ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' TRANSPORTATION/PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, April 7, 2025 9:30 a.m.

Supervisor David Haubert, Chair Supervisor Nate Miley

Location: Susan S. Muranishi County Administration Building

Board of Supervisors Chambers 1221 Oak Street, Room 512, 5th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Castro Valley Boulevard Resurfacing & Restriping Project

Attachment Attachment

Daniel Woldesenbet, Director, Public Works Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation and staff report to update the Committee on the Castro Valley Boulevard Resurfacing & Restriping Project.

The Castro Valley Boulevard Resurfacing & Restriping project resurfaced Castro Valley Boulevard from Redwood Road to Five Canyons as part of Alameda County's annual \$10 million roadway resurfacing program.

As part of standard practice, Public Works evaluated opportunities to implement the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan during restriping, since it is more cost effect and efficient to add bike lanes after resurfacing than as a separate project. The boulevard was designated in the plan as a Class 2 bike facility (striped bike lane), prompting Public Works to analyze impacts.

Public Works considered:

- Off-street parking availability (to offset any lost on-street parking).
- Safety requirements, including visibility at intersections (AB 413 daylighting law).
- Preservation of existing restrictions, such as red zones, fire hydrant access, and bus stops.
- Driveway access and sight distances.

Findings concluded that there would be minimal parking loss as most segments retained existing parking, but some on-street spaces were removed to accommodate bike lanes. Public Works concluded losses were reasonable trade-offs for continuous bike safety.

Speakers

Kelly Abreu, Garland Dughi, Matt Turner, Bruce Dughi, Dale Silva, Marc Crawford, Gary Slate and Dan Davini commented on the Castro Valley Boulevard Resurfacing & Restriping Project.

Purpose:		
	Report progress	
\boxtimes	Advocacy or Education	
	Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation	
	Other:	

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. ACTION ITEM: Nomination of Two Privately-Owned Properties to the Alameda County Register of Historic Resources as Landmarks – 16026 Paseo Del Campo and 225 Via Linares in San Lorenzo

Dominic Lucchesi, Planner, Planning Department, Community Development Agency

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Dominic Lucchesi, Planner, Alameda County Planning Department, presented a PowerPoint presentation for the consideration of adding Two Privately-Owned Properties to the Alameda County Register of Historic Resources as Landmarks – 16026 Paseo Del Campo and 225 Via Linares in San Lorenzo.

The nomination process for the two properties to be added to the Alameda County Register of Historic Resources and Landmarks is guided by the Historic Preservation Ordinance established in 2012. It is overseen by the Parks, Recreation & Historical Commission (PRHC). There are four designation categories: Landmark, Structure of Merit, Historic District, Contributing Resource. It requires property owner consent and PRHC public hearing before Board approval.

The landmark properties are in good repair and eligible for Mills Act contracts (property tax relief for preservation). The applications were submitted in December 2024 by property owner and the PRHC held a hearing Feb 6, 2025, voted unanimously to recommend landmark designation.

	This was presented to Eden MAC & Unincorporated Services Committee in March and received support from each body. In addition, the county has received eleven (11) letters of community support.
	Purpose: ☐ Report progress ☐ Advocacy or Education ☐ Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation ☐ Other:
	Recommendation from the Transportation & Planning Committee : Support. Move to the full Board of Supervisors for adoption.
III.	<u>INFORMATIONAL ITEM:</u> Creation of Permit Coordinator position to oversee County Permitting
	David Haubert, President, Board of Supervisors, District 1, and Supervisor Nate Miley, Board of Supervisors District 4, discussed possibly establishing a Permit Coordinator to streamline the county's permitting process.
	The position would coordinate across departments, including Planning, Public Works, Fire, Environmental Health and others but final approvals would remain with existing bodies like the BZA or Planning Commission. It is hopeful that a Coordinator would reduce delays, prevent expired permits that force applicants to reapply/pay fees, and relieve supervisors' staff from excessive constituent service on permitting complaints.
	Speakers
	Kelly Abreu and Marc Crawford commented on the Creation of Permit Coordinator position to oversee County Permitting.
	Purpose: ☐ Report progress ☑ Advocacy or Education ☐ Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation ☐ Other:

Recommendation from the Transportation & Planning Committee: Directed staff to begin drafting a job description in coordination with Human Resources, Community Development Agency, and the County Administrator's Office. Supervisor Miley suggested integrating it into a broader Office of Unincorporated Services discussion, now under study.

IV. <u>INFORMATIONAL ITEM:</u> Understanding using pools and other forms of Water Suppression Systems
Alameda County Fire Department – *Continued to a future meeting*.

V. <u>INFORMATIONAL ITEM:</u> Update on Soil Importation Ordinance

Attachment

Ed Labayog, Code Enforcement Manager, Alameda County, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Soil Importation Ordinance.

The soil importing administrative fee is \$1.29 per cubic yard, \$2,500 collected as a deposit against staff costs inspection, monitoring, enforcement. The balance is reviewed after each project phase; additional deposits may be required or refunds possible if costs are lower than deposits.

The fee supports permit review, project requirements, inspections, responding to complaints, enforcing conditions, issuing fines, and coordinating with agencies (Public Works, Water Board, Fish & Wildlife).

Most other counties require grading permits for soil importing and testing for contamination. Alameda County handles through planning & code enforcement.

Speakers

Kelly Abreu, Chuck Meadows, Chris Higgins, Karen Carey, Cathy Langley and Matt Turner commented on the Soil Importation Ordinance.

Pu	irpose:
	Report progress
\boxtimes	Advocacy or Education
	Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation
	Other:

Recommendation from the Transportation & Planning Committee: The Supervisors requested staff to explore a cap/refund system for compliant applicants and tougher enforcement tools for violators.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly Abreu commented that the cities of Fremont and Dublin have strict rules while conducting meetings, for example elected officials are restricted from being distracted on their cell phones or texting during meetings. Such rules are not required by state law, but they represent higher standards of attentiveness and accountability.

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