

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**2 14-0096 Lawrence Expressway Grade Separations Study -
Consideration of Conceptual Alternative**

Acting Chair Jackson asked for a staff report.

Manuel Pineda, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented the staff report. He announced that the County completed the expressway study and are ready to move forward. He noted that staff is recommending approval of the concept plan for the Lawrence Expressway Grade Separation to be included into the County Expressway plan. Mr. Pineda reminded the Commission that the final concept is not for project approval but approval only for the project to move forward for additional design, environmental clearance and everything else related to it.

Commissioner Jones stated that he would be supporting the concept as presented. He added that the concept was put together with good thought combining positive comments from the previous workshops, including input from the public and public agencies.

Acting Chair Jackson outlined what he liked about the design. He then expressed concerns regarding the width of the bicycle and pedestrian ramps. He noted that if the ramps are not wide enough they may cause pedestrians to cross where cyclists are riding. He added that even though the bike path has not been defined he hopes it will meet highway design manual standards. Acting Chair Jackson then noted that the bicycle shoulders that will be on Lawrence should be designed and maintained to a high standard. Acting Chair Jackson stated that these were all important considerations and with those caveats he would also support the concept plan as presented.

Commissioner Cordes stated that he did not see any connection points or paths on how pedestrians/bicyclists will have access to Caltrain. Commissioner Kolber noted that the information would be covered in the Lawrence Station Area Plan. Acting Chair Jackson suggested that it would be appropriate to state under the Conditions of Approval for the project. Commissioner Cordes suggested that with the new building of roads, some of the new connectors should be bus stops for people to transfer. Acting Chair Jackson stated that the concern could be noted and directed towards the County.

Acting Chair Jackson stated that the color coding on the map was confusing. He noted that it seemed to show both a bike lane and bike shoulders along Lawrence

but did not think that was intended. Commissioner Kolber asked if they were going to provide a ride shoulder on both sides of Lawrence Expressway. Acting Chair Jackson asked Mr. Pineda to check with the County about color coding and the legend referencing a bike lane on Lawrence.

Councilmember Whittum noted that there is an express bus with four buses a day on Lawrence Expressway and stated that bus details will be discussed in the design.

Acting Chair Jackson asked for a motion. Commissioner Kolber moved and Commissioner Cordes seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Endorse the Recommended Final Concept for Lawrence Expressway Grade Separations for inclusion in the County Expressway Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 6 - Vice Chair Jackson
Commissioner Cordes
Commissioner Jones
Commissioner Kolber
Commissioner Rausch
Commissioner Welch

No 0

3 14-0710 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Acting Chair Jackson asked if there were nominations for Chair. Kevin Jackson and Dave Jones were nominated for Chair.

The motion to elect Dave Jones as Chair carried by the following vote:

Yes 3
No 2
Obstain 1

Acting Chair Jackson asked if there were nominations for Vice Chair. Kevin Jackson was nominated for Vice Chair.

The motion to elect Kevin Jackson as Vice Chair carried by the following vote:

Yes 6
No 0

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS