June 8, 2024 Chat

00:30:25 Meryl (BNC and BSP): Can we get this powerpoint?

00:30:46 Toni: We can't see the map for Berkeley and Richmond

00:31:53 Ryan Lau: Here's the presentation from our Board Workshop from 6/5: https://actransit.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=12993165&GUID=C907D6C3-2F9C-4382-91EB-38FF9A76688F

00:32:02 Meryl (BNC and BSP): Thank you Ryan.

00:32:10 Ryan Lau: @Toni We'll get into maps to specific geographies shortly

00:35:09 kelly hammargren: Do infrastructure changes, i.e. platforms, dedicated lanes make a difference in ridership.

00:35:42 Margot Smith: Yes, like San Pablo redesign?

00:36:36 Bryce Nesbitt - Adu/Permit Consultant: Is all door boarding on the table?

What is the current fare evasion rate?

00:39:00 Ryan Lau: If you want to really understand how this proposal will affect your use of the system, you can test out the trip planner: https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/8e5b02f9f96142c8a62a4224621cfc8a/page/Plan-a-Trip/

00:40:37 Bryce Nesbitt - Adu/Permit Consultant: For SB9 "Parking requirements need to be met unless ½ mile from a public transportation stop."

Thus keeping 1 bus a week, or 1 bus per hour, affects land use planning.

00:43:51 Paola Laverde: Reacted to If you want to reall... with "👍"

00:43:54 kelly hammargren: How do you define a well used route, i.e. bus 1/2 full, 3/4 full?

00:49:06 Meryl (BNC and BSP): There have been severe traffic accidents on International Boulevard with the new traffic changes.

00:49:19 Meryl (BNC and BSP): This kind of date needs to followed more closely.

00:49:28 Carla Woodworth, Berkeley: Do you have information about the safety problems on International Blvd (due to platforms and bus lanes)?

00:49:45 Barbara Rydlander: Am most concerned about lines 51 & 52 and campus area. I try to take bus when I attend evening events on campus. Bancroft was been torn up & and never certain if buses will be running especially in evening. Are there alternatives from campus along Univ. Ave.? am partially disabled so cannot walk too far to make transfers. Thank you

00:50:22 Meryl (BNC and BSP): I saw a newspaper article on the accidents on International Boulevard. I can try to find it.

00:54:00 Ryan Lau: @Toni I unfortunately can't stick around for your presentation today, but maybe we can connect afterward to discuss…

00:54:09 Bryce Nesbitt - Adu/Permit Consultant: The issue in San Francisco is "free passes" don't need to tag in. Thus it "looks" like far evasion is really high.

00:56:03 Bryce Nesbitt - Adu/Permit Consultant: It feels like AC transit does not have good flexibility to right size the VEHICLES to the demand (agreeing with Meryl).

00:57:24 Toni: Replying to "@Toni I unfortunatel..."

Let's do that. You can find me at tonispann@sonic.net

00:58:23 Meryl (BNC and BSP): We see the bus, it is not a high use. Only during the rush hour. Now with online classes it is not used.

01:00:16 Meryl (BNC and BSP): We need to rightsize the buses. Buying more accordion buses in predicting what will be needed, might not be the way to go for the upcoming world we are living in.

01:00:45 Bryce Nesbitt - Adu/Permit Consultant: Robert: will AC introduce new bus sizes? Does AC have sufficient "neighborhood size" buses for low use lines?

01:01:23 Meryl (BNC and BSP): The situation is the route gets crowded on University Avenue sometimes. But it is important to see the data and look at how it is collected.

01:02:05 Robert del Rosario: Robert del Rosario, Director of Service Development & Planning, rdelrosa@actransit.org

01:02:56 Meryl (BNC and BSP): Carla and everyone: Here is the Oaklandside article on the accidents on International avenue: https://oaklandside.org/2024/03/11/were-very-much-in-danger-here-oakland-bus-collision-underscores-fear-along-international-boulevard/

01:08:05 Bryce Nesbitt - Adu/Permit Consultant: Charles H. Spear House, was demolished for the LAB, after the individual who wanted to move the house, failed to meet deadlines.

01:08:15 Margot Smith: Take a look at all these Berkeley buildings in the YIMBY website: https://webmail.sonic.net/?_task=mail&_caps=pdf%3D1%2Cflash%3D0%2Ctiff%3D0%2Cwebp%3D1&_uid=38402&_mbox=INBOX&_search=700f2e185361d24a318b5f4bc0b48807&_action=show

01:08:30 Bryce Nesbitt - Adu/Permit Consultant: http://berkeleyheritage.com/eastbay_then-now/spear.html

01:12:25 Bryce Nesbitt - Adu/Permit Consultant: In context:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/1/viewer?mid=1DAOhWMGII579mvz7sIghdMN-XJWSAOg&ll=37.87946562288765%2C-122.29675332346395&z=15

(Not just labs)

01:14:38 Meryl (BNC and BSP): Bryce type your question here.

