

City/Port Liaison Committee Minutes

March 16, 2001

The City/Port Liaison Committee meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Councilmember Spees on Friday, March 16, 2001 at 8:00 a.m. in the Port of Oakland's Board Room located at 530 Water Street in Oakland, California.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Councilmember & Co-Chair Dick Spees, Councilmember Nadel, Councilmember Larry Reid, Councilmember De La Fuente Assistant City Manager Dolores Blanchard, and a representative from the City Attorney's Office.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Commissioner & Co-Chair John Protopappas, Commissioner Kramer, Commissioner Ayers-Johnson, Executive Director Charles Foster, a representative from the Port Attorney's office and the Secretary of the Board.

ITEM 1 DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS

1-A: APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY: The City/Port Liaison Committee, by consensus, approved the February 16, 2001 Meeting Summary

1-B: DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS: The City/Port Liaison Committee, by consensus, rescheduled and approved the April 27, 2001 meeting and pending list.

APRIL 27, 2001

1. A report by the Port of Oakland on a proposed public art policy
2. A report by the City of Oakland on its plans for development of the Broadway Corridor
3. Report by the City of Oakland on the City's redevelopment plans for West of Maritime Street on the Oakland Army Base
4. A follow-up report from the Port of Oakland on the status of the Site B Development Parking Mitigation Project
5. A follow-up discussion on the City/Port Liaison Committee vision and workplan for 2001
6. A report by the City of Oakland on the proposed banner themes for Hegenberger Road between Edgewater Drive and Doolittle
7. A status update from the Port of Oakland and City of Oakland on truck studies, plans, activities and mitigation efforts

MAY 18, 2001

1. Hotel Development Task Force

JUNE 22, 2001

1. Report by the City of Oakland on its plans for the relocation of the Police Station
2. Report by the City of Oakland on the storm water system and the new state requirements
3. A report by the City of Oakland and the Port of Oakland on the status of the waterfront pathway from Jack London Square to the Oakland International Airport
4. An update report on the City of Oakland and the Port of Oakland efforts to incorporate existing West Oakland Maritime related trucking businesses as part of the Oakland Army Base Master Reuse Development Program.
5. Report by the City of Oakland, the Port of Oakland on the status of Embarcadero Street improvements (UPI Agreement)
6. Report by the City of Oakland on the efforts to address the Webster Street intersection and crosswalk
7. A status update from the Port of Oakland and City of Oakland on truck studies, plans, activities and mitigation efforts

PENDING/NO SPECIFIC DATE/FOR SCHEDULING

1. Report by the City of Oakland on the proposed military academy

2. A report by the City of Oakland on the structure, purpose and goals of the Port Social Justice Fund, detailing the budget that is being issued to implement the hiring of Oakland residents into apprenticeship positions and describing the success rate of the program to date

ITEM 2: REPORT BY THE PORT OF OAKLAND AND THE CITY OF OAKLAND ON THE BART-OAKLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONNECTOR

Port Staff presented an overview and history of the current AirBART system.

A presentation was made to the committee on the proposed Automated Guideway Transit (AGT) alternative - Airport Connector.

Within its first year of operation, the BART Connector is expected to serve up to 1 million passengers.

There is an existing steering committee comprised of City, Port, and Chamber Governmental Affairs staff that have been assigned to work on planning and design of the project and to strategize on seeking funding for the project.

The funding gap is currently \$78 million dollars and one of the primary goals is to get the Connector incorporated into the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Regional Transit Plan (RTP).

There was a brief discussion and confirmation of the inclusion of the two intermediate stops.

BART staff provided information on the environmental process and the timeline of the Connector project. The release of the administrative draft of the EIR/EIS will be submitted at the end of March to the Federal Transportation Administration.

This report will be released to the public in early June followed by public hearings.

After the public comment period, public comments and suggestions will be considered for the incorporation into the final draft of recommendations to the BART Board of Directors in late September.

The environmental discussion was followed by a discussion of the configuration design options: 1) Single loop system; or 2) Dual lane pinch loop system.

Both options were discussed in detail including cost, headway and long-term expansion capabilities.

The Dual lane pinch loop system is the most feasible option and is estimated in 2001 dollars to be \$232 million including the two stops and \$260 million in inflated 2004 dollars.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was one public speaker on this item:

1. Jaime Henderson, Oakland Chamber of Commerce

The report was accepted by consensus.

ITEM 3: REPORT BY THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON THE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Port staff provided a brief history and update on the progress of the ADP construction. The proposed date to begin construction is estimated for January 2003.

The ADP project includes the expansion of the airport terminal and parking area, Federal Express Metroplex and the North Field roadway.

The concept of the terminal expansion will expand Terminal 1 by 12 additional gates and a central concession area.

There will be a 6000 space-parking garage that includes space for rental car pick up and drop-off on the ground level.

There will be a central concession area that will accommodate more options for food, retail and tourist needs.

The concept plan for the ADP will be presented to the Port of Oakland Commissioners in June. Once approved by the Commission, the design plan is estimated to begin late spring or the summer of 2001. The project is expected to break ground in 2002 with the beginning of construction on Phase I. The projected timeline of completion is estimated as an 8-year project. Total budget estimates for the project is approximately \$1.4 billion.

Chairman Spees questioned of the seismic safety of the new construction. Port staff commented that the new construction would be adequate; however, the runways are questionable at this point.

Staff provided additional information regarding the runway development stating that the new runway will be under construction beginning this summer (two-week project). The cost of the project is \$6 million.

Port staff also commented that the airport is at capacity of 14 million passengers a year and will serve 16-18 million passengers after the expansion plan in completed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was one public speaker on this item:

1. Sandy Waters, Kaiser Air

The report was accepted by consensus.

ITEM 4: A REPORT BY THE CITY OF OAKLAND ON ITS DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE HEGENBERGER GATEWAY AREA

City Staff provided an overview on the construction plan for the Hegenberger project.

The project is moving forward and construction will begin in late May or June of 2001 and completion is estimated for October 2001.

There has been an ongoing joint effort by City, Port and BART staffs to discuss funding strategies and the design concept.

Councilmember De La Fuente questioned the improvement costs of the medians. Inquiries of whether or not the planted trees in the medians would exist long-term and not be removed once the Connector was on line.

Staff commented that the planted trees would not be displaced due to the Connector.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public speakers on this item.

The report was accepted by consensus.

ITEM 5: A STATUS REPORT FROM THE PORT OF OAKLAND AND THE CITY OF OAKLAND ON TRUCK STUDIES, PLANS, ACTIVITIES AND MITIGATION EFFORTS

Port staff presented a brief update on the status of the truck studies report. The final report is behind schedule and is expected to be complete by the end of March and a report will be provided at the June meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was one public speaker on this item:

1. Steve Lowe, WOCA

The report was accepted by consensus.

ITEM 6: AN ORAL REPORT BY THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT LOBBYING EFFORTS AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS

Staff from the Port presented an overview of the various legislative lobbyists at both the state and federal levels.

Staff reported that lobbying efforts have commenced at the state level in partnership with the Oakland Chamber of Commerce who met with members of the Bay Area Delegation. Port Governmental Affairs Manager has met with Senator Tom Torlakson to discuss the various priority projects and funding needs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public speakers on this item.

The report was accepted by consensus.

ITEM 7: OPEN FORUM

There was one speaker on this item:

1. Steve Lowe, WOCA

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.