



# PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGENDA

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*Meeting of Wednesday, August 26, 2009  
Council Chambers, Civic Center, 1st Floor  
250 Hamilton Avenue  
Palo Alto, California 94301*

## **ROLL CALL:**

### **Commissioners:**

*Daniel Garber - Chair  
Samir Tuma – V-Chair  
Susan Fineberg  
Karen Holman  
Arthur Keller  
Lee I. Lippert  
Eduardo Martinez*

### **Staff:**

*Curtis Williams, Planning Director  
Julie Caporgno, Chief Planning and Transp. Official  
Donald Larkin, Assistant City Attorney  
Roland Rivera, Senior Planner  
Rafael Rius, Transportation Engineer  
Zariah Betten, Admin. Associate*

## **PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS**

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- Announce agenda item*
- Open public hearing*
- Staff recommendation*
- Appellant presentation (if applicable) - Fifteen(15) minutes limitation or at the discretion of the Commission.*
- Applicant presentation - Fifteen(15) minutes limitation or at the discretion of the Commission.*
- Planning Commission questions of the applicant/staff*
- Public comment - Five(5) minutes limitation per speaker or limitation to three(3) minutes depending on large number of speakers per item.*
- Applicant closing comments - Three (3) minutes*
- Appellant closing comments (if applicable) – Three (3) minutes*
- Close public hearing*
- Discussion/motions/recommendations by the Commission*
- Final vote*

## **AT 6:00 PM**

### **Study Session:**

1. Review and discussion of major themes, vision and overall goals of the adopted 1998 – 2010 Comprehensive Plan.

## ATTACHMENT

### AT 7:00 PM

*ORAL COMMUNICATIONS.* Members of the public may speak to any item not on the agenda with a limitation of three (3) minutes per speaker. Those who desire to speak must complete a speaker request card available from the secretary of the Commission. The Planning and Transportation Commission reserves the right to limit the oral communications period to 15 minutes.

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#### **Public Hearing:**

2. **Oregon Expressway Improvement Project:** Recommendation to City Council on the request by County of Santa Clara, Roads and Airports Department for the approval of the proposed Concept Alternatives at nine intersections as part of the Oregon Expressway Improvement Project.

## ATTACHMENT

#### **Other Item:**

3. Colleagues' Memo on Conversations in connection with Quasi Judicial Matters and Planned Community applications.

## ATTACHMENT

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:* Minutes of July 29, 2009

*REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS/COMMITTEES.*

*COMMISSION MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENTS.*

- Commission Representation at City Council:  
August: Samir Tuma  
September:
- Commission Representation:  
DEEs, Variances and HIE's Daniel Garber, Lee Lippert, Karen Holman  
PCs and Development Agreements: Karen Holman, Susan Fineberg, Arthur Keller  
Palo Alto Housing Corporation Representative: Fabio Rosati  
Housing Element Technical Advisory Group: Susan Fineberg  
Library Bond Stakeholders Committee Representative: Lee Lippert  
Annual Report to Council: Daniel Garber, Samir Tuma, Arthur Keller  
Basements: Karen Holman, Dan Garber

*NEXT MEETING:* Regular Meeting of September 9, 2009

***UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS:***

**September 9, 2009**

- Palo Alto Bowl Tentative Map
- Annual Report to Council

***OTHER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS WITH TENTATIVE DATES:***

- Zoning Ordinance and Map Amendment to Palo Alto Municipal Code Chapter 18.30(C) (the Ground Floor (GF) Combining District) and Palo Alto Municipal Code Chapter 18.18 (Downtown Commercial Community (CD-C) Zone District) to Modify Restrictions on Ground Floor Uses. Environmental Review: Exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – 09/23.
- Comp. Plan Land Use Policy Update – 09/23
- Housing Element – Housing Vision, Goals and Key Issues – 10/14
- Joint Council/PTC meeting for a discussion on the Housing Element’s Housing , Vision, Goals and Key issues – 10/26

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