01:14:54 Barbara Rydlander: Thank you Tony for your presentation & impact on our West Berk community. What about those large residential blgs going up in Albany Village?

01:15:52 Meryl (BNC and BSP): Hi Barbara, the 52 bus will probably help those students. I am serious that the number of students taking the 52 from Berkeley over the past 15 years has fluctuated during times.

01:16:07 Meryl (BNC and BSP): The 52 might or not be used. Hard to say.

01:18:23 Carla Woodworth, Berkeley: The increased traffic on Sixth Street is going to impact everyone trying to reach the waterfront/marina or the freeway.

01:20:18 Meryl (BNC and BSP): YES 6th, I-80, Sacramento, SPA. And then with SPA slowed down in Oakland it is going to be hard.

01:20:29 Meryl (BNC and BSP): San Rafael has park and ride.

01:22:54 Bryce: I am working on a project to protect the 8th 9th bicycle boulevard from excessive traffic growth. Please get in touch bryce2@obviously.com

01:23:05 Meryl (BNC and BSP): Thanks Bryce.

01:23:46 Margot Smith: Thanks you and Bernard, public eye.

01:24:09 Paola Laverde: I live on MLK Jr Way, the traffic around 8 am & 6pm is horrendous & very dangerous.

01:25:01 maria sol: Toni...

THANK YOUUUUUUUUU!!!!!

(925-719-7200 IFFFF you Wish to "chat..."...)

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01:25:07 Bryce: For parking office peak is 11am, residential peak midnight. With City leadership these new garages can be shared.

01:26:55 kelly hammargren: Response to Toni's summary of parking and Bryce's suggestion. We have two new council members. Lunapara is very much into reducing driving, transit and climate. Tregub purports to have run on climate.

01:26:57 Bryce: https://www.cdc.gov/training/quicklearns/biosafety/

01:28:41 kelly hammargren: Suggestion is we prepare a proposal from BNC on parking and bring it to Lunapara to finish as the author to bring to council

01:29:59 Meryl (BNC and BSP): Zelda, have you written about this?

01:30:46 Meryl (BNC and BSP): A lot of community colleges work in R&D . There is a glut of low level jobs in R&D as well.

01:31:04 Meryl (BNC and BSP): Bayer is making a point of how they welcome and have Internships for HS students as well.

01:31:22 Bryce: Every lab has a number of lab techs, who have good salaries but less than advanced degrees. This is middle white collar employment 💪.

01:31:43 Meryl (BNC and BSP): Yes, I agree Bryce, but also there are lower level positiions.

01:32:49 Bryce: Current development pipeline

https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/1/viewer?mid=1DAOhWMGII579mvz7sIghdMN-XJWSAOg&ll=37.87946562288765%2C-122.29675332346395&z=15

01:35:15 Margot Smith: Follow the money

01:35:46 Paola Laverde: Thank you, Zelda!

01:36:06 Carla Woodworth, Parker Street: Will these new labs lead to more gentrification and put even more pressure on housing?

01:36:34 maria sol: Ohhhhh Margo.....

Oyyyyyyy!!!☯️🦋☮️

01:36:59 Paola Laverde: Zelda, pls put the name of your YouTube channel name in the chat.

01:39:31 Margot Smith: We sent them to Oakland

01:39:54 Bryce: The development will likely put more pressure of cut traffic on residential side streets, and undercut those streets as good places to walk and 🚲. City not planning for this.

01:40:04 Meryl (BNC and BSP): No probably not, Margot. And remember this is only what is called “a point in time”.

01:40:44 maria sol: Correct!!!

& couldn't/didn't get "accurate count..."...

01:41:56 Zelda Bronstein: I don’t plan to write about this. The bottom line in my opinion is getting decent representation on the council and in the mayor’s office. Unless that happens, we are doomed to more of the same. As for gentrification from the labs, I think it’s mostly a matter of commercial gentrification. The residential gentrification is more likely to reflect

the forthcoming demolition ordinance, which authorizes by-right demolition of any single-family home as long as the new structure is denser. West Berkeley is at the greatest risk, because the land there is less expensive than elsewhere in town. Of course it's also a threat in the hills, where no more housing of any sort should be built due to evacuation and wildfire problems. The council is pro-growth, and UC is the greatest source of growth in Berkeley. Unfortunately, the state Legislature and now the CA Supreme Court (see the recent decision on the People's Park lawsuit) is totally on board with UC expansion. Bad news all around.

