



Steering Committee

David Peña, <i>Chairperson</i>	Deep Singh, <i>Vice Chairperson</i>	Dennis Gaab
Joseph Martinez	Tiffany Mangum	Cathy Caples
Jeff Roberts	John Kashian	Bill Nijjer
Eric Payne	Gurdeep Shergill	
Tina McCallister – Boothe, <i>Alternate</i>		

The Steering Committee met on Tuesday, February 3, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Peña called the Steering Committee to order at 5:32 p.m. An announcement of translation services in Hmong, Punjabi, and Spanish was made. Staff provided a brief explanation of the digital meeting features.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

PRESENT – Chair David Peña, Vicechair Deep Singh, Jeff Roberts, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Joseph Martinez, Eric Payne, Cathy Caples, Tiffany Mangum, Tina McCallister-Boothe (alternate)

ABSENT – Dennis Gaab, John Kashian

It was noted that Member Boothe may vote as an alternate for District 2 since Member Kashian was absent.

STAFF

Planning and Development Department: Sophia Pagoulatos, Drew Wilson, Casey Lauderdale, Marisela Martinez, Mike Sanchez, Shawn Monk

City Attorney's Office: Mary Raterman-Doidge

2. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING SUMMARIES

July 21, 2021 Meeting Summary – Moved by Member Roberts, seconded by Member Payne to approve the July 21, 2021 meeting summary. The motion was approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE TALLY

AYES: David Peña, Deep Singh, Jeff Roberts, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Joseph Martinez, Eric Payne, Cathy Caples, Tiffany Mangum, Tina McCallister-Boothe (alternate)

NOES: None



December 07, 2021 – Moved by Member Caples, seconded by Member Martinez to approve the July 21, 2021 meeting summary. The motion was approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE TALLY

AYES: David Peña, Deep Singh, Jeff Roberts, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Joseph Martinez, Cathy Caples, Tiffany Mangum, Tina McCallister-Boothe (alternate)

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Eric Payne

3. COMMENT SUMMARY MATRIX OVERVIEW

Staff member Casey Lauderdale shared a presentation summarizing the comments received during the public comment period and how they were organized for review.

Member of the public, Daniel Brannick, asked if this was the time to discuss specific comments or if it would be in the next item.

Staff member Lauderdale clarified that there would be time set aside for the comment in the next agenda item.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (VOTE)

There were six items presented to the Committee for discussion.

Staff member Lauderdale presented the first item: Comment ID# 11-8 regarding narrative on page 41 of the Plan that discusses the Steering Committee and expanding the Sphere of Influence.

Committee members discussed the item and Member Roberts moved to retain the existing language with a modification suggested by Member Caples, to revise the narrative that says “permit the city to grow further westward” to instead narrow the language to mention only the section bounded by Garfield, Clinton, Shields, and Grantland. The motion was seconded by Member Martinez.

Member of the public, Sheila Krebs, asked for clarification on the scope of the motion, if would remove opportunity for commercial for the whole Plan Area.

ROLL CALL VOTE TALLY

AYES: David Peña, Jeff Roberts, Joseph Martinez, Cathy Caples, Tina McCallister-Boothe

NOES: Deep Singh, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Eric Payne, Tiffany Mangum

The motion fails for lack of a majority.

Committee members continued in discussion and Member Payne motioned to remove Section 2.5.A. from the Plan. Member Caples seconded the motion.



ROLL CALL VOTE TALLY

AYES: David Peña, Deep Singh, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Eric Payne, Cathy Caples, Tiffany Mangum, Tina McCallister-Boothe

NOES: Jeff Roberts

ABSTAIN: Joseph Martinez

Staff member Lauderdale presented the second item: Comment ID# 12-18 regarding including more direction for Catalytic Corridors within the Plan's narrative.

Daniel Brannick provided comments and suggestions on how the Catalytic Corridors could be better defined.

Bonique Emerson asked in the chat if Category 3 would be heard at this meeting.

Staff answered that Category 3 (Land Use change requests) would be heard at the next meeting.

Gloria Hensley noted in the chat support for thematic designs for Catalytic Corridors.

Committee members discussed the item and it was proposed to collect community feedback on the vision for the Corridors.

Member Payne moved to direct staff to create a survey and a one-pager, returning to the Committee to report on the results. Seconded by Member Nijjer.

