

**PARKS AND WATERFRONT COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 7:00 P.M., Frances Albrier Community Center, 2800 Park St

**Minutes - Final**

The Commissions may discuss any items listed on the agenda, but may take action only on items identified as Action.

1. **Call to Order** (Chair).
2. **Roll Call** (Secretary). Present: Abshez; Cox; Diehm; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Lee; Ranuzzi; Wozniak; Absent: None.
3. **Land Acknowledgement:** The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.
4. **Action: Approval of Agenda** (Chair). (M/S/C: Wozniak/Kawczynska/U): Ayes: Abshez; Cox; Diehm; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Lee; Ranuzzi; Wozniak; Noe: None; Absent: None.
5. **Action: Approval of Minutes** for February 15, 2024 (Chair).\* (M/S/C: Kawczynska/ Hurtado / U): Ayes: Abshez; Cox; Diehm; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Lee; Ranuzzi; Wozniak; Noe: None; Absent: None.
6. **Public Comment.** a) Naomi Friedman, Animal Care issues; b) Jim McGrath, Cesar Chavez Park landfill; c) Shreas Chan, Cal Sailing Club; d) Robert Ofsevit, Cal Sailing Club; e) Lisa Dent, Cal Sailing Club; f) Paul Kamen, Cal Sailing Club; g) Camille Antinori, Cal Sailing Club; h) Ann Moth, Cal Sailing Club.
7. **Chair's Report.** March 9 Tree Planting Event was successful (Kawczynska/Wozniak/Diehm);
8. **Discussion/Action: Election of Officers** (chair). (M/S/C: Wozniak/ Abshez / U) to elect Claudia Kawczynska as Chair: Ayes: Abshez; Cox; Diehm; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Lee; Ranuzzi; Wozniak; Noe: None; Absent: None. (M/S/C: Kawczynska/Ranuzzi/ U) to elect Erin Diehm as Vice-Chair: Ayes: Abshez; Cox; Diehm; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Lee; Ranuzzi; Wozniak; Noe: None; Absent: None.
9. **Director's Report** (Ferris): PRW Divisions: Recreation; Parks; Waterfront; Capital; Budget; Grants. Update was provided.

- 10. Presentation: Upcoming Waterfront Parking Study** (McNulty). Presentation was provided. Public Comment: a) Allan; b) Paul Kamen; c) Merrill; d) Maylou; e) Jim McGrath; f) Naomi Friedman.
- 11. Discussion/Action: New Developments Adjacent to Public Parks/Open Space (2136 San Pablo Ave)** (Kawczynska/Diehm).\* (M/S/C: Diehm/Kawczynska/U) to send the communication from the packet, as modified at the meeting, to Council and the Zoning Adjustment Board): Ayes: Abshez; Diehm; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Lee; Ranuzzi; Wozniak; Noes: None; Abstain: Cox; Absent: None. Public Comment: a) Kelly Hammargren; b) Meryl; c) Naomi Friedman; d) Jim McGrath; e) Merrill; f) Aimee Baldwin; g) Kristin Leimkuhler.
- 12. Discussion/Action: Proposed updates to Berth Fee Waiver Resolution** (66,544-N.S.) (Kawczynska/Ferris).\* Held over.
- 13. Discussion/Action: Update on FY25-26 PRW Capital Projects submittals** (Ferris).\* Held over.
- 14. Information: Recent Council Reports.**\*
- 15. Future Agenda Items:** Public Art in Aquatic Park (Lavvorn); PRW Commission Workplan 2024; Parks Development Fee; Citywide Accessibility Plan; Locations for Dog Parks.
- 16. Communications.**\* Robert Ofsevit, 2024-03-07.
- 17. Next PRW Commission meeting:** Wednesday, April 10, 2024.
- 18. Adjournment.** 10:00pm.

\* document is attached to agenda packet and on the commission website.