01:42:38 Zelda Bronstein: Search for "Berkeley Public Eye," and the Youtube channel will come up. Zelda

01:43:28 Meryl (BNC and BSP): Thank you Zelda.

01:43:40 Bryce: Question: was the rule against overnight camping in parks changed? Why is camping on the Greenway and Codorneces paths?

01:43:47 maria sol: My response is in Agreement With Margo...!!!

Given I "work with" Folk

IN Oakland AND Berkeley!!!

Boots on the Ground

Direct Experience...!!!

01:43:49 Becky O'Malley: https://berkeleydailyplanet.com/issue/2024-06-01/article/50712?headline=Biolabs-in-Your-Backyard---Zelda-Bronstein\

01:44:20 Meryl (BNC and BSP): Camping on Ohlone Greenway as well.

01:44:36 Meryl (BNC and BSP): Thank you Becky.

01:45:34 kelly hammargren: are you studying how long people stay sheltered. Heard at a meeting limit on emergency shelter is 13 days.

01:45:44 maria sol: Elders...

Women...

& "Disabled" are NOT Being

Prioritized!!!!!!!!!!!🙃🙃🙃

& They are SOOOOOOOO

VULNERABLE...!!!!!!!!!

01:46:35 Bryce: When people accept shelters, how long do they stay? What percent progress to a job and self sufficiency?

01:47:01 Paola Laverde: Where are "the priorities"??

01:47:45 Carla Woodworth, Parker Street: District 7 was not redlined.

01:47:53 Paola Laverde: Homelessness is also a senior issue

01:48:01 Meryl (BNC and BSP): Something makes sense, but might not be true. I think correlation is not causation.

01:48:17 Meryl (BNC and BSP): Yes, Paola! Big senior issue.

01:48:17 Dean Metzger: We have put Zelda's notes on the Berkeley Neighborhoods Council website.

01:48:57 maria sol: There Also are NOT ENOUGH SERVICES

to Address the NEEDS

of Traumatized folk...

& Many "housing/shelter"

"Options" RE Traumatize

these Vulnerable folk...

Especially WOMEN...!!!

01:49:55 kelly hammargren: what is the recycling rate. i.e. in emergency shelter back on the street, emergency shelter back on the street

01:50:08 Meryl (BNC and BSP): Moved to West Berkeley.

01:50:50 Zelda Bronstein: I forgot that I just did write about the biolab/R&D expansion for the Planet. Becky O'Malley provided a link. Short-term memory is apparently going.

01:50:55 maria sol: Gosh I REALLY WISH what

Peter is saying was True...!!!!!!

01:51:39 Carla Woodworth, Parker Street: Why did CoB hand back $400,000 of homeless funding to UCB?

01:52:06 Margot Smith: Would Berkeley be cleaner if the camps had trash pickup?

01:52:29 Barbara Rydlander: Please post Peter's email. It went by very quickly in his presentation.

01:53:46 maria sol: I have been "asking" for

Porta Potties & Dumpsters

for YEARS!!!!!!!!!!

01:54:07 Bryce: Question: why is there no Rainbow 🌈 Village II in or near Berkeley? No Grayson II ?

01:56:31 Bryce: Comment/ Rebuttal: Boise and Grants pass never prohibited regulating time and place. Berkeley has deferred more than needed.

02:00:31 Bryce: I ran an RV pumping program and have comments

02:01:18 maria sol: "Enforcement" might be

Considered re City Also...

ie ADA Code Compliance!!!

02:03:46 Peter Radu: pradu@berkeleyca.gov

02:04:33 kelly hammargren: can you post the presentation of p radu

02:04:37 maria sol: & If we could/would PREVENT HARM With

More Transparency

AND Accountability...

we might not have

Soooo Much Unnecessary

Suffering...!!!!!!!!!

Sooooo Much HARM

02:04:48 Meryl (BNC and BSP): The whole meeting will be posted on the BNC website.

02:05:07 Paola Laverde: Reacted to & If we could/would ... with "👍"

02:05:16 iPhone: The ABA Section on Civil Rights and Social Justice has held free webinars on the Grants Pass. I can distribute the links to the recordings to whomever wants them. Also, the Homeless Services Panel of Experts will be having a speaker via:Zoom at our July meeting addressing Grants Pass after the decision comes

02:05:26 Bryce: I, Bryce, founded and personally organized the City's only RV waste a dump operation. It operated for a few months from the Grayson shelter.

