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**North Fair Oaks Community Council
 Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, June 23, 2016
 7:00 p.m.**

Fair Oaks Community Center Classroom 1, 2600 Middlefield Road, Redwood City

Issue	Discussion	Decision/ Next Step/Action
Roll Call	Present: Rafael Avendano, Mary Martinez, Laura Caplan, Linda Lopez, Dale Miller, Everardo Rodriguez, Diane Zermeno, and Emily Cordova Absent: Beatriz Cerrillo, Esperanza Vasquez	
Public Comment	Heather Peters, representing the San Mateo Department of Housing, gave an update on the Middlefield Junction. The Department of Housing issued a RFP- request for proposal- for a planner. Once a planner is hired, the Department of Housing will conduct robust public outreach.	
Approval of Minutes	Minutes for the NFOCC meetings dated May 28, 2016. Councilmember Linda Lopez made a motion to approve the May 28, 2016 minutes. Councilmember Dale Miller seconded the motion. Councilmembers Rafael Avendano, Mary Martinez, Laura Caplan, Linda Lopez, Diane Zermeno, Emily Cordova, Dale Miller, and Everardo Rodriguez approved the minutes.	

<p>Presentation on the Dumbarton Transportation Corridor Study</p>	<p>Melisa Reggiardo, SamTrans’ spokeswoman, provided the following information:</p> <p>Melisa prefaced her presentation by informing the public and council the information presented is available on SamTrans’ website.</p> <p>A SamTrans study has found the largest problem, in regards to traffic congestion, to be a growth imbalance, or job-housing imbalance due to employment hotspots:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -79% of morning trips head West, while 21% drive East -Reverse trends coincide in the afternoon <p>Trends today are projected to continue; the Bay Area is experiencing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -job growth -increased congestion -a growing job-housing imbalance <p>SamTrans is geared to manage a study for a 15-month schedule.</p> <p>The study will focus on short term (2020s) and long term (2030s) improvements and phasing. The goals of the study are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study and consider operational and capital improvements • Work with regional partners (such as Facebook) to expedite improvements • Assess how the rail bridge may be used • Make effective use of transportation assets <p>SamTrans will ensure all actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ are in accordance with Title VI Measures ○ correlate with average peak traffic times, persons throughout ○ will consider net capital costs and qualitative risk scores ○ take caution to avoid disproportionate burden and disparate impacts <p>Study will consider an array of short and long term improvements.</p> <p>Some ideas for short term improvements are bus only turn laws, metering lights, and visible speed limits. Some long term improvements hope to be bus lanes, added general purpose lanes, autonomous vehicles/buses, and personal rapid transit. Any alternations on the rail bridge would require long term plans.</p> <p>The next steps are to:</p>	
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- 1) Screen initial alternatives
- 2) Further study short list alternatives
- 3) Develop financial plan
- 4) Consider public/private partnerships
- 5) Recommend phasing

The following are Outreach Milestones:

- May 2016: Existing conditions, project goods and materials, initial alternatives
- September 2016: initial alternatives screening, alternatives carried forward
- April 2017: Evaluation of alternatives carried forward, funding planning, phasing plan

If one has a question or comment they wish to share, all are invited to stakeholder/public meetings. If one has a specific question, their website contains information on the study, www.samtrans.com/DBCstudy. To contact Melisa directly, email her at reggiardom@samtrans.com or call Melisa at 650-508-6283, or mail her at:

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SamTrans is happy to hear from anyone.

Public Comment: Henry Riggs, citizen of Menlo Park, asked to what degree will the study investigate the possibility of using existing infrastructure, or lighter equipment.

John Wedell, citizen of Menlo Park, agreed that a rail system needs to be put into place to alleviate traffic. John then recommended a H.O.V. lane be added to 101 to alleviate congestion.

Mary Cody, citizen of the unincorporated part of Menlo Park, voiced a concern about construction noise and train noise lowering the quality of life in North Fair Oaks. Mary then question Facebook's partiality in funding the project.

Isabella Chew, citizen, expressed enthusiasm about the project. Isabella recommended valet-parking for those who want to bike, and advocated a light rail system that would both alleviate noise and give biking and walking preference.

Barry Ferrier, citizen of Union City, recommended the Dumbarton Rail Advisory Committee and the Citizen Advisory Committee be involved in the decision making. Barry believes the goal should be to alleviate congestion for both sides of the Bay, and both sides of the Bay be

properly informed.

Councilmember Everado Rodriguez suggested the contact information be distributed, in some way, to the public. Melisa said she could save the information to the desktop projection for all to see, even after she leaves.

