

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' TRANSPORTATION/ PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, August 1, 2022
12:00 p.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. Management Partners Presentation on Initial Findings of Phase I – Review, Assessment, and Proposed Next Steps of the Alameda County Permit Process for Public Works Agency, the Planning Department, Fire Department and Environmental Health Department [Attachment](#)

Alameda County leaders have been fielding complaints and comments from elected officials, developers, and other stakeholders about the development approval process. To inform executive leadership and elected officials about possible next steps, the County Administrator engaged Management Partners to document complaint issues about the County's land use and development approval processes.

During the engagement Management Partners interviewed staff across various departments involved in the development review process, some elected officials and five (5) applicants, to identify major themes and issues. The major areas of focus that resulted from the interviews fall into the following categories:

- Overall permitting process
- Project management and lack of interdepartmental coordination
- Inconsistent use of technology
- Inadequate staffing levels in some departments
- Community engagement challenges

Outline of Phase II

- Conducting additional interviews with County staff to obtain more detail about the permitting process, operations, and systems.
- Review of selected files to understand the actual process, timeline, and impediments
- Creating process maps to analyze workflows and identify process bottlenecks
- Assess the management system of the development review process, including technology, training, staffing, communications, and application of best practices.

Speakers

Ann Maris, Kelly Abreu, James Lowder, Chuck Meadows, Eric, Ryan, Ken Carbone, Dr. Larry Gosselin, Marc Crawford, Tyler Dragoni, Jim Campi, Craig Semmelmeier, Karl Wente and Mimi Dean spoke in support of the Management Partners presentation and Initial Findings in Phase I and look forward to Phase II.

Purpose:

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

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

Recommendation from Transportation & Planning Committee: This presentation to be presented to the Board of Supervisors at their Planning Meeting on August 11, 2022

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly Abreu stated that at the November 1, 2021, Transportation & Planning Committee meeting, Melanie Atendido from the County Administrator's Office read the County's responses to items in the Grand Jury Report. The County agreed to develop and implement a Code of Ethics policy, which has yet to be completed and he would like the County to follow up.