



Energy Commission

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 6:00 PM
North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Commissioner	Appointed by	District
vacant	Ishii	Mayor
Ranney, Sarah	Kesarwani	District 1
LaBonte, Alison	Taplin	District 2
McGuire, Brianna	Bartlett	District 3
Tahara, Daniel	Tregub	District 4
vacant	O'Keefe	District 5
Guliasi, Les	Blackaby	District 6
Kessleman, Misha	Lunaparra	District 7
Binns, Kera	Humbert	District 8
Athanasίου, Mabel	Youth Commissioner	
Syed, Shanza	Youth Commissioner	

2. Public Comment: Comments on subjects not included on the agenda (3-minute limit per individual)

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of Minutes from last meeting (February 26, 2025)
4. **Agenda Check:** Commissioners may rearrange items on the agenda
5. **Update from Chair** (Brianna McGuire)
6. **Update from Staff** (Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

7. **Discussion and Action:** Hear a presentation on the [Measure FF Safe Streets](#) Oversight Committee. Accept nominations now to elect a Commissioner in April to serve on the Committee. (Terrance Davis)
8. **Discussion and Action:** Hear a presentation on the 2025 Energy and Green Code Updates and Reach Code Options and consider potential action. (Kurt Hurley)
9. **Workplan Subcommittee Updates:**
 - a. Building Decarbonization (Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Binns)
 - b. Community-informed Environmental Justice & Climate Metrics and Just Transition, VMT & Workforce (LaBonte, McGuire, Syed)
 - c. Community Outreach (Binns, Athanasiou)
 - d. Climate Emergency Preparedness (Ranney, Kesselman, Syed)
10. **Commission Liaison Reports**
 - a. Planning Commission (Alison LaBonte)
 - b. Transportation and Infrastructure Commission (vacant)
 - c. Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission (vacant)
 - d. Zero Waste Commission (Sarah Ranney and Mabel Athanasiou)
 - e. Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (Les Guliassi)
 - f. Housing Advisory Commission (Kera Binns)
 - g. Council Policy Subcommittees (Brianna McGuire)
11. **Potential Items for Future Agenda**
 - a. Annual Climate Action and Resilience Update (April)
 - b. [Measure FF Safe Streets](#) Oversight Committee Commissioner Elections
 - c. [Green New Deal Council Referral](#)
 - d. Cesar Chavez Landfill
 - e. Transfer Station

INFORMATION ITEMS

12. **Communications**
13. **Announcements from Commissioners**

ADJOURNMENT

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*This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54953. Any member of the public may attend this meeting. Questions regarding this matter may be addressed to Sarah Moore, 510-981-7494, [smoore@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:smoore@berkeleyca.gov).*

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*Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the commission regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at the Planning Department located at 1947 Center Street.*

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I hereby certify that the agenda for this regular/special meeting of the Berkeley City Commission on Commissions was posted at the display case located near the walkway in front of the Maudelle Shirek Building, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, as well as on the City's website.
Sarah Moore, Commission Secretary



Environment & Climate Commission

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION DRAFT MINUTES
Wednesday, February 26, 2025

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

Commissioners Present: Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns, Athanasίου, Syed

Commissioner Leave of Absence: LaBonte

Commissioner Absent:

Staff: Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken

2. Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items):

1 member(s) of the Public

0 comment(s)

3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion/second to approve the January 22, 2025 Minutes (Binns, Athanasίου). The motion carried: 6-0-1-2; **Ayes:** Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Guliasi, Binns, Athanasίου. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** Syed. **Absent:** LaBonte, Kesselman

4. Agenda Check

5. Update from Chair

6. Update from Staff

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

7. Discussion and Action: Annual election of officers [Public Comments: 0]

Motion/second to elect Brianna McGuire as Chair (Binns, Ranney). The motion carried: 8-0-0-1; **Ayes:** Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Guliassi, Kesselman, Binns, Athanasiou, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** LaBonte

Motion/second to elect Alison LaBonte as Vice-Chair (McGuire, Guliassi). The motion carried: 8-0-0-1; **Ayes:** Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Guliassi, Kesselman, Binns, Athanasiou, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** LaBonte

8. Discussion and Action: 2025 Environment & Climate Commission Workplan [Public Comments: 0]

Motion/second to approve the Draft Workplan with minor revisions as discussed (McGuire, Binns). The motion carried: 8-0-0-1; **Ayes:** Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Guliassi, Kesselman, Binns, Athanasiou, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** LaBonte

9. Discussion and Action: Workplan Subcommittee Updates [Public Comments: 0]

Motion/second to conclude the 2024 Subcommittees and establish the 2025 Subcommittees with the appointees listed below (Kesselman, Tahara). The motion carried: 8-0-0-1; **Ayes:** Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Guliassi, Kesselman, Binns, Athanasiou, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** LaBonte

