



# City of Sunnyvale

## Excerpt Meeting Minutes - Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

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Thursday, May 16, 2024

6:30 PM

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

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Oey called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

- Present** 6 - Chair Timothy Oey  
Vice Chair Bryce Beagle  
Commissioner Alex Bonne  
Commissioner Dan Hafeman  
Commissioner Sharlene Liu  
Commissioner Leia Mehlman
- Absent** 1 - Commissioner Arwen Davé

### PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2**      [24-0559](#)      Forward a Recommendation to City Council to Amend the  
Climate Action Playbook and Adopt Game Plan 2028

Recommend Alternative 1 to the City Council: Adopt the Climate Action Playbook amendments and Game Plan 2028.

The Playbook Amendments and Game Plan 2028 represent bold targets that are aimed to continue to inspire and guide the City and community in achieving significant GHG reductions. It demonstrates a firm commitment to collaboration across the City organization, with and within the community, and across agencies.

### LEVINE ACT

The Levine Act (Gov. Code Section 84308) prohibits city officials from participating in certain decisions regarding licenses, permits, and other entitlements for use if the official has received a campaign contribution of more than \$250 from a party, participant, or agent of a party or participant in the previous 12 months. The Levine Act is intended to prevent financial influence on decisions that affect specific,

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[www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/pay-to-play-limits-and-prohibitions.html](http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/pay-to-play-limits-and-prohibitions.html)

A check or "Y" in the checklist below indicates that the action being considered falls under a Levine Act category or exemption:

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- Land development entitlements
- Other permit, license, or entitlement for use contract
- Contract or franchise

**EXEMPT FROM THE LEVINE ACT**

- Competitively bid contract
- Labor or personal employment
- General policy and legislative actions

Melody Tovar, Regulatory Division Manager with the City of Sunnyvale Environmental Services Department and Christina Raby, Environmental Engineering Coordinator for the Sustainability Program, gave a presentation on the Final Draft Game Plan 2028 and the Climate Action Plan Update for consideration to recommend to City Council. Highlighting the following:

- City Council and Commission Engagement
- Playbook updates plus Draft Game Plan (pre-public review)
- Playbook updates plus Draft Game Plan (post-public review)
- Adoption Hearings
- Sunnyvale's Climate Action Playbook - 6 strategies with 19 plays(targets)
- Six playbook strategies for the win:
  1. Promoting Clean Electricity
  2. Decarbonizing Buildings
  3. Decarbonizing Transportation and Sustainable Land Use
  4. Managing Resources Sustainably
  5. Empowering Our Community
  6. Adapting To A Changing Climate
- Updated Playbook Metrics
- Updated Forecast
- Community-wide GHG Emissions
- Game Plan 2028 Development

- Public Review
- Community Feedback
- Changes to Draft Game Plan 2028
- Final Game Plan 2028
- Breakdown of Game Plan 2028 Reductions by Play
- Final Game Plan 2028 Moves by Department
- Final Game Plan 2028 Resource Needs
- Achievements of Proposed Updates and Plan
- Recommendation - Alternative 1: Forward a Recommendation to City Council to Amend the Climate Action Playbook and Adopt Game Plan 2028

Vice Chair Beagle asked about the following:

- Slide 9 - What is the difference between the forecast and the target?
- Slide 15 - What does "Most Enthusiasm" and "Most Concern" mean in this slide?
- Why is the Librarian included as a resource need in the Final Game Plan 2028?
- What are implications of updating the Playbook in regards to recommendations to City Council?
- Will there be a total vehicle miles reduction with the expected population growth?
- Slide 18 - Why isn't play 3.2 shown?

Ms. Tovar addressed the questions.

Commissioner Bonne asked about the following:

- Are there concrete measures that you anticipate the City will take in order to achieve the goals?
- Will you actively count car travel, bicycle travel, foot travel and bus travel?
- Are the staff requests for DPW anticipated to lead more bicycle and pedestrian friendly street designs with the aim of making car travel less appealing and making bike and pedestrian travel more appealing?
- What plans do you have to discuss with VTA to incentivize public transportation use in Sunnyvale?

