

Boards and Commissions Budget Review

As of the FY 2025/26 Recommended Budget hearing date of June 3, 2025, seven of the City's ten boards and commissions had the opportunity to review the FY 2025/26 Recommended Budget (made available to them on May 9, 2025) and provide meeting minutes. Staff will include any additional board and commission meeting minutes made available as part of the FY 2025/26 Budget Adoption RTC on June 17, 2025.

Given the short timeframe available for review of the minutes by the boards and commissions, some of the minutes are draft minutes or action summaries.

Recommendations to Council on the budget were voted on and comments are detailed in the minutes.

The following commission minutes are attached:

- Human Relations Commission
- Sustainability Commission
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee



City of Sunnyvale

EXCERPT Meeting Minutes - Draft Human Relations Commission

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

7:30 PM

Online and Redwood Conference Room,
City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale,
CA 94086

Special Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Syquia called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chair Nenuca Syquia
Commissioner Esther Rosenfeld
Commissioner Maria Paulina Zapata
Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Venkata Siva Ramisetty
Commissioner Claudia Camacho

Vice Chair Ramisetty's absence is excused.
Commissioner Camacho arrived at 7:49 p.m.
Council Liaison Srinivasan (present).

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2 [25-0615](#) Review of Fiscal Year 2025/26 Recommended Budget

Equity, Access and Inclusion (EAI) Manager, Fernanda Perdomo-Arciniegas, presented a staff report on the recommended budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The presentation included an overview of the City Manager's Budget Message, a review of the Budget Approval Process, and Council's Policy Priorities.

EAI Manager Perdomo-Arciniegas highlighted the core principles, goals, and objectives of the Equity, Access and Inclusion office. The update also included information on key EAI-related projects such as the Sunnyvale Unity, Community EAI Needs Assessment, and EAI Training. Additionally, goals from the Library and Recreation Department that align with EAI initiatives were also reviewed.

EAI Manager Perdomo-Arciniegas encouraged Commissioners to explore

collaboration opportunities with other Commissions to support shared priorities.

Commissioner Rosenfeld proposed exploring a multicultural festival in collaboration with the Arts Commission. The event would aim to celebrate cultural diversity through food, art, music, and dance. Commissioner Rosenfeld also inquired about the potential risk to certain funding sources, the timeline for funding confirmation, and whether the City had a contingency plan should funds be lost.

Council Liaison Srinivasan confirmed that the CDBG and HOME grants were approved earlier in the day and are no longer at risk.

Commissioner Camacho inquired about the use of artificial intelligence in current projects. EAI Manager Perdomo-Arciniegas indicated there was no known allocation for artificial intelligence in the current project budget. However, technology is playing a significant role in supporting initiatives. Wordly, an accessibility tool, is currently in use by the Commission and will also be utilized at the upcoming Unity Event to enhance accessibility.

Commissioner Zapata requested clarification on the HRC budget and the ability to fund community events. EAI Manager Perdomo-Arciniegas explained that the HRC does not allocate funds directly to community organizations. Instead, it supports community engagement initiatives outlined in the HRC Work Plan. For example, funding from the project budget was used to compensate speaker Whitney Parnell (Service Never Sleeps) for the HRC-promoted unity event “Allies in Training: Building a Better Community.” Commissioners were reminded that the purpose of the Community Neighborhood Grants is to fund events organized by community groups.

Chair Syquia proposed inviting community organizations to present at HRC meetings to increase visibility and engagement. They emphasized the importance of the Community Needs Assessment in guiding both the Commission and City Council on community priorities, emphasizing that the initiative merits the investment.

Public Hearing opened at 8:34 p.m.

No Speakers.

Public Hearing closed at 8:34 p.m.



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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Sustainability Commission

Monday, May 19, 2025

7:00 PM

Online and Redwood Conference
Room, City Hall, 456 W. Olive
Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086

25-0619

Annual Review of City Manager's Recommended Budget
Full budget available online at:
Sunnyvale.ca.gov/your-government/governance/city-budget

Staff addressed comments and questions from the Commissioners on the City Manager's FY 2025/26 Recommended Budget (Recommended Budget), highlighting funding available for projects and positions related to sustainability programs. The Commission discussed the Recommended Budget and asked clarification questions of staff.