\*\* document will be provided at the meeting

- Commissioners in attendance: 8 of 8 appointed.
- Public in attendance: 18
- Public speakers: 22

Approved minutes submitted by:




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Roger Miller, Secretary, Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission

# Berkeley Water Transportation Pier Ferry Project

Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Department

## Parking and Transportation Demand Management Study



# Scope of Work

Goal: Develop specific strategies to manage parking demand for future development at the Berkeley Waterfront in order to protect and enhance public access.

Scope includes:

- Document Existing Conditions
- Transportation Demand Management (TDM) for:
  - Initial Pier-Ferry (Year 1 of WETA Business Plan)
  - Cumulative Impacts (Ferry + Potential Future Waterfront Re-Development)
    - Basis of Design & CEQA/NEPA

Scope is not intended to resolve existing parking challenges, but will inform how staff manage parking at the Waterfront in the future

# Existing Facilities

Table 1 Data Availability and Needs

Data Point	Status	Proposed Action	Source
Number of vehicle parking spaces by location	Available	To be validated	Berkeley Marina Ferry Parking & Transportation Demand Management Strategy, Appendix A
Number of vehicle parking spaces by type	Not available	To be collected	Not applicable
Vehicle parking utilization	Pre-Covid data available for weekdays and weekends between 2014 and 2018 Ongoing collection as part of Waterfront/BMASP	To be collected for new travel patterns	Berkeley Marina Ferry Parking & Transportation Demand Management Strategy, Appendix A
Bicycle facilities (e.g., bike lanes, signs)	Available	To be validated	Berkeley Marina Ferry Parking & Transportation Demand Management Strategy
Bicycle parking inventory	Available (based on 2018 study)	To be collected/validated	Berkeley Marina Ferry Parking & Transportation Demand Management Strategy, Appendix A
Transit routes, stops & schedules	Available	To be validated	Berkeley Marina Ferry Parking & Transportation Demand Management Strategy
Ferry ridership estimates and forecasts	Available	To be confirmed	WETA Berkeley Ferry Service, Business Plan Version 1.0, March 2022
Leaseholder and parking lot uses	Not Available	To be collected	Staff interviews and merchant outreach



# Utilization of Existing Facilities

## Hard Data – Counting Cars

- Data Collection
  - Continuous Data: 3 Weekends (8 am – 10 pm) & 3 Weekday (5:30 am – 9:30 pm)
  - Daily car counts (8 am, 10 am, 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm)
- Data Analysis: New Data; 2014 – 2018; 2019 – 2024 car counts
  - Consolidate, organize, validate & analyze

## Stakeholder Feedback

- Intercept Surveys (6 weekdays, 4 weekends)
  - Data on Waterfront destinations and activities, parking duration and parking issues
- Interviews with City staff
- Interviews with Leaseholder / User Groups
  - Lease holders, merchants, non-profit user groups



# Pier Ferry Parking Demand Management (Year 1 WETA Plan)

## Visitor Mode Share Projections / Parking Demand

- Range of mode share → range of parking demand projections

## Parking Management Plan – Year 1

- Develop Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategies that:
  - Identify new physical elements for parking / TDM
  - Provide clear information for ferry users and all users
  - Protect non-ferry parking spaces

*Table 4-2 Mode share summary*

Travel Mode	Baseline Mode Share	TDM-Supported Mode Share	
		Mode Share	Change from Baseline
Walk	3%	3%	0%
Drive Alone	54%	40%	-14%
Bike	18%	22%	4%
Carpool	9%	12%	3%
Public Transit	4%	7%	3%
Drop Off	8%	8%	0%
Employer Shuttle	0%	3%	3%
TNCs	3%	4%	1%
Other	1%	1%	0%

# Cumulative Development Parking & TDM

Increased Ferry Ridership (WETA) +

Future Waterfront Re-Development (Specific Plan)

Challenge:

- Future Marina development timing and phasing is unknown
- Future demand & mode-share for Ferry riders is unknown

Goal:

- Develop specific and implementable TDM Plan that maintains flexibility for actual future uses
- Design If/Then flowchart / menu to trigger each TDM strategy
- Incorporate future TDM strategies into current efforts



Thank you.

Questions?