Councilmember Laura Caplan asked if a timeframe for the development of a bike/pedestrian path was already decided. Melisa said no decision has been made for a bike/pedestrian path, though the design phase and environmental considerations involved in the study will inform that process. Councilmember Laura Caplan then asked if the study is broad enough to include approach improvements, especially Marsh Road. Melisa said absolutely, and that the approaches might be more impactful than the work done on the bridge.

Councilmember Dale Miller asked if a discussion has taken place about a possible station that could interface with a future bullet train. Melisa responded possibly, that it would be a discussion left for the next phase of planning, specifically an issue reserved to conceptual engineering analysis. Councilmember Dale Miller asked if she could explain "personal rapid transit." Melisa said it was not a well known mode of transportation, but as part of this study, SamTrans was doing their due diligence and looking at all possibilities.

Councilmember Everado Rodriguez asked where the money has come from, and where it will come from. Melisa said the study is funded by Facebook and the future funding of the project—either public or private—will be one of the most important discussions that will take place in a future phase. Councilmember Everado Rodriguez expressed concern over failed projects due to lack of funding.

Chair Rafael asked how the public will be informed, from youth to seniors. Melisa said old and young can go to any public meetings, as well as contact her anytime through the previous information provided. Melisa conceded SamTrans did not target specific age cohorts in their outreach; their aim was to get the population residing in those areas to come out.

Councilmember Linda Lopez asked for a reminder of what will happen in September. Melisa reminded the next milestone in the study will be reached in September, which will be the time when SamTrans makes the decision on what to study further. Councilmember Lopez then asked if Facebook has provided funding and if they have provided a plan. Melisa confirmed Facebook has provided funding, but they have

	<p>not provided a plan- Facebook is solely a study partner. Councilmember Lopez asked a third question of whether bike lanes will be included in the plans. Melisa responded that yes, their study does look at that, both: bike lanes in the right away and possibly bike lanes on the light rail system. Councilmember Linda Lopez commented and recommended that the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition be included in the process. Councilmember Linda Lopez followed up and asked what outreach efforts are being done in the East Bay. Melisa assured that whenever a milestone meeting is being held on the Peninsula, one is being held in the East Bay. For her final question, Councilmember Linda Lopez asked if hard copies of the PowerPoint were available. Melisa said there were not, but the information is up on the website, or Melisa could email the PowerPoint directly to whomever.</p> <p>Councilmember Diane Zermeno asked to what extent the project will alleviate the job-housing imbalance. Melisa confirmed a model will be made in the following steps to estimate the impact the project will have on critical issues, such as the job-housing imbalance.</p> <p>In response to the public’s questions, Melisa said options using existing infrastructure, such as Caltrain light trains, will be looked at. However, any alterations to achieve long term goals will require the rehab of the rail bridge.</p> <p>Melisa assured that the project is not solidified; all options are still being considered.</p> <p>Melisa assured Facebook’s impartiality, saying SamTrans is proceeding as if Facebook wasn’t a partner. Their opinions are not being take into consideration.</p> <p>Melisa said SamTrans is aware of the noise consequences that come from developing a new transit, and that the problem will be further investigated in any subsequent decisions.</p> <p>Melisa believes their study has not reached the point of considering bike cars, but they of course want to be conscious of what makes use easier; valet-parking for bikes will certainly be a factor in later analysis.</p> <p>In regards to involving the Citizen Advisory Committee, Melisa welcomes anyone to forward the information to whomever they believe can provide insight.</p>	
<p>Supervisor’s Report</p>	<p>Irving Torres, Office of Supervisor Warren Slocum, provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 175 people attended the fourth annual NFO Clean Up event, including councilmembers Dale Miller, Laura Caplan, Esperanza Vazquez, and a pair of partner organizations: Sequoia High School and the NFO Youth Initiative. Together they collected over 6,000 pounds of garbage in the North Fair Oaks community. Irving expressed his and Supervisor Slocum’s 	

