

**Emeryville ILC Notes
December 7, 2023
Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and
In Person at Emeryville City Hall, Council Chambers
1333 Park Avenue
Emeryville, CA 94608**

Attendees: Mayor Bauters, Councilmember Kaur, Director Walsh, Director Peeples (arrived 9:47 a.m.)

AC Transit Staff: Tammy Kylo, Robert Del Rosario, Steven Jones, Carissa Lee, Howard Der, Salvador Llamas

Emeryville Staff: Mohamed Alaoui, Amber Evans, April Richardson, Miroo Desai

Meeting called to order 9:31 a.m.

1C. Walsh appreciated the detailed notes from the previous meeting and wanted to thank the person who prepared them. Del Rosario acknowledged Der for his efforts in compiling them. Bauters thanked him for doing so.

2A. Alaoui presented information on Quick Build Solar Lighting for transit stops. The lights are completely solar powered and do not need an electrical connection. Lights were installed recently at two locations on a pilot basis—one at the Emery Go Round stop in front of Hong Kong East Ocean Restaurant in the marina and the other on Hollis at 67th. (Photos of the installations would be provided after the meeting.)

Bauters thanked Emeryville staff for their efforts in getting the pilot installations done.

Walsh asked how the lights activate and where the lights have been deployed outside of Emeryville. Alaoui answered that the lights are activated by push-buttons and the vendor has performed installations have been done across the United States and Canada.

2B. For expediency, Bauters recommended forgoing the Realign presentation and focusing on timeline for next steps. The rest of the committee concurred.

Jones gave an update on upcoming Realign Phase III outreach events. Phase III will conclude on December 13, 2023. There is a workshop at the AC Transit General Office later today. Realign will culminate with implementation in August 2024.

Bauters inquired when changes would be made according to feedback. Del Rosario stated that after the comment period closes on December 13, the project staff will do analysis based on feedback received. AC Transit staff will then bring a revised single proposal to the AC Transit Board on January 24, and follow with a second round of outreach. The formal public hearing on the proposal will be conducted in March, with Board approval set for April.

Walsh asked for a summary of feedback received specifically from Emeryville stakeholders. Lee responded input received included a suggestion to route Line 29 into Emeryville Amtrak and positive feedback for routing it on Alcatraz Avenue. There was substantial feedback on the Line 72 proposals,

which were centered on explaining the proposals and the trade-offs involved. Other feedback included ensuring that the service provided be consistent with the City's investments to improve transit service.

Bauters thanked Lee for the capturing the highlights of the City's feedback and reinforced that Emeryville's commitment to transit improvement projects should be kept in mind.

3A. Lee gave the presentation on service and performance. The attached report presents a high level view of service on a quarterly basis, showing performance on various metrics for routes serving Emeryville. Overall, weekday ridership is about 144,000 or about 72% of pre-pandemic ridership levels. There was an increase in ridership in August with schools coming back in session. On-time performance suffered a little bit as a result with the increased passenger levels, but some of that can also be attributed to traffic. Staff continues to implement reliability fixes to improve the performance measures and to work with the City on projects that benefit transit.

Walsh remarked that the ridership trend continues to look positive and hasn't plateaued yet.

3B. Alaoui gave a verbal update on the 40th Street project. It is at 65% design on Part I of project, with completion by end of year. Part II of the project will kick off at the beginning of 2024 and expected to continue into Fall 2024. Staff continues to aggressively pursue funding for the project due to cost inflation. A website on the project is expected to go live shortly, along with a survey being put online to solicit input on project.

3C. Colin Dentel-Post from ACTC gave a verbal update on San Pablo Corridor project outreach. In early 2024, the project team will be going door-to-door to get input/concerns from businesses to inform design choices. Adjustments to the design will be made based on that feedback. Further outreach efforts include materials at bus stops, social media, and working with CBOs to set up focus groups.

4A. Future agenda items to include Update on Realign Phase IV, 40th Street Project, and Emeryville Amtrak service to San Francisco (placeholder only).

5. Walsh attended the Emeryville Tree Lighting & Pedestrian/Bicycle Parade and had a fun time.

Bauters wished everyone a happy holiday season.

6. Next meeting 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 14, 2024 at Emeryville City Hall. Meeting dates for the rest of 2024 would be June 13, September 12, and December 12.

Bauters indicated he might have a conflict with the June 13 date, and proposed June 6 as an alternative. The committee accepted moving the June meeting date to the 6th.

7. Adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Notes taken by Howard Der