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ACTION CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington

Subject: Refer AC Transit Suggestions To The Transportation Commission

RECOMMENDATION

Refer the following suggestions, which are designed to improve transit in designated areas and throughout the city, to the Transportation Commission for review and recommendation:

1. Explore future site locations for the development and implementation of a Multi-Modal Transit Center: Other cities have successfully created such centers. It may become necessary to site and develop a location for a layover location that could ultimately serve as a Transit Center for the Downtown core. To date, no project exists in either the Regional Transportation Plan or AC Transit's Capital Improvement Plan.
2. Implement a "Complete Streets" concept by developing paths of pedestrian travel from bus stops because every passenger completes their trip by walking to their final destination.
3. Using fees from developers, work with AC Transit to develop investments in transit service to off-set the additional VMT.
4. Prioritize transit operation during major events, like sporting games, by operating transit-only lanes in peak directions of travel.
5. Prioritize programs and policies that will allow AC Transit to improve transit reliability and shorten travel times. Responsibility for implementation should be shifted from the transit provider to cooperation with the transit provider and the City.
6. Develop a group of policies to provide safe, adequate transit operations. Safe and accessible transit operation should be a very high priority. The design of bus stops and turn motions should be guided by publications such as AC Transit's handbook, *Designing with Transit*. Efforts to minimize parking loss can be considered, but should not be prioritized over safety and accessibility, since Berkeley is a Transit First City
7. Collaborate with AC Transit to obtain funds to improve services to poorly served neighborhoods.

BACKGROUND

Public transportation helps lower greenhouse gas emissions, promote local business and increase livability. Berkeley affirmed its commitment to public transit in Policy T-4 of the Berkeley General Plan, which defines Berkeley as a Transit-First City. These suggestions can help improve transportation throughout Berkeley for residents and businesses.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Unknown.

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