



Environmental Community Investment Agreement (ECIA) Transit & Transportation Committee

Friday, May 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes

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

ECIA Committee Members:

Steve Birnbaum – Member

Darlene Drapkin - Member

Richmond Johnson - Member

Vacant Seat (4) – ECIA Committee Member

Vacant Seat (5) – ECIA Committee Member

City of Richmond:

Cesar Zepeda – City Council Liaison

Lori Reese-Brown – Staff Liaison, Project Manager II

LaShonda White – Deputy City Manager - Community Services

MEETING AGENDA

1) Welcome and Introductions

LaShonda White, Deputy City Manager with the City of Richmond called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 pm. The following committee members were present, which represented a quorum: Steven Birnbaum, Darlene Drapkin, and Richard Johnson. City Councilmember and Committee Liaison Cesar Zepeda, as well as Lori Reese-Brown, were also present.

2) Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda (2 mins max per speaker)

Two community members from Richmond's Commission on Aging informally spoke to the committee about reallocating budget monies from ECIA Transportation to support the budget for the Commission on Aging. Committee members for ECIA Transit and Transportation voted to table this ITEM and then come back to this ITEM at a later date.

3) Approval of March 18, 2024, ECIA Committee minutes

LaShonda White suggested approval of minutes for March 18th. The committee APPROVED the minutes of March 18, 2024, meeting of ECIA Transit and Transportation.

4) Action Item #1: APPOINT a Chair and Vice Chair

Staff Liaison LaShonda White presented an overview of the election process for the Committee, noting the duties and responsibilities of the Chair and Vice Chair. She noted that the Chair and Vice Chair need to be unanimously approved due to the quorum majority. Liaison White proceeded with the appointment process.

Committee Member Birnbaum nominated Board Member Johnson for Chair. Board Member Johnson accepted. By an anonymous and unanimous 3-count yes vote of the Committee present, Board Member Johnson was approved as the new Committee Chair.

Committee Member Johnson nominated Committee Member Drapkin. Committee Member Drapkin accepted. By an anonymous and unanimous 3-count yes vote of the Committee present, Committee Member Drapkin was approved as the new Vice Chair.

5) Discussion and Action Item #2: Discuss and APPROVE Future ECIA Committee meeting dates

The committee voted to have committee meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month. In addition, the Committee voted to have a special meeting, but the date is **TBD** and will be sent out by, LaShonda White, Deputy City Manager – Community Services.

6) Discussion Item #3: ECIA Transportation past funded projects

Staff Liaison Reese-Brown and LaShonda White presented on these projects. They briefly went over the projects that were funded in past fiscal years. With each project line item, staff explained how each approved budgeted money supported the projects for that fiscal year. They clarified that budgeted money to support each project can fluctuate each year, due to how a project needs to be supported. Committee members had questions about how budgets are allocated for the projects within each fiscal year. Liaison Reese-Brown and White discussed the process of presenting budgets to the Council. Discussion ensued.

7) Discussion Item #4: Discuss new proposed project suggestions and funding opportunities, PROVIDE DIRECTION

Staff Liaison White discussed budgeted project line items for FY 2024/25. White could only discuss First Mile/Last Mile Implementation and the process of allocating this project budget. The Committee decided to discuss other project line items at the Special Meeting due to the in-depth conversation needed for each project line item and also the corium being lost due to one committee member needing to leave.

8) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:07 pm