



Office of the City Manager

ACTION CALENDAR
September 20, 2005

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: *PK* Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Submitted by: Claudette Ford, Acting Public Works Director

Subject: Transportation Commission Recommendations Regarding Development of a New
Downtown Area Plan

RECOMMENDATION

Refer the recommendations of the Transportation Commission to the larger process, to come back to Council at the September 27, 2005 meeting; take into consideration suggestions regarding the Commission's membership on a potential Downtown Area Plan Task Force; and conduct a review of transportation policies as a work plan is developed.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

None.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City of Berkeley and the University of California, Berkeley, have agreed to conduct a joint study of downtown Berkeley in order to develop a new Downtown Area Plan. Staff is currently developing a work plan to meet the tight schedule for completing the studies and an environmental impact report.

A proposed work plan and schedule will be brought forward to Council in the near future.

BACKGROUND

At their meeting on July 21, 2005, the Transportation Commission passed a resolution with respect to the Downtown Area Plan as follows:

That "the Transportation Commission recommends to Council that the Transportation Commission be directed to appoint a transportation representative to serve on any Downtown Area Plan Committee/Task Force which may be established.

Further, the Transportation Commission recommends to City Council that Council appoint the Transportation Commission and the Office of Transportation be the lead City agency for the development of transportation policies related to any new Downtown Area Plan and that any proposed transportation policies be reviewed by the Office of Transportation and

by the Transportation Commission before they are included in any Plan and before any transportation policies are considered by the Planning Commission or by City Council.

The Transportation Commission also recommends that any Downtown Area Plan Committee Task Force be based on the Hotel/Convention Center Task Force/Downtown Berkeley Plan model and include representatives of appropriate transportation stakeholders, including transit providers and user advocates, and representatives of other community stakeholder groups.”

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

There are none at this time.

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