

Berkeley & Emeryville ILC | Meeting Notes

March 19, 2026 | 10:00AM – 11:30AM

City of Berkeley: CM Taplin (Chair), CM Lunaparra

City of Emeryville: Vice Mayor Solomon (online)

AC Transit: Director Walsh, Director Sandhu

New Discussion Items

A. Review ILC Charter

- a. Robert del Rosario, AC Transit, gave presentation
- b. Open Discussion: no public comment, no committee comment

B. Berkeley Water Transportation Pier Ferry

- a. Liza McNulty, City of Berkeley, PM for BWTPF gave presentation
- b. Open Discussion:
 - i. CM Lunaparra: Any plans to increase 51B service to the ferry?
 - ii. Robert: We can definitely explore that. Curious about the parking costs and whether revenue for parking can help with additional transportation service. Noted the bus frequency to Amtrak and Marina
 - iii. Walsh: 450 spots for cars, some bike parking. Can you talk more about the bike parking?
 - iv. Liza: How ferry riders will impact access to recreational parking. We are working on parking plan for year 1. Time limited free parking for recreational visitors and time limited parking for ferry users.
 - v. Liza: Bike Link lockers (25) and open air (25). Open air bike parking at southern tip of Seawall Drive. Identifying more locations depending on demand.
 - vi. CM Taplin: summary of conversations at BCDC?
 - vii. Liza: Will return in May to follow up on some specific projects. Design board interest in specific materials, but this project is focused primarily on overall circulation access for different modes.
 - viii. Taplin: anticipate any late phase funding gaps?

- ix. Liza: Working actively to ID capital funds alongside WETA. No specific construction funding grants as of now.
- x. Sandhu: Hercules wants Ferry, their issue is ocean depth. What is the current depth?
- xi. Liza: ID' a max dredge footprint. 400,000 cubic yards, but anticipate this will be shrunk. Uncertain of amount of depth for an electric vessel. This project is based on depth for non-electric vehicles.
- xii. Sandhu: please be aware of PG&E challenges
- xiii. Liza: PG&E has completed their electric lode study, process is moving forward. Planning for long-term to have solar.
- xiv. Sandhu: What funding do you have right now?
- xv. Liza: Design and Environmental Design is fully funded, shovel ready
- xvi. Sandhu: WETA has their long-term vision plan, and Redwood City line.
- xvii. Lunaparra: Is there currently a Bay Wheels station?
- xviii. Liza: Supposed to have a bikeshare going in along University Ave, actively working on adding more stations as we can.
- xix. Taplin: Extended thanks to Liza and her team

C. Operator Restroom Access

- a. Andy Broadbent, Sr Program Analyst presented on this item
- b. Open Discussion:
 - i. Walsh: I think it's really important that we have operator restrooms. How can our partners help with this?
 - ii. Andy Broadbent: Been able to identify key restrooms through Chamber of Commerce, meeting with business owners to explore options. City of Berkeley has been open to working with us on identifying restroom access.
 - iii. Walsh: Let us know if there are opportunities to coordinate
 - iv. Ryan: Andy is running a brand new program. Finding out what is available to us is important.

- v. Jeff: What's criteria to become a paid provider for a restroom?
- vi. Andy B: A number of restrooms are based on generosity, payment is last option
- vii. Sandhu: OSHA requirements a big part?
- viii. Andy B: No, it's not. Osha is common sense, baseline.

D. Hollis Street Transit Islands

- a. Ryan O' Connell, Engineer, PM for Sustainable Streets Program presented on this item
- b. Open Discussion:
 - i. Walsh: Do we track the impact of these transit improvements to our service.
 - ii. Rob: We can measure this at the dwell time level. Theoretically, did it actually save time?
 - iii. Lunaparra: There isn't enough funding for shelter space. Will it include a bench?
 - iv. Ryan O: Simme seats and solar lighting at poles at bus stops. Low cost solution.
 - v. Walsh: Small footprint
 - vi. Sandhu: Was this funding through the City or some other?
 - vii. Ryan O: Mostly city funded with some SB1 funding

E. Easy Pass

- a. Andy Nern, Manager of Marketing at AC Transit, gave presentation
- b. Open Discussion:
 - i. Walsh: Huge fan of the program. What would it take to get the City of Emeryville on Easy Pass
 - ii. Ryan O: City staff probably over 100
 - iii. Sandhu: When low-income or senior housing is built
 - iv. Andy: Umbrella clients who pass them to Easy Pass program,

- v. Sandhu: County involved, section 8 housing?
- vi. Andy: Not directly but we do have a number of affordable housing
- vii. Sandhu: churches?
- viii. Andy: I don't think we have any partnership with churches
- ix. Rob: Looking at TDM strategies for new developments are good opportunities
- x. Walsh: City of Berk have a requirement?
- xi. Andy: Yes for new developments they do.
- xii. Walsh: Oakland its an option
- xiii. Andy: it's an option. Depends on how stringent the city is with permitting. Berk requires proof that helps us.
- xiv. Rob: For Oakland ILC, there will be a future topic on TDM. Right now requirements are shuttle or work with ACT, vague

