

AB 617 Steering Committee Meeting Notes

11/16/2021

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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Meeting Objectives

- Consider support for Urban Forestry Project from Port of San Diego
- Learn about the Port of San Diego's updated Vessel Speed Reduction (VSR) program
- Receive update on the Portside Air Quality Improvement and Relief (PAIR) program
- Receive presentation on the Harbor Drive 2.0 project from the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)
- Receive presentation on the statewide Truck Parking Study from California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Meeting Action Items

- Approval of 10/19/21 meeting notes and October meeting agenda
- Approval of letter of support for the Port of San Diego's Urban Forestry Project

Agenda

- I. **Welcoming Remarks (Chuy Flores & Joanny Leyva Co-Facilitators)** 5:00 pm
 - a. Review Meeting Objectives & Agenda
 - b. Roll call Steering Committee (SC) members
 - c. General Updates
 - i. **Helen K. Haase** introduced **Samantha Lui** as the stand-in Navy representative while AC Dumauual is out for another assignment.
 - ii. **Domingo Vigil** gave an overview of the [new SDAPCD website](#) and [Public Participation Plan](#). He also announced an update to the Rule 1210 (Toxics Program) to reduce the cancer risk reduction threshold.
 - iii. **Liliana Nunez** from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) recognized Joy Williams (CSC member) with the 2019 Haagen-Smit Clean Air Award for Community Service and Environmental Justice.
 - iv. SDAPCD will not be holding a Portside CSC meeting in December.
- II. **Approval of 10/19/2021 Meeting Notes and tonight's agenda** 5:10 pm
 - a. **Motion to approve September 2021 Meeting Notes and tonight's agenda with no changes by Maritza Garcia.**
 - i. Seconded by **Elisa Arias**.
 - b. MOTION PASSED unanimously
- III. **Action Item: Support for Urban Forestry Project (Port of San Diego)** 5:15 pm
 - a. Project overview
 - i. [Link to Letter](#)
 - ii. **Larry Hofreiter** and **Lauren Welch** provided an overview of the project.
 - b. Letter of Support request
 - c. **Questions and Comments**
 - i. **Joy Williams** expressed support for the letter and asked about proposed locations for planting the trees.
 - ii. **John Alvarado** asked what type of trees would be planted as part of the project and who will be responsible for their maintenance.
 - (A) **Lauren** responded that all trees will be native and non-invasive species. The

grant for the project includes three years of maintenance on behalf of Urban Core. 10 Torrey Pines and 10 Dawn Redwood trees will be planted.

- iii. **Joy Williams** asked if a location for tree planting has been determined and for the letter to include a stipulation that trees not be planted in areas used for team sports.
 - (A) **Lauren and Larry** shared planting sites have not been designated but are able to add this to the letter.
- d. Vote on letter of support
 - i. Motion to approve the letter of support by **Joy Williams** with the stipulation to preserve green space areas used for active play.
 - (A) Seconded by **Maritza Garcia**
 - ii. MOTION PASSED unanimously

IV. Presentation: Updated Vessel Speed Reduction Program (Port of San Diego) 5:25 pm

- a. [Link to Presentation](#)
- b. **Maggie Webber**, Senior Planner, presented the Port's updated to the VSR Program
- c. Questions and Comments
 - i. **Joy Williams** asked what the current compliance rate for the program is.
 - (A) **Zach Birmingham** responded that as of September, within 20 nautical miles of the port there is 89% compliance and within 40 nautical miles they are at 61%.
 - ii. **John Alvarado** asked if the particulate matter data takes into consideration pollution that comes from north of San Diego, including Long Beach. Is only local pollution being reduced?
 - (A) **Maggie**: The programs vessel speed reduction zone is only within 40 nautical miles of Point Loma. However, the ports in Long Beach and Los Angeles also have their own reduction programs.
 - (B) **Larry**: The figures in the presentation only account for vessels in San Diego.