Based on those results I feel a that a pumpout program is contraindicated. The same program should not be funded or run.

02:07:18 Paola Laverde: Replying to "I, Bryce, founded an..."

Thx Bryce, please ex...

02:07:35 Bryce: I encourage anyone considering RV waste get in touch, to understand the RV waste learnings from the Grayson pilot program.

02:08:00 Bryce: Replying to "I, Bryce, founded an..."

Happy to share, get in touch.

02:08:17 iPhone: We will have an ABA speaker at our July HSPE meeting. Please contact me if you want links to ABA recordings on Grant Pass. Carole Marasovic at daphnesflight@yahoo.com

02:09:42 kelly hammargren: Carol what is ABA

02:10:31 Carla Woodworth, Parker Street: American Bar Association?

02:11:13 kelly hammargren: last evening on the news they announced State Farm would stay if fire insurance would be covered by the fair plan

02:18:52 Bryce: Could the "forward looking" insurance rates result in a RISE in premiums, as climate change and development patterns are analyzed?

02:18:55 Bryce: How will recent arson fires

affect insurance coverage, specific to Berkeley?

https://www.berkeleyscanner.com/2024/06/05/arrests/berkeley-building-downtown-woman-charged-arson/

02:19:50 maria sol: I Appreciate the need for Insurance...

Soooo We Need to Prepare for Emergencies ie Fire Mitigation...

Earthquake Prep...

Emergency Evacuation...

Mutual Aide AND Services...ETC...!!!

Which Suggests Better

Over ALL Planning And

Management.....

02:20:32 Virginia Browning: I read something alarming about "fuel reduction" requesting homeowners to basically remove trees unless we own giant lots. Trees are needed to mitigate warming.

02:28:44 Paola Laverde: Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price Sues Farmers Insurance and Other Home Insurance Companies Alleging Widespread Scheme to Underinsure Homes in California - Office of the Alameda County District Attorney

https://www.alcoda.org/alameda-county-district-attorney-pamela-price-sues-farmers-insurance-and-other-home-insurance-companies-alleging-widespread-scheme-to-underinsure-homes-in-california/

02:28:50 maria sol: How do we Access the Recording of this meeting???

02:29:53 Berkeley Neighborhoods: A link to the recording will be posted on our website berkeleyneighborhoodscouncil.com

02:30:08 maria sol: Thank You!!!!!!!!

02:32:19 Carla Woodworth, Parker Street: Hathaway Insurance cancelled our Parker Street Housing Co-op insurance--they said they don't want to insure anything built before 1990!

02:32:19 maria sol: Thanks & Blessed Be EveryOne!!!

(Gotta go...)☮️

02:33:28 kelly hammargren: kellyhammargren@gmail.com

02:35:55 Bryce: There's a quite a bit of worry among Fire control about the ADU expansion, and fire spread issue between buildings.

The current Berkeley rules discourage Junior ADU's (inside existing building), compared to 2nd new build structures.

02:36:39 Bryce: The Fire agencies are opposing some of the new ADU rules, again based on density and fire spread issues.

02:39:42 Carla Woodworth, Parker Street: HCD is only requiring 4 foot clearance for ADU's.....maybe state agencies should speak with each other?

02:39:52 Lisa Strange, CA Department of Insurance: https://www.insurance.ca.gov/01-consumers/200-wrr/Safer-from-Wildfires.cfm

02:40:16 Lisa Strange, CA Department of Insurance: Reacted to "kellyhammargren@gmai..." with 👍🏼

02:41:12 Toni: Bryce. I want to talk to you about the pump out program and why you think its not a good idea. Hope we can meet up sometime.

02:41:15 Carla Woodworth, Parker Street: Thank you Lisa for a great presentation!

02:41:18 Bryce: bryce2@obviously.com Bryce Nesbitt 510-383-6663

02:41:39 Lisa Strange, CA Department of Insurance: https://www.insurance.ca.gov/01-consumers/140-catastrophes/upload/Top-Ten-Tips-for-Finding-Residential-Insurance.pdf

02:42:48 Lisa Strange, CA Department of Insurance: lisa.strange@insurance.ca.gov

02:43:06 Lisa Strange, CA Department of Insurance: Marybeth.bykowsky@insurance.ca.gov

02:43:35 Lisa Strange, CA Department of Insurance: Reacted to "bryce2@obviously.com..." with 👍🏼

02:45:10 Willie: Freind Of Adeline Event today S Berkeley Senior Ceter 4:30 7:30