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- f. Housing Advisory Commission (Binns)
- g. Council Policy Subcommittees (McGuire)

11. Potential Items for Future Agenda

- a. [Measure FF Safe Streets](#) Oversight Committee (March)
- b. Reach Codes (March)
- c. Annual Climate Action and Resilience Update (April)
- d. [Green New Deal Council Referral](#)
- e. Cesar Chavez Landfill
- f. Transfer Station
- g. Funding for Building Performance Standard (BPS)

[Public Comments: 0]

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second to adjourn at 6:51 pm (Kesselman, Tahara)

Minutes Approved:

/S/ Sarah Moore, Berkeley Environment & Climate Commission
Secretary

City of Berkeley Measure FF (2024) Implementation

Environment and Climate Commission
March 26, 2025

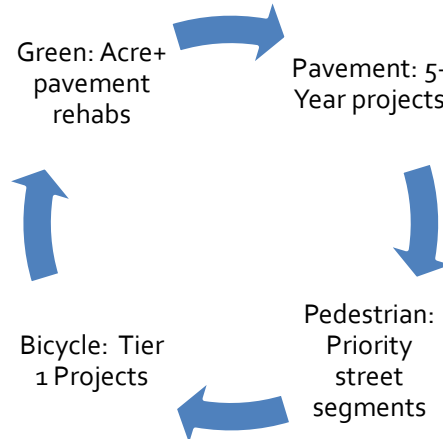


Measure FF Goals



Integrated Planning Framework

- Projects will be guided by existing adopted plans
- Unique opportunity to leverage multiple planning efforts to make complimentary and significant capital improvements



Pavement Plan

Vision Zero Plan

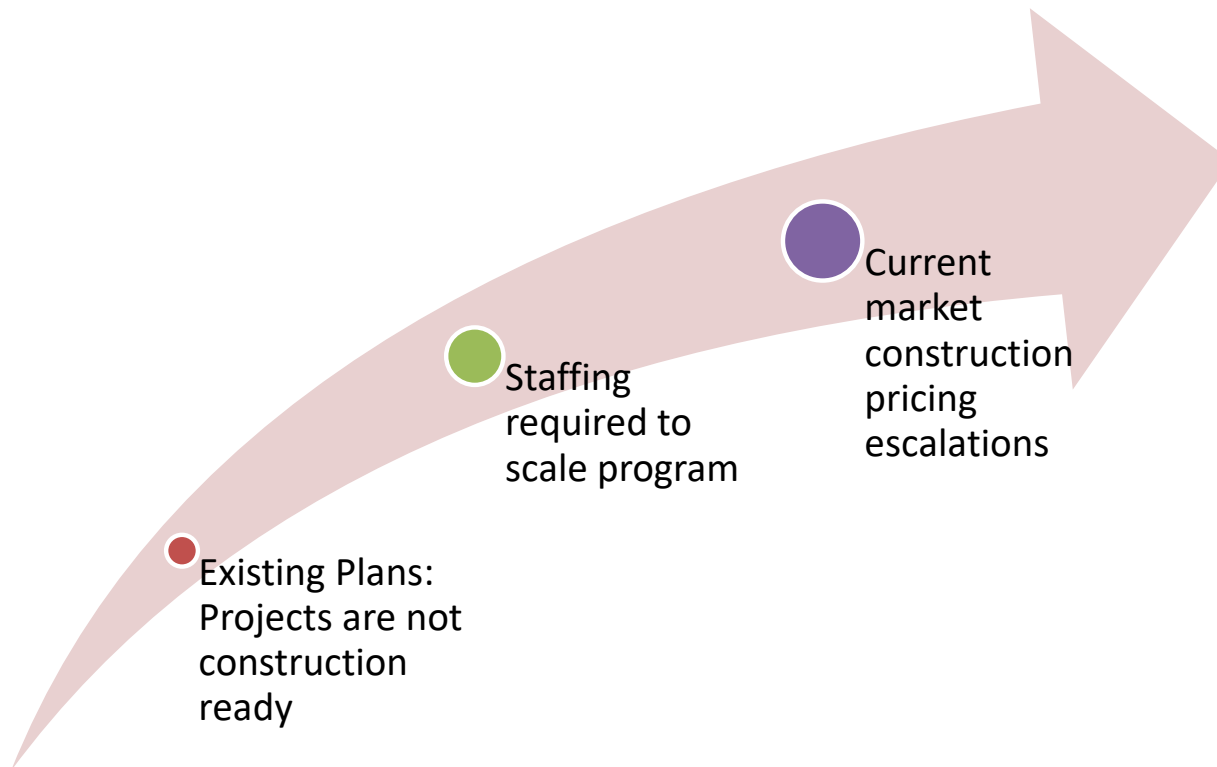
Bike Plan

Green Infrastructure

ADA Transition Plan

General Plan

Program Challenges



Revenue Forecast

- Assessment Rates:
 - Residential: \$0.17/sq ft
 - Non-Residential: \$0.25/sq ft
- Projected revenue over 14 years: \$278M - \$302M