V. Presentation: Portside Air Quality Improvement and Relief (PAIR) program (EHC) 5:35 pm

- a. [Link to Presentation](#)
- b. **Dominique Navarro** presented EHC's experience with community filter projects and an overview of the PAIR program.
- c. Questions and Comments
 - i. **John Alvarado** shared his experience with filters in his home and asked if the filters in the PAIR program will produce whole home air purification or be limited to single rooms.
 - (A) **Dominique** validated John's concern and shared that EHC is on board for pushing policies that address the root of air pollution. She also stated that the coalition is looking for more funds for more substantial investments.
 - (B) **Nick Cormier** shared that due to limited funds, EHC went with the option that would reach as many families as possible rather than providing entire home filtration. The do not oppose providing multiple filters to one family.
 - (C) **John** stressed the importance of providing efficient filtration for youth and thanked presenters for listening.
 - (D) **Domingo** shared that this program is only one of many steps being taken to improve air quality.
 - ii. **Dr. Stephanie Yoon**: Besides the 3 additional filters that are provided with the machine, do the residents have a way to get discounted additional filters? Are replacement filters very expensive for the model being provided?
 - (A) **Nick**: We are still looking into funding for after the 2 years have lapsed. The cost of the filters is between \$25—\$30 for a six month filter.
 - (B) **Dominique**: There will be an electricity stipend for eligible families.

- VI. Presentation: Harbor Drive 2.0 Project (SANDAG) 6:05 pm**
- a. [Link to Presentation](#)
 - b. **Alex Estrella and Suhasini Natarajan** presented an overview of the concept of operations of the Harbor Drive 2.0 project.
 - c. **Questions and Comments**
 - i. **Silvia Calzada:** What are "traffic bottlenecks"?
 - (A) **Alex:** Traffic bottlenecks occur when there is back up because of things like malfunctioning lights or the design of a facility.
 - ii. **Josephine Talamantez:** What are universal symbols?
 - (A) **Alex:** Symbols like red stop signs that are used in place of language. Their purpose is to reach a larger group.
 - iii. **Joy Williams:** Expressed that she is unsure of the feedback being requested and that the project seems to outline a comprehensive list of pressing issues.
 - (A) **Alex** responded that they want to make sure they capture all community concerns.
 - iv. **Josephine Talamantez** commented that she'd like to see a bridge by Cesar Chavez Park to cross over Harbor Drive similar to the one located in the parking lot of the Hyatt.
 - (A) **John** echoed Josephine's comment and highlighted the danger for young people playing near Harbor Drive. He also called for the need for parking solutions.
 - v. **Montserrat Hernandez** commented that National City also has unsafe connectivity issues to get to Pepper Park.
- VII. Presentation: Statewide Truck Parking Study (Caltrans) 6:25 pm**
- a. [Link to Presentation](#)
 - b. **Ty Manzo and Dan Anderson** presented on the study and called for input from steering committee members.
 - c. **Questions and Comments**
 - i. **Roman Partida Lopez** asked if schools will be compensated for the use of their parking lots.
 - (A) **Dan** responded that this would be up to the state but it still has to be determined if parking and charging at schools is allowed to begin with.
 - (B) **Ty** added that this a great opportunity during after school hours.
 - ii. **Josephine** commented that school parking lots might not be the best because of pollution caused by idling. She does support the truck stops mentioned.
 - (A) **Dan** responded that hopefully the zero emission trucks will be able to help.
 - iii. **Silvia Calzada:** Please consider studying parking space accordingly as it may bring criminal activity or such like it. Unfortunately, unofficial rest stops have brought unwanted activities in the cities.
 - (A) **Ty** highlighted that 1 out every 10 truck drivers is a woman. She shared her own experience as a truck driver and stressed the need for safe spaces for truck drivers to rest.
- VIII. Public Comments (Chuy Flores, Co-Facilitator) 6:45 pm**
- a. Reserved for comments on items not listed on the agenda
 - b. Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes
- IX. Closing Remarks 6:55 pm**
- a. Committee feedback on meeting, future agenda topics
 - i. **Domingo** reminded members that there will be an update regarding whether the December update will be an email or meeting.
- X. Adjourn 7:00 pm**
- Next scheduled meeting is 1/18/2022 Tentatively Virtual Meeting via Zoom*