Update On Past Items

- A. City of Berkeley Project Updates: Catherine Clark, gave the verbal updates
 - a. AHSC: At the October 2024, AC Transit-City of Berkeley ILC, staff provided an overview of two projects currently in construction that improve bus stops as a result of AHSC grants. In 2024, an affordable housing projects at North Berkeley BART was awarded an AHSC grant. As part of that grant, City of Berkeley will construct bikeway improvements and make upgrades at five bus stops within one mile of North Berkeley BART. We have just initiated that project after receiving the funding agreement and plan to continue coordinating with AC Transit and other transit providers during project design.
 - b. Adeline Quick Build: The Adeline Transportation Improvements Project aims to redesign the roadway on Adeline Street in Berkeley from Ashby Avenue south to the Oakland border. This project follows the Adeline Corridor Specific Plan and City of Berkeley Council Approved 2022 conceptual design to reduce lanes on Adeline Street next to BART and create a plaza to compliment the Ashby BART TOD project. The Adeline Transportation

Improvements Project will create a balanced roadway distribution for various travel modes, evaluate several intersection improvements and potentially create additional public spaces for South Berkeley. The first step of this project is the Adeline Quick Build which will convert one vehicle lane in each direction into a bike lane between Oakland and Ashby BART. It will also make pedestrian improvements at unsignalized crossings and install three bus boarding islands. A virtual community meeting was held in January, and the City anticipates construction by Spring 2027. AC Transit is serving on our Technical Advisory Committee for both projects.

- c. **Berkeley Bike Plan:** The City of Berkeley is undertaking an update to our Bike Plan. The Draft Plan was circulated for public review last summer and can be found at BerkeleyBikePlan.org. AC Transit provided comments as a member of the City's Technical Advisory Committee. The plan was also presented to the City of Berkeley Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Policy Committee on July 16, 2025, at a virtual community meeting on August 19, 2025, and to the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission on August 21, 2025. Staff and consultants have evaluated and integrated public feedback in a Final Bike Plan Update, which is expected to be released in spring 2026. The Final Bike Plan Update plan will be presented to the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission followed by a request for approval by the Berkeley City Council
- d. **Telegraph Multimodal:** This project aims to improve safety, upgrade bicycle lanes, and make transit improvements to Telegraph Avenue from Dwight Way to Woolsey Street to compliment AC Transit's Telegraph Rapid Corridor project. This project would connect with Oakland's Telegraph project but may not ultimately have the same design. On October 28, 2025, Berkeley City Council approved a design that mirrored Oakland's approved design, but with targeted transit improvements around Ashby Ave. Staff and Consultant are refining this design to include more transit infrastructure per Council feedback and are seeing encouraging results that the refinements will result in a net benefit to transit speed and reliability. AC Transit has been a great partner in this project by providing ridership data about the #6 line and its stops in Berkeley. They also participated in multiple Technical Advisory Committee meetings leading up to this point. City of Berkeley will continue to work with AC Transit staff as the project completes its design.

B. City of Emeryville Project Updates

- a. 40th Street Multimodal: Ryan O'Connell gave the verbal update. The 40th Street Multimodal Project is focused on improving safety and mobility along 40th Street and Shellmound Street for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and motorists. This corridor is one of the City's key connections, linking MacArthur BART, the Bay Trail, major employment centers, and the Shellmound shopping district. The project includes dedicated transit lanes to improve bus reliability, a protected two-way bikeway, pedestrian safety improvements, and modifications at select side streets to reduce conflicts and enhance safety. The overall goal is to make the corridor safer and more reliable while maintaining access to homes and businesses. The project recently reached several major milestones. It received federal environmental clearance under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which was required due to the federal funding supporting the project. Shortly thereafter, the Emeryville City Council adopted the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), completing the environmental review process. With both state and federal environmental approvals in place, the project is now able to move forward toward construction bidding. This represents a significant milestone following nearly a decade of planning, technical analysis, and community engagement, and positions the project to enter its final pre-construction phase. The project is supported by approximately \$34.1 million in total funding, including approximately \$31.9 million in state, regional, and federal grant funding. These highly competitive funds were awarded to support projects that improve safety, transit access, and regional connectivity. This is the largest infrastructure project undertaken by the City to date, with only a small portion (6%) funded by local City resources. The corridor supports thousands of daily trips, including commuting, access to transit, and travel to local businesses. The project is designed to improve safety and reliability for these trips while continuing to support access to key destinations, jobs, and essential services in Emeryville. Looking ahead, the City will complete remaining Caltrans coordination processes associated with state and federal funding requirements before moving the project into the bidding phase. Following receipt of bids, the City Council will consider approval of a construction contract. Construction is currently anticipated to begin in late 2026, with completion expected in late 2028. The City will continue to provide updates and coordinate closely with the community and local businesses as the project advances.

- b. Solar Lighting: Ryan O'Connell gave the verbal update. Sustainable Streetscapes construction is winding down with all work estimated to be complete by mid-Spring 2026. As part of this project, 38 solar bus stop lights are being installed at locations throughout the City. About 30 have been installed, and some will be getting new poles installed as we're re-organizing the bus stop area to better support the lighting of the pedestrian zone. Additionally, it should be noted that the Hollis Street transit islands will all be getting these solar lights installed, along with simmeseats.

C. Service Stats

- a. Carissa gave a quick overview. No questions from the committee.

Future Agenda Items

- CM Lunaparra: Would love to hear from AC Transit their plans and interactions with federal immigration authorities so we can relay them to our constituents
- Committee is okay with having standing items and pulling items off consent for discussion
- Director Walsh: Suggestions to put tentative times next to items to give an idea of meeting flow