ROLL CALL VOTE TALLY

AYES: David Peña, Jeff Roberts, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Joseph Martinez, Eric Payne, Cathy Caples, Tiffany Mangum, Tina McCallister-Boothe

NOES: None

Staff member Lauderdale presented the third item: Comment ID# 12-19 regarding changing Catalytic Corridor status from Blythe to Brawley Avenue.

Committee members felt that this topic was adequately covered by the previous topic. A voice vote was held to include this topic in with the prior motion.

Committee member Singh left the meeting.

VOICE VOTE TALLY

AYES: David Peña, Jeff Roberts, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Joseph Martinez, Eric Payne, Cathy Caples, Tiffany Mangum, Tina McCallister-Boothe

NOES: None

Staff member Lauderdale presented the fourth item: Comment ID# 24-10 regarding policy LUH 1.1 pertaining to leapfrogged development.

Sheila Krebs asked what is meant by leapfrogged development.

Staff provided an explanation.



Committee Member Caples moved that the language “(i.e. leapfrog development)” be included in the policy. Member Martinez seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE TALLY

AYES: David Peña, Jeff Roberts, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Joseph Martinez, Eric Payne, Cathy Caples, Tiffany Mangum, Tina McCallister-Boothe

NOES: None

Staff member Lauderdale presented the fifth item: Comment ID# 24-14 regarding policy LUH 2.2 pertaining to an agricultural buffer.

Daniel Brannick commented that the policy could be clarified, but believes the general idea could be supported through the desire for a transect from urban to rural uses.

The committee members discussed the policy while staff shared more context to clarify its intent. Committee Members desired to refer the policy back to staff to define/clarify its meaning and to provide an example of what a realization of this policy might look like.

Daniel Brannick commented that the discussion has helped clarify the policy’s intent, but that the language could still benefit from clarification.

Sheila Krebs noted that Clovis has a walking trail along Clovis Avenue that could be an example.

Member Roberts motioned to table the item to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Caples.

ROLL CALL VOTE TALLY

AYES: David Peña, Jeff Roberts, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Joseph Martinez, Eric Payne, Cathy Caples, Tiffany Mangum, Tina McCallister-Boothe

NOES: None

Staff member Lauderdale presented the sixth item: Comment ID# SC-1 regarding adding to the Guiding Principles language on tree canopy.

Committee member Mangum left the meeting.

Member Caples motioned to approve the proposed language. Member Roberts seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE TALLY

AYES: David Peña, Jeff Roberts, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Joseph Martinez, Eric Payne, Cathy Caples, Tina McCallister-Boothe

NOES: None



4. FORMAL RECOMMENDATIONS (VOTE)

The Committee was asked to approve of staff's response to comments for Categories 1, 2 and 4 of the Comment Summary Matrix.

Category 1 was considered first. Member Payne asked for more information on Staff submitted changes, which was provided. Member Payne motioned to approved. A second was made by Member Caples.

ROLL CALL VOTE TALLY

AYES: David Peña, Jeff Roberts, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Joseph Martinez, Eric Payne, Cathy Caples, Tina McCallister-Boothe

NOES: None

Category 2 was considered. Member Payne motioned to approve. Member Martinez seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE TALLY

AYES: David Peña, Jeff Roberts, Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Joseph Martinez, Eric Payne, Cathy Caples, Tina McCallister-Boothe

NOES: None

Category 4 was considered. Member Payne asked for more information regarding the comments that Caltrans submitted that were included in this Category. Staff member Lauderdale shared the comments and staff's response to the comments. Member Payne motioned to approve. Member Martinez seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE TALLY

AYES: David Peña, Jeff Roberts, Gurdeep Shergill, Joseph Martinez, Eric Payne, Cathy Caples, Tina McCallister-Boothe

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Bill Nijjer

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

Committee members discussed potential meeting dates and determined that March 7th was the best time to hold the next meeting.

5. STEERING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Payne encouraged members of the public to visit transformfresno.com to review the Here the Stay Report that highlights the work of the Anti-Displacement Task Force and makes policy recommendations to help prevent displacement in the city of Fresno. The Council will hear the recommendations at a future date, which will be posted to the website.



5. UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS

There were no unscheduled communications.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nijjer and seconded by Member Roberts. Approved unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.