Chair Veitch opened the Public Hearing at 9:24 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Chair Veitch closed the Public Hearing at 9:25 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Kunz moved, and Vice Chair Nabhan seconded, a motion to provide the following recommendations on the City Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2025/26 to City Council, and to nominate Vice Chair Nabhan to convey these recommendations to City Council verbally and in writing:

1. Given the City's priority of advancing climate action, consider whether Project 824780 – Upgrading of Fuel Stations, utilizes the most appropriate strategy, given there are two newly replaced tanks on City properties. Fuel needs assessments should consider:
 - a. Fleet electrification, especially with the CARB Advanced Clean Fleets ruling
 - b. The costs of maintaining this asset while electrifying, then the cost of decommissioning this stranded asset prior to the end of its useful life
 - c. Alternative methods of fueling while the fleet is transitioning to all-electric, such as Mobile Fueling

2. Recommend that future costs for project 831290 beyond FY 27/28 be included in the budget to align the long-term financial budget with the importance that Climate Action will have in the next two decades.
3. Support funding Budget Supplements
 - a. #1 funding the Study Issues
 - b. #3 Homestead Road Full-Time Bike Lanes
 - c. #4 Safe Parking Program, acknowledging that this can help reduce litter and pollution impacts
 - d. #5 Street Sweeping (option B) with a recommendation to not use gas-powered leaf blowers to accomplish this.
4. Support not funding Budget Supplement #6 while acknowledging that artificial intelligence (AI) data centers have significant environmental impacts.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Veitch
Vice Chair Nabhan
Commissioner Jansen
Commissioner Kunz
Commissioner Pistone

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Parenteau

Ms. Obeso responded.

Commissioner Bonne moved and Commissioner Hafeman seconded the motion to accept staff recommendation Option 1.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 - Chair Beagle
Commissioner Bonne
Commissioner Gollakota
Commissioner Hafeman
Commissioner Mehlman
Commissioner Wilson

No 0

Abstain 1 - Vice Chair Davé

4 [25-0622](#) Review FY 2025/26 Recommended Budget

Mr. Le gave a summary report regarding the FY 2025/26 Recommended Budget.

Commissioner Hafeman asked about the following:

- Inquired about the status of supplemental items, confirming that they had not yet been decided.
- Expressed surprise that staff's recommendation for cleaning buffered or ATP stated "Class IV Separated Bikeways" involved relying on overtime sweeping.
- Noted that overtime sweeping may help maintain existing ATP stated "Class IV Separated Bikeways" but does not address future expansion needs.
- Predicted that funding constraints for overtime pay could become a barrier to implementing additional ATP stated "Class IV Separated Bikeways".
- Shared disappointment that no progress had been made toward purchasing a dedicated bike lane sweeper, despite previous discussions.
- Sought clarification on whether staff would avoid discouraging future ATP stated "Class IV Separated Bikeway" projects due to maintenance concerns.
- Acknowledged that overtime pay could provide coverage for additional small segments of bike lane maintenance but would not be a sustainable long-term solution.
- Expressed appreciation for recent staffing improvements in Public Works, noting that three new staff members were being added.

Ms. Obeso responded.

Chair Beagle asked about the following:

- Inquired about how the overall transportation budget compares to the previous year.
- Inquired about funding for shuttle programs, particularly in relation to active transportation and non-car mobility options.
- Asked whether shuttle programs are included in this year's budget.

Ms. Obeso, Ms. Tsang and Commissioner Hafeman responded.

Public Comment opened at 11:04 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 11:05 p.m.

5 [25-0623](#) Report and Discussion of Recent Santa Clara Valley
Transportation Authority (VTA) Bicycle and Pedestrian
Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting

Commissioner Mehlman gave the meeting summary report regarding the following topics:

- VTA is projected to run out of reserves by 2030 and will implement a hiring freeze, increase vacancy rates, and cut capital funding for transit projects in 2026–2027.
- If a project isn't on the pre-approved list of 32, funding won't be available.
- Suggested freezing vehicle lane expansions and redirecting funds to preserve transit services instead.
- Federal funding for transit projects is uncertain, making it crucial to support VTA's financial stability and encourage ridership.
- Breakout workshops focused on updating VTA's strategic plan and improving paratransit access.
- Discussed funding gaps for paratransit riders, who must pay out-of-pocket for trips beyond three-quarters of a mile from transit stops.
- Advocated for subsidies and improved infrastructure to make transit access equitable.
- A full report on the workshop discussions will be available in winter 2026.

Public Comment opened at 11:13 p.m.