

CITY/PORT LIAISON COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
October 18, 2002

The City/Port Liaison Committee meeting was called to order by Co-Chair & Councilman Dick Spees at 8:04 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, Councilwoman Nancy Nadel, Council President Ignacio De La Fuente, Community and Economic Development Agency Director William Claggett, and Deputy City Attorney Curtis Kidder

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Vice-Mayor Larry Reid

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioner & Co-Chair Frank Kiang, Commissioner Darlene Ayers-Johnson, Commissioner Phil Tagami, Executive Director Tay Yoshitani, Port Attorney Vivian O'Neal and serving as Secretary, Port Government Affairs Manager Eve Grossman-Bukowski

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

ITEM 1: DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS

1-A: APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY: The City/Port Liaison Committee, by consensus, approved the September 20, 2002 meeting summary.

1-B: DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS: The Committee asked to add one additional item for the November 15 meeting – a joint City and Port report on strategies to gain state approval of the Army Base conveyance. Subsequent to the meeting, staff indicated that additional time would be necessary to prepare this report. It was agreed that it would be calendared for the January 17, 2003 meeting. Port staff also committed to preparing a report for the January 17, 2003 meeting that includes the environmental issues identified in Councilwoman Nadel's July City Council Rules Committee request. Also, staff agreed to prepare a proposed work-plan for the coming year to be discussed at the November 15 meeting.

December 20, 2002 Meeting: Cancel meeting due to winter holiday

January 17, 2003 Meeting:

- A report by the Port of Oakland on its annual environmental report, including a status report on various air quality environmental activities
- A report by the City of Oakland and the Port of Oakland on strategies to gain state approval of the Oakland Army Base conveyance

Pending List:

- A report by the City of Oakland on city-wide security and emergency response plans
- A report by the City of Oakland on commercial real estate development in Oakland

ITEM 2: A REPORT BY THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON EFFORTS TO CONSTRUCT NEW ON-RAMPS ON I-880 NEAR 5TH AVENUE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CALTRANS SEISMIC RETROFIT PROJECT

City staff presented a joint City and Port report on efforts to construct new freeway on and off ramps that would improve access between I880 and downtown Oakland, including the Jack London District and the proposed Oak to Ninth development. Staff described a concept plan as well as efforts to conduct and fund a study that would be required for such a project. Staff described the Caltrans seismic retrofit project and possible synergies between the Caltrans project and a on-ramp/off-ramp project.

Councilwoman Nadel said there is a need for Oakland to work closely with Caltrans. She also asked if there are any other improvements planned in this vicinity. City staff responded by saying that there is a Alameda County Congestion Management Agency deficiency plan approved by Oakland that has a number of improvements designed to improve traffic flow in the area.

Public Comment:

There were no public speakers.

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 3: AN INFORMATIONAL FOLLOW-UP REPORT BY THE CITY OF OAKLAND ON THE OAKLAND ARMY BASE CONVEYANCE

OBRA staff presented an informational report that described actions that led up to the September 30th OBRA – Army agreements for the conveyance and clean-up of the Oakland Army Base. OBRA staff also described future actions required to complete the conveyance process, including obtaining state of California approval.

Councilman Spees asked what type of state of California approvals would be necessary to complete the conveyance. He also asked that staff come back to inform the committee on the strategies planned to gain approval of the conveyance in Sacramento.

Staff responded by describing the steps necessary to complete the conveyance, including gaining approvals from the State Lands Commission, the Legislature and the Governor. Staff

agreed to come back to the committee with a detailed strategy plan to obtain such approvals.

Public Comment:

There were no public speaker.

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 4: A REPORT BY THE WATER TRANSIT AUTHORITY ON INITIATIVES RELATING TO FERRY SERVICE AND PROGRESS ON FUNDING REQUESTS

Tom Bertken, CEO of the Water Transit Authority, presented the WTA's plan to expand service and routes for ferry service on the San Francisco Bay. Mr. Bertken stated that the WTA will present their Implementation and Operations Plan entitled *A Strategy to Reduce Traffic Congestion and Improve Air Quality* to the California Legislature in December. Mr. Bertken asked for Port and City support for their plan.

Commissioner Kiang asked about the financial problems of the current ferry system. He said that before a new elaborate plan for expanded ferry service goes forward, we should make sure that the current ferry system remains operational. Ernest Sanchez from the Oakland/Alameda JPA indicated that the Blue & Gold Ferry operators recently made an application to the state PUC regarding abandoning service. He said that the City of Alameda and the Port submitted protests to this application and that he hoped the situation could be resolved in the next few weeks.

Commissioner Tagami said that Oakland should find ways to support expansion of the San Francisco Bay ferry system and suggested that members of the committee forward their written comments to the WTA.

Public Comment:

There were no public speakers.

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 5: OPEN FORUM

There were no public speakers:

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.