needs dedicated funding source)
 - US 101 Express Lanes underway, see 2/6/20 SMCTA meeting notes with more details
- Attended California League of Cities Environmental Quality Policy Committee Meeting in Sacramento
 - Governor's proposed budget includes \$5 billion Climate Resiliency Bond – vision for jurisdictions and private sector to compete for funding to address wildfires, sea level rise, drought, and many other needs. Budget still in flux, but climate change is on the radar.
 - Learned insights about Rule 20 funds as it relates to ECR undergrounding, relayed to staff.

Saturday, 1/25/20

- City Council Annual Goals Session focused on Sustainability and Transportation
- Attended closing of Sam's Subs and Chief Kammeyer retirement celebration

Sunday, 1/26/20

- Participated in Lunar New Year Parade in Millbrae

Monday, 1/27/20

- Constituent meeting regarding concerns about development projects
- C/CAG Congestion Management and Environmental Quality Meeting
 - Committee did not recommend approval of Congestion Management Program (CMP) for San Mateo County. Concerned some key projects were missing from report which is used as long-range regional/MTC planning document and not thoroughly vetted.
 - Received update on Commute.org Carpool 2020 incentive program – impressive track record of success and continuing to improve the program. Carpoolers can receive up to \$100 in e-gift cards when carpool trips are logged by connecting a Scoop or Waze Carpool account. Visit Commute.org for program details.

Tuesday, 1/28/20

- US 101 Peninsula Interchange meeting with staff, Councilmember Colson, and City of San Mateo representatives. City of San Mateo will present traffic study results and update on project at City Council meeting soon – date TBD.
- El Camino Real Renewal Open House hosted by Caltrans

Wednesday, 1/29/20

- Agenda Review Meeting with City Manager and Attorney
- California League of Cities Peninsula Division Quarterly Luncheon on housing
- Developer meeting regarding 1095 Rollins Road
- Attended Peninsula Health Care District Annual Community Awards Ceremony

Thursday, 1/30/20

- Broadway Grade Separation INFRA grant meeting with City staff, advocacy firm, and District Director from Congresswoman Jackie Speier's office
- Interviewed by high school students for project about women Veterans

Friday, 1/31/20

- San Mateo County/Silicon Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau annual luncheon and awards ceremony
- ECR Renewal constituent meeting
- Council of Cities Burlingame Dinner – Vision Zero Program; thanks to our City Clerk and staff for coordinating a fantastic and successful event!

Saturday, 2/1/20

- Participated as panelist in Women's Community Leadership Network non-partisan forum supporting women to run for public office

Monday, 2/3/20

- Minimum wage stakeholder outreach
- City Council Meeting

Wednesday, 2/5/20

- El Camino Real Renewal resident outreach
- Minimum wage stakeholder outreach

Thursday, 2/6/20

- San Mateo County Express Lane (SMCEL) JPA Finance Committee Meeting
 - Discussed financing for SMCTA loan to SMCEL JPA, and received preview presentation on refined revenue estimates for US 101 Express Lanes.
- San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board Meeting:
 - Approved debt policy to enable SMCTA to finance loan for US 1010 Express Lane to SMCEL JPA
 - Received legislative update – highlight
 - FASTER Bay Area – Senator Beall (SB 278) is developing the legislative structure for a potential 1% Bay Area sales tax (\$100 billion) to transform Bay Area transit. Learn more at <https://fasterbayarea.org/> and this [PDF link](#).
 - Received construction update on US 101 Express Lanes
 - Phase 1 (southern segment) projected to open October 2021 in conjunction with VTA/Santa Clara County Express Lanes; Phase 2 (Whipple to 380 in San Mateo County) projected to open October 2022.
 - Construction underway on southern segment (south of Whipple 89% complete) and coming in \$3.5 million under budget.
 - Construction from Whipple to 380 now underway
 - Prepare for sound wall reconstruction in San Mateo and vegetation removal
 - Public should prepare for highway delays between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. while construction takes place at night. Lane closures will be removed by 5:30 a.m. Public should also allow more time traveling to SFO during these hours. Any ramp closures will be noticed in advance.
 - Visit 101express.com for more info and bulletins – website will update weekly.

