



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

## Monday, June 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes

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

### ECIA Committee Members:

Steve Birnbaum – Committee Member  
Darlene Drapkin – Vice Chair  
Richard Johnson – Chair  
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 11:07 am. The following committee members were present, which represented a quorum: Steven Birnbaum, Darlene Drapkin, and Richard Johnson. City Councilmember and Committee Liaison Cesar Zepeda was also present, and Staff Liaison Lori Reese-Brown was absent.

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

There were no public speakers.

### 3) Action Item #1: MOTION to move agenda ITEM #3: Approval of May 10, 2024, Committee minutes

Chair Johnson brought forward the motion to swap agenda items, Item #3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES, to Item #4 (a) and move ITEM #4 (a): RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM NOMAD, LLC (dba Via) to Item 3.

### 4) Discussion Item #2: RECEIVE a presentation from NOMAD, LLC (dba Via) to PROVIDE background and updates for Richmond Moves on-demand shuttle program

A staff representative from NOMAD, LLC provided a high-level overview of the collaboration with the City. They highlighted the benefits of shared rides and the percentage of shared rides for the month of April and the difference between the prior months. Discussion led to NOMAD on how they balance pushing riders to shared rides with providing a high-quality service. For example, they don't detour short rides in an unreasonable manner to group riders with other passengers. In addition, they discussed the environmental impact of the service, they are moving some people from a single occupancy gas vehicle to an EV. Staff was able to discuss upcoming events in collaboration with the City, discussion ensued committee members requesting information about the upcoming event.

**5) Action Item #3: APPROVAL of May 10, 2024, ECIA Committee minutes**

LaShonda White suggested approval of minutes for May 10<sup>th</sup>. The committee APPROVED the minutes of May 10, 2024, meeting of ECIA Transit and Transportation.

**6) Discussion Item #4: Discuss City's current budget proposal and use of ECIA funds**

With the committee losing quorum with the discussion item in , Staff Liaison White was able to continue the discussion on budgeted project line items for FY 2024/25. With each project line item, staff explained how each project will be supported during FY 2024/25. They clarified the difference between the Paratransit and Richmond Moves services and the cost-analysis based on funding for each of these projects. Discussion continued about the remainder project line items for FY 24/25, committee was satisfied with the use of funds of FY 24/25.

**7) Discussion Item #5: Discuss grant writers and grant available for transportation**

Staff Liaison White updated the committee about RFQ releases that support "On-Call" Grant writers for departments and boards within the City. Discussion ensued where the committee asked explicit questions to understand the focus areas for the "On-Call" grant writers and applying for grants.

**8) Discussion Item #6: Discuss future AGENDA topics and presentations**

Chair Johnson and committee members discussed the option of having outside local and private agencies to come and speak with the committee to gain a better understanding of opportunities that align with the goals of the ECIA Transit and Transportation section.

**9) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:01 pm