



# Environmental Community Investment Agreement (ECIA) Transit & Transportation programs

## *Meeting Minutes*

*Friday, August 24, 2018*

*2:00 pm – 5:00 pm*

Richmond City Hall – Richmond Room I 450 Civic Center Plaza I Richmond, CA 94804

### **Members:**

Eric Anderson – **ECIA Chair**  
Martha Serianz – **ECIA Vice Chair**  
Erica Benita Haywood – **ECIA Committee Member**  
Marena Brown – **ECIA Committee Member**  
Carolyn Douglas – **ECIA Committee Member**  
Jovanka Beckles – **ECIA Council Liaison**

### **Members Present:**

Martha Serianz – **ECIA Vice Chair**  
Marena Brown – **ECIA Committee Member**  
Carolyn Douglas – **ECIA Committee Member**

### **Meeting Agenda:**

- a) Welcome and Introductions.  
Lori Reese-Brown, Project Manager with the City of Richmond called the meeting to order.
- b) Public Comment on any item not on the agenda (*not to exceed 2 minutes per speaker*)  
Speakers:  
Cordell Hindler: invited members to a Zydeco dance event organized by the Commission on Aging on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 10 pm at the Recreation Center. He also shared that he will request the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council to receive a presentation on the First Mile/Last mile plan as well as update the Commission on Aging.
- c) Update/discussion Richmond Intermodal Transportation Strategic Plan (First Mile/Last Mile).  
Alexandra Sweet, Consultant with Nelson\Nygaard and Joshua Meyer with Local Government Commission (LGC) provided an update on the First Mile/Last Mile plan. The plan will identify multimodal strategies to improve access to the Richmond BART, future Ferry terminal, and El Cerrito Del Norte Bart to increase transit ridership and reduce automobile dependence.

Nelson\Nygaard completed an existing conditions analysis, evaluated existing and previous plans in the area, and consolidated ideas into a list of potential projects. Public outreach was conducted to solicit community input, and a list of draft recommendations and strategies was established.

The recommendations will be subject to an evaluation process to rank projects in terms of importance and feasibility. Committee member Carolyn Douglas requested consultants to share examples of feedback received from the outreach and specific strategies which could be used to address stakeholder concerns.

Consultants provided examples of specific strategies which will provide equitable mobility access to all. The final plan will include a list of projects which will make it easier for the community to walk, bike, take public transit, and carpool to various mobility hubs.

d) Action Items: Recommend approval of the amended 2018-2019 ECIA Transportation budget.

Lori Reese-Brown, COR Project Manager provided copies of the ECIA Agreement and the budget to committee members. She also informed the committee members that the budget was presented to City Council for approval before the ECIA committee members had an opportunity to view and approve the budget. As a result, City Manager, Bill Lindsay recommended the budget to return to ECIA committee for review and recommendation to the City Council in amended form.

Committee Member Eric Anderson was not present but shared his concerns about the budget in writing. His concerns were about funding infrastructure projects instead of programs and services. City Staffer Lori Reese-Brown reviewed the language in the ECIA Agreement pertaining to the Community-Based Greenhouse Gas Reduction Programs funding category with a focus on Electric City and Easy Go with a total expenditure of \$18,000,000, and Transportation and Transit Programs with a total expenditure of \$2,750,000.

Lori Reese-Brown discussed each budget line item with the Committee members. City Staffers Patrick Phelan and Tawfic Halaby from the Engineering Department were present to discuss the status of previously funded projects and provide details on funding requests for infrastructure projects for FY 2018-19.

Committee members requested the Engineering department to return to the next meeting with a detailed budget and additional information on the proposed funding request of \$1,200,000 for Traffic Interconnect project.

Motion: To approve all proposed funding requests for FY 2018-19 with the exception and postponement of \$1,200,000 for the Traffic Interconnect project.

Motion By: Committee Member Martha Serianz

Seconded By: Committee Member Marena Brown

Carried.

e) Updates from Staff

City Staffer Misha Kaur from the City Manager's Office provided an update on the Bike Share Capital Program funded by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission

(MTC). An RFP will be released on August 27<sup>th</sup> to solicit competitive proposals to provide a bike share system for the City of Richmond. The City will select a consultant to design, construct, install, operate, and maintain a system of shared bicycles to enhance multimodal mobility for residents, employees, and visitors.

City Staffer Denee Evans from the City Manager's Office provided an update on EVgo Charging Hub Station, National Drive Electric Week celebration, and upgrades to charging infrastructure at the Richmond Art Center.

EVgo is the nation's largest network of public electric vehicle DC fast charging stations. EVgo will provide DC fast charging units in the Richmond library lot, and 41<sup>st</sup> and Macdonald Avenue to increase electric vehicle access and provide job opportunities for the Richmond community. EVgo has partnered with Maven, General Motors' car sharing brand to build a dedicated DC fast charging network for on-demand drivers which will provide carshare and rideshare opportunities for the community.

Denee Evans also invited Committee members to attend the National Drive Electric Week celebration on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 10 am – 1 pm in the Richmond Library parking lot at 325 Civic Center Plaza. The free event will offer an opportunity to test drive electric vehicles, ride electric bikes, and interact with current EV owners about their experience. Nonprofit organizations will also be in attendance to share information about new programs to make EV ownership affordable.

Committee members were also informed of the charging station upgrades at the City of Richmond Art Center. Denee Evans shared that the Richmond Art Center currently offers three charging stations with three charging ports and is undergoing upgrades to offer six charging ports for expanded charging opportunities.

f) ADJOURN

City Staffer Lori Reese-Brown, stated she would poll members for their availability in September for the next meeting.

The ECIA Meeting adjourned at 4:42 pm.