	<p>thanks to all those who help better the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On June 11 the third annual Bike Rodeo was held and had 180 participants. Bike helmets and bikes were given away, and resource booths were available for all. Thanks are warranted to the California Highway patrol, the Sheriff’s Office, the Office of Sustainability, Chair Rafael and the Siena Youth Center and their Bulldog Riders. • San Mateo County has worked to create a new app to help Dad’s spend time with their children by helping them locate nearby parks, providing parenting tips, and share event calendars. It is called SMCDads Mobile App, available through Android and IOS. • On April 7, there was a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting that approved the Preferred Plans in Concept and the request for the Impact Study, which will begin in late August. The next steps are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The selection of a consulting firm that will conclude the environmental impact review 2) Identify the key areas of noise, traffic, and parking <p>The Parks want to inform the Council that Parks have met with a couple of neighbors who reside on the Del Norte side of the park to further dialogue and outreach.</p> <p>Chair Rafael Avendano asked if Irving could inform the council on the vote of the Park’s meeting. Irving did not have the official numbers. Chair Rafael Avendano wanted to emphasize to the council their recommendation was approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FAA approved an alternative flight route, in addressing noise complaints by afflicted neighborhoods. A six-month pilot program is underway. Irving will provide a report to the council in the following days to provide more information about developments. <p>Councilmember Linda Lopez asked how the FAA report impacts NFO. Irving reminded Councilmember Lopez about the noise complaints from neighborhoods, and how discussions have taken place on how to mitigate the noise. Councilmember Lopez asked when it would be the program would be implemented. Irving responded it will begin on July 5.</p> 	
<p>Deputy County Manager’s Report</p>	<p>Mike Callagy, Deputy County Manager, provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reminder to all of the upcoming Zoning Workgroup Meeting on July 6 at 6:30 at the Siena Youth Center. It will be a great opportunity to get feedback from the community on how to 	

go about fixing El Camino and 5th Avenue. Mike thanked Rafael and Sister Cristina for the use of the Siena Youth Center and their parking lot.

Councilmember Linda Lopez clarified the meeting was a part of the phase 2 of the zoning master plan, running from El Camino and 5th to the Target.

- An update on the Code Compliance and their Manager position: there are 17 applicants, and they will be vetting those applicants and conducting interviews late next week in the hope of picking anew Code-Compliance Manager within the next two weeks.
- Mike wanted to recognize the newest member of their staff, Maggie Cornejo. Maggie introduced herself, saying she is a graduate from San Jose State with a double major in Political Science and Spanish. Maggie grew up in NFO for her first ten years, and is glad to be back working in her first home community. Mike congratulated her and commended Maggie on her achievements, highlighting her spirit and knowledge of the are.

Councilmember Linda Lopez asked Mike what the state of the Steering Committee was. Mike said traffic studies are still being conducted, and, as soon as results are in, he will reconvene to discuss how to move the project along efficiently. As of current, weekly meetings are being held, and when developments are made, Mike will report to the Council. Councilmember Lopez asked if a definite date is set for a future plan, and Mike responded that as of this time, no, there is not.

Chair Rafael asked if a newsfeed was available to follow the development of this project. Mike agreed the information needs to be disseminated, but there is not a newsfeed. If asked, Mike would be happy to email any information to Chair Rafael, and he can post it on a bilingual website to inform their constituents.

- An update on the parking lot on Middlefield Road: there was an option by the seller to extend the project by 30 days, which was exercised; some conceptual designs for the parking lot itself are being looked at.

Councilmember Linda Lopez asked what is the connection between what was just reported and the parking consultant they hired. Mike explained the County will come back and discuss the designs for the parking lot, and what the community would like to see in the space in regards to term parking: metered, one hour, two hour- but most likely not overnight; he also hopes it will be aesthically pleasing.

Councilmember Laura Caplan wants to know what kind of integration will through with new consultant, in terms of incorporating previous amassed information. Mike believes that the first study did not go far

	<p>enough, which is the reasoning for a new study, but that a multifold of ideas will be considered.</p> <p>Chair Rafael Avendano wants to know if there's a way for more inter-connectedness between constituents, business leaders, and elected officials to get together and brainstorm. Mike agrees wholeheartedly with the sentiment, and in response could share drafts of their ideas for public feedback.</p> <p>Councilmember Linda Lopez believes important documentation already exists and hopes the information is integrated by Mike's office. Mike agrees and firms that they will pull from any source they can.</p> <p>The Council agreed to the recommendation of a study forum on Middlefield Developments.</p>	
<p>Councilmember Reports</p>	<p>Councilmember Dale Miller thanked Manuel Ramirez for his time and role in the Clean-Up event.</p> <p>Councilmember Linda Lopez mentioned a heartfelt email from Mike Murkish, former Commander Highway Patrol. His work in the community was excellent and deserves thanks for the City Council.</p> <p>Chair Rafael Avendano thanked all those who came put for the community Clean-Up, especially Manuel. Rafael also thanked SMC and Supervisor Slocum for providing resources for the Bike Rodeo. Chair Rafael joined Irving Torres in thanking NFO Forward for help in both events. Lastly, Chair Rafael congratulated NFOYI's graduates- 28 students received their achievement awards, and are appreciated for their service.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Chair Rafael Avendano adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.</p>	

Next Meeting

**North Fair Oaks Community Council Study Session
Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
Fair Oaks Community Center Classroom 1**