

## 1.0 Long-Term Advocacy Positions - Land Use and Transportation

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### 1.1 The Region

- (1) Support efforts to provide a permanent, direct percentage of federal transportation funds to local government transportation departments for priority work in urban areas. [*Added as ISTEA in 1991/Expanded 1993 NLC Resolution/Modified 2003/amended 2008*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (2) Support continued operation of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority bus transit and paratransit service at service levels sustainable to meet the