



**Design Review Board
Meeting Minutes - Draft**

Thursday, November 4, 2021

4:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Board Member John McHugh, Board Member Adam Sharron, Board Member Drew Weigl, Board Member Henry Wix, and Board Member Sheila Wolski

Absent 2 - Board Member Michael Burch, and Board Member Warren Hedgpeth

2. STUDY SESSION

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 7, 2021 - Draft Minutes

Approved as submitted.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

5.1 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Chair Weigl read aloud the Statement of Purpose.

5.2 BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

None.

5.3 OTHER (i.e. VICE CHAIR ELECTION, NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS)

None.

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Amy Nicholson, Staff Liaison, presented.

7. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION

None.

8. CONSENT ITEMS

None.

9. SCHEDULED ITEMS

- 9.1 Highway 101 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing
Over Highway 101 connecting Edwards and Elliott Avenues

BACKGROUND: Construct a Class I ADA accessible and mode-separated bicycle and pedestrian bridge over Highway 101

PRESENTED BY: Amy Nicholson, Senior Planner - Planning and Economic Development
Grant Bailey, Supervising Engineer - Transportation and Public Works
Grant Bailey and consultants presented.

Steve Soldis shared concerns regarding project.

David Harris shared concerns regarding project.

Frank Haeg shared concerns regarding the project.

Dylan Trindell spoke in support of the project and shared concerns.

Willard Richards spoke in support of the project.

Julia Donoho spoke in support of the project and shared concerns.

Elizabeth Ridlington spoke in support of the project.

Thomas Elles shared concerns regarding the project.

Alicia Wray shared concerns regarding the project.

Gina Huntsinger spoke in favor of the project and shared concerns.

Jack Swarengen spoke regarding the project.

Jenny Bard spoke in favor of the project.

James Berger spoke in favor of the project.

John Sutter spoke in favor of the project.

Staff Liaison shared a summary of additional late correspondence received.

Staff and consultants responded to Board questions.

Summarized Board Comments:

Great iteration from before, glad to see its moving forward with funding and schedule. Strong statement, beautiful for motorists, a masterful solution and artful. Supportive of single-cabled stayed structure; beautiful statement for City. Light contemporary design a good direction to go. Would like to keep bridge as clean and light as possible for users of over-crossing and open for views. Like alignment and fractured. Likes that there is enough transparency to see the beauty of hillsides. Likes off-set pylon, very aesthetically pleasing and clean.

The bridge as its stands is public art, but other great opportunities for could be at landings and under structure, maybe being affixed to the walls. Want to make sure the art on the bridge do not distract. Could have Peanuts character using bridge (statue) but understands CalTrans complications. Should be community, youth driven, including SRJC. Bridge is contemporary but does reference our history: wide lens of public art: including - indigenous communities, can be educational.

Signage is important. Likes revised landings, makes it safer. The non-glare lighting across the bridge for safety but allows views. Likes subtle separation from bike and ped. Edwards side update - great solution. Will slow people down. Large curb cuts and pavement lighting will make pedestrian and cyclists more apparent.

Like the landscaping selection, as well as the meandering sidewalk. Would like to see reduction of 10" fence to 42" guard rail, as well as a more elegant end to fencing. If this comes back to DRB, would like to see public art and solution to fencing, as well as Elliot Landing.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Weigl adjourned the meeting at 7:02 P.M.

Approved on: December 16, 2021

Michelle Montoya, Recording Secretary