Ms. Tovar and Ms. Tsang addressed the questions.

Commissioner Mehlman asked about the following:

- Slide 20 - What are the roles of the Environmental Programs Manager and the Environmental Programs Specialist?
- Why is there only one DPW Senior Engineer? Will their focus be exclusively on CAP(Climate Action Playbook) related projects?

- What would happen if the resources were not approved by City Council?
- How long would it take to do VMT(Vehicle Miles Traveled) tracking and when will we see progress? Can it be accomplished without having the additional Senior Engineer in DPW?

Ms. Tovar and Ms. Tsang addressed the questions.

Commissioner Liu asked about the following:

- Has it been considered to monitor if other language speakers were responding?  
Other than Spanish speakers
- Explain the strategies versus plays versus moves
- Explain a plan, playbook and a game plan
- Are there supposed to be associated moves with the VMT reductions?
- Has the City considered looking into e-bike rebate programs?
- Is there a better way to dispose of dog bowel movements so that we don't get the methane gas and extra plastic bags?
- Are poop bags a big source of plastic?
- Has the City considered using more economic incentives to encourage resident to put their waste in the right containers?

Ms. Tovar and Ms. Raby addressed the questions.

Commissioner Hafeman asked about the following:

- Can you explain more about the lawsuit with Berkeley?
- How can play 3.3 be achieved when a significant percentage of the vehicles aren't even housed in Sunnyvale?

Ms. Tovar addressed the questions.

Chair Oey asked about the following:

- Will there be any shifting of current staff to do more with the Climate Action Playbook objectives?
- Are there any role models when measuring VMT that the City is using as a benchmark?

Ms. Tovar and Ms. Tsang addressed the questions.

Public Comment opened at 7:38 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 7:39 p.m.

Vice Chair Beagle commented on the following:

- Great presentation
- Very happy to see the VMT reduction targets but still too weak
- Recommends at minimum consider adding a second target for at least keeping the VMT stagnant over the targets
- Needs to be a total reduction in vehicles not just a per capita reduction
- There should be two metrics to follow. One for per capita and one for total

Commissioner Liu commented on the following:

- Would be less confusing if it wasn't called Playbook, Game Plan, Plays and Moves
- Should call it a Plan with high level strategy, mid level strategy and low level strategy
- VMT target is very important and needs to be more aggressive
- Make the Plays at a higher level and the Moves underneath them

Commissioner Mehlman commented on the following:

- Good idea to look at other cities and see how they are tracking their metrics
- Thanked staff for their hard work and detail of information

Chair Oey commented on the following:

- Excellent presentation
- Went to the California Bicycle Summit in San Diego. They are doing a remarkable job getting metrics of VMT and mode shares by measuring biking, walking and driving continuously on an ongoing basis

Commissioner Hafeman commented on the following:

- Nervous about putting emphasis on electric
- Would like to see plays that put goals on using alternate transportation and mass transit

MOTION: Commissioner Hafeman moved and Commissioner Mehlman seconded to recommend to City Council Alternative I: Adopt the Climate Action Playbook amendments and Game Plan 2028.

Commissioner Hafeman commented on the following:

- There could be a lot more work done and it will evolve
- More emphasis on public transportation and ATP related items

- Needs to get approved to move forward

Commissioner Mehlman commented on the following:

- Might need to do revisions in 2028 rather than 2030
- There has been a lot of constructive changes

Commissioner Liu commented on the following:

- Would like the suggestions made to be taken into account for the next revision

Chair Oey commented on the following:

- Will vote in favor of the changes
- Likes the sports analogies as they work for most people

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes 6** - Chair Oey  
Vice Chair Beagle  
Commissioner Bonne  
Commissioner Hafeman  
Commissioner Liu  
Commissioner Mehlman

**No 0**

**Absent 1** - Commissioner Davé