December	Advance – represents 50% special assessments levied on the current roll
March	True-up to actual payments received. December Advance is reversed and offset against actual payments
April	Advance – represents 30.5% special assessments levied on the current roll
June	True-up to actual payments received. April Advance is reversed and offset against actual payments received March to May
August	Payment for June collections

Revenue Forecast, By Year*

YEAR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
CPI	\$15.6	\$16.2	\$16.8	\$17.4	\$18	\$18.6	\$19.3
PIG	\$15.6	\$16.4	\$17.1	\$18	\$18.8	\$19.7	\$20.7

YEAR	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
CPI	\$20	\$20.7	\$21.4	\$22.2	\$23	\$23.8	\$24.7
PIG	\$21.7	\$22.7	\$23.8	\$24.9	\$26.1	\$27.4	\$28.7

CPI: Consumer Price Index

PIG: Personal Income Growth Index

*In Millions

May each year, the City Council may increase the previous year's rate by up to the greater of the cost of living in the immediate San Francisco Bay Area or per capita personal income growth in the state.

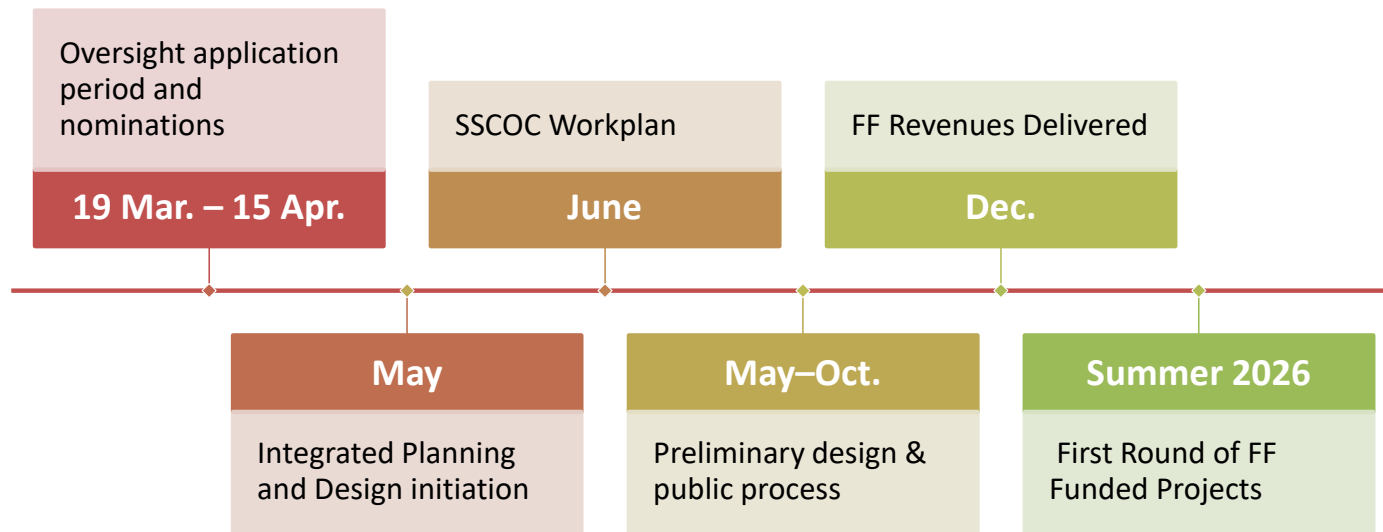
Safe Streets Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC)

- Will oversee expenditures and progress reports
- Ensures compliance and evaluates tax impact
- Composed of seven members
 - Two from Transportation Infrastructure Commission
 - One from Environment and Climate Commission
 - Four At-Large appointed by Council with expertise
 - Civil Engineering
 - Program Infrastructure
 - Municipal Finance/Bonds

Safe Streets Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC)

- Will elect chairperson and one of its members as the vice-chairperson
- City Manager will designate a staff person to serve as secretary
- Meetings:
 - Regular place and time for meeting
 - Noticed as required by law
 - The frequency to be determined by City Council Resolution, but no less than four per year
- The committee may make and alter rules governing its organization and procedures (Workplan)

Key Timelines & Milestones



Questions



Contact:

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More Information:

<https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/our-work/bond-revenue-measures/measure-ff-sidewalk-and-street-repairs-parcel>