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CONSENT CALENDAR
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To: Honorable Mayor and
 Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington

Subject: PLACE A REFERENDUM ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT WHETHER BERKELEY SHOULD PLAN FOR MORE ADVANCED RAPID TRANSIT POLICIES, INCLUDING THE USE OF DEDICATED RIGHT-OF-WAY TRANSIT CORRIDORS OR RAIL TO CONNECT THE UC BERKELEY CAMPUS WITH BART, AMTRAK, AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION CENTERS

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Berkeley City Council places a referendum on the November ballot whether Berkeley should plan for more advanced rapid transit policies, including the use of dedicated right-of-way transit corridors or rail to connect the UC Berkeley campus with BART, Amtrak, and other transportation centers.

BACKGROUND:

Sample language:

Title:

Shall it be the policy of the city of Berkeley to request that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the University of California plan for more advanced rapid transit policies, including the use of dedicated right-of-way transit corridors or rail to connect the UC Berkeley campus with BART, Amtrak, and other transportation centers in order to mitigate local traffic congestion, promote regional mass transit use, protect the environment and reduce dependency on foreign oil?..

Financial implications: None for the city:

Full text of transit measure Advisory measure stating the policy of the city of Berkeley in favor of rapid transit improvements for the University of California.

Advisory vote only:

It is the policy of the City of Berkeley that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the University of California plan for more advanced rapid transit transportation policies, including the use of dedicated right-of-way transit corridors or rail-quality alternatives to connect the UC Berkeley campus with BART, Amtrak, and other transportation centers in order to mitigate local traffic congestion, promote regional mass transit use, protect the environment and reduce dependency on foreign oil.

The recent transportation improvements in the area include consideration of Bus Rapid Transit or light rail on San Pablo and Telegraph corridors. Millions of dollars are being spent to improve the Amtrak stations area and it is imperative that we maximize coordination of our transportation dollars. A significant way to accomplish this would be to link the Amtrak station the San Pablo corridor to the University of California.

The ballot measure proponents have prepared the following proposed draft of a possible city attorney's analysis of transit measure based on 1998 similar advisory ballot measure.

This non-binding advisory measure would state that it is the policy of the city of Berkeley that the University of California and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission consider rapid transit service with dedicated right-of-way or rail-quality alternatives for the UC Berkeley campus, BART, and other transportation centers.

Financial implications: None for the city:

Arguments not included

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

approx. \$5,000

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