Friday, 2/7/20

- California Apartment Association Tri-County Division Annual Outlook Luncheon
- *Assembly Select Committee on Sea Level Rise & the California Economy convened by Assemblymember Tasha Boerner Horvath (Southern California, Encinitas) and Assemblymember Kevin Mullin*

- Mullin observed the urgency and expense of this issue. California coastline economic risk ranges from \$100-\$150 billion; San Mateo county's risk estimated \$24 billion.
 - State-wide projection 1 foot by 2030, 7 feet by 2100. Next ten years are critical times to take action.
 - One important result of the hearing is that our state legislators are understanding the need for resources deployed regionally and locally to address this problem – for expert staff, planning efforts, and implementation dollars for local pilot projects that are ready to go.
 - Recognition of need to streamline and coordinate permitting for work near water
 - Recognition for need to reduce greenhouses gasses so we stop exacerbating climate change problem
 - Mention of the Governor's new \$5 billion Climate Resiliency Bond proposal in his budget, but it's clear from this meeting and my League of Cities Environmental Quality Policy Committee that jurisdictions and the private sector will all be competing for this funding to address wildfires, sea level rise, drought, and many other needs. Even with the bond, not enough resources to go around.
 - State finance expert suggested historically low levels of debt for the size of our current General Fund, so climate bond measure is a reasonable solution – even though it will have generational fiscal impact
 - Speakers from agencies and Bay Area jurisdictions contributed their perspectives and solutions they are working on locally.
 - Some cities discussed how they have changed zoning codes to require building significantly higher structures on Bayfront; use of Mello-Roos districts to fund infrastructure
 - SFO presented their sea wall plan
 - Berkeley professor described the sobering impact of ground water on sea level rise (causing flooding on the inland side of levees and walls) and how it can exponentially contribute to flooding and increase public health risks when it infiltrates sewer and water pipes. 1 meter of sea level rise can impact 28 square miles of land – PLUS 40 square miles flooded by groundwater.
 - SLR could displace 60,000-90,000 people in California who could lose their homes; many underserved populations live near waterfront.
 - Another big theme from experts: network (transportation) resiliency. Suggested during planning efforts jurisdictions must:
 - Do no harm to others with the SLR infrastructure you build (regional coordination key)
 - Protect PEOPLE first and foremost
 - Be prepared (act now)
 - Protect and expand access to all
 - Result of hearing: the need for regional collaboration and planning, plus the deployment of pilot projects tailored at the local level. Burlingame's participation on the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District (thanks Councilmember Colson!) and our City's work to explore treatments on our Bayfront showcase how this can be done. I applauded San Mateo County's work and Supervisor Pine's leadership in this area, and echoed the need for regional collaboration, expert staffing at regional level, and funding for local pilot programs.
- Curiodyssey Museums for All Event: Alaska Airlines (offices in Burlingame) are sponsoring Curiodyssey's Museums for All series to provide access to underserved families. The museum was packed on Friday night! Fun to see BHS robotics team showcasing their national-championship robot there as well.

Monday, 2/10/20

- El Camino Real Subcommittee Meeting
 - Discussed undergrounding on El Camino and next steps

- Discussed take-away's from community open house, and future communication with Caltrans in preparation for Environmental Scoping meeting
- Sphere Institute Meeting – Burlingame Shoreline Park
 - Discussed next steps for community and City Council engagement as project team refines design for Burlingame Shoreline Park. Will coordinate with staff.
 - Discussed upkeep of parcel: tree trimming around sidewalks, fence, trash, accessibility. Sphere institute is on it and making progress. Construction vehicles at Burlingame Point impact their ability to repair fence -- need access to parking lot for equipment staging.

Tuesday, 2/11/20

- Led Leadership Program bus tour through Burlingame demonstrating how land use decisions impact development
- Attended DBID meeting at invitation of BDID President
 - Discussion and info/idea exchange on minimum wage
 - Appreciated City's valet parking solution; learned more about SamTrans bus service to/from downtown for workforce and discussed Commute.org commuter programs – will follow-up with more info to DBID.

Wednesday, 2/12/20

- Agenda review meeting with City Manager and Attorney to discuss future agenda items
- Rotary Luncheon hosted by Italian Booster Club at Burlingame High School
- Constituent meeting regarding authority of Planning Staff and Planning Commission

**Business Outreach for Minimum Wage: first-hand meetings/conversations with Mayor
Beach – list growing daily:**

Burlingame Chamber of Commerce President/CEO

Broadway BID President

Downtown BID President

Downtown DBID Board Meeting

SAMCEDA

San Mateo / Silicon Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau

Northern California Small Business Development Center Restaurant Program Manager

Rocca Restaurant

Sapore Italiano Restaurant

Il Piccolo Caffè

Copenhagen Restaurant

New England Lobster

Putnam Auto

Nuts for Candy

A Runner's Mind

Marriott Hotel

Enterprise Rental Car

Autopride Car Wash

Weimax (2018)

SAMCAR

CAA Tri-County

Maverick Jack's

Any Car Services

Second-hand outreach/data gathering – not personally verified by me:

Starbucks

Supercuts

Preston's

Burlingame Farmer's Market

Istanbul Market

Potpourri

Village Host

Outreach with Elected Officials

Office of County Supervisor Dave Pine and Carole Groom

Elected leaders in San Mateo, Belmont, Redwood City, South San Francisco, East Palo Alto, Millbrae, and Foster City