

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' TRANSPORTATION/ PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, March 8, 2021
9:30 a.m.

Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair
Supervisor David Haubert

Location: Board of Supervisors Chamber – 5th Floor
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Alameda County Resource Conservation District's Regional Wildfire Mitigation Planning Process [Attachment](#)

Katherine Boxer, CEO, Alameda County Resource Conservation District, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Alameda County Resource Conservation District's Regional Wildfire Mitigation Planning Process.

The Regional Wildfire Mitigation Planning Process goals are to promote and support a collaborative planning and implementation of wildfire resiliency and forest health protection, management, and restoration efforts at the landscape or watershed level. With the convening of several stakeholders, the plan will coordinate and integrate management of wildfire resiliency and forest health protection, management, and restoration efforts at the regional scale.

The process also intends to identify, prioritize, and implement forestry and wildfire protection projects that meet regional and statewide public safety, ecosystem, and public resource goals, and that are consistent with the Forest Carbon Plan.

Speaker

Brenda Morris requested information on the stakeholders meeting.

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education**
- Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation
- Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. Update on technical modification to the East County Area Plan to adopt a Floor Area Ratio of .025 for agricultural buildings in the South Livermore Valley Plan Area, for an amendment to add a definition for "agricultural building" and to prepare a ballot measure to adopt a Floor Area Ratio of .025 for agricultural buildings in other agricultural areas of the County [Attachment](#)

Liz McElligott, Assistant Planning Director, Planning Department, Community Development Agency, presented a staff report to update the Committee on the Technical modification to the East County Area Plan to adopt a Floor Area Ratio of .025 for agricultural buildings in the South Livermore Valley Plan

Area, for an amendment to add a definition for “agricultural building” and to prepare a ballot measure to adopt a Floor Area Ratio of .025 for agricultural buildings in other agricultural areas of the County.

The Measure D Stakeholders Group, comprising members of the public representing a variety of agricultural and environmental interests, met monthly from July 2018 to June 2019 to discuss options for a ballot measure to amend provisions of Measure D without reaching agreement as to the content of a potential ballot measure or whether a ballot measure is necessary to change development restrictions on agricultural properties.

Next Steps

After the Agricultural Advisory Committee has completed their recommendations for the ballot measure language, staff will schedule meetings with the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council, Fairview Municipal Advisory Committee, Sunol Citizens’ Advisory Committee, District 4 Agriculture Committee, and Planning Commission to obtain public input on the proposed amendments. In addition, a full CEQA analysis must be completed before the Board can take action to place the measure on the ballot. The Board would have to vote to approve the measure by November of 2021 to make the March 2022 ballot or by July of 2022 to make the November 2022 ballot.

Speaker

Kelly Abreu stated that this is good for the South Livermore area but not the rest of the unincorporated county.

Purpose:

- Report progress**
- Advocacy or Education
- Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation
- Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

III. Cannabis Operator Permit Application Status Update

[Attachment](#)

Sonia Urzua, Senior Planner, Planning Department, presented a memorandum to update the Committee on the Cannabis Operator Permit Application status.

The memorandum includes information on cannabis permits in the unincorporated County, for purposes of understanding where each applicant stands with their application. Included are the cannabis permit applications received so far are for retailers, cultivators, and delivery services.

There are nine permits for cultivators, four permits for retailers, and only one permit for delivery. Two of the retail operator permits and the one delivery operator permit are located in West County, and the remainder of the permits, cultivators and retailers, are located in East County.

Purpose:

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- Advocacy or Education
- Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation
- Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

IV. Approve a letter of comment on the California High Speed Rail Authority Revised Draft 2020 Business Plan
[Attachment](#)

Marianne Payne, Transportation Specialist, District 1, Board of Supervisors, presented a draft comment letter from the Office of Supervisor David Haubert, that recommends approval of a letter of comment on the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) Revised Draft 2020 Business Plan in support of a recommendation for the Merced-Fresno-Bakersfield Interim Plan that includes collaborative efforts to advance Valley Link for near-term Bay Area connectivity.

The CHSRA Revised Draft 2020 Business Plan identifies that: “Our collaboration with the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority and CalSTA will focus on developing integrated services and connections between state rail systems, including projects such as the Valley Link project that will provide increased connectivity between ACE service from Merced and BART...”

It is recommended that the attached letter be sent during the comment period in support of this collaboration that includes the Valley Link Project as part of the CHSRA Interim Operating Plan.

Speaker

Kelly Abreu stated that this project improves services for San Joaquin County residents and Alameda County taxpayers are taxed for it.

Purpose:

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- Advocacy or Education
- Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation**
- Other:

Recommendation from the Transportation & Planning Committee: **Support. Move to the full Board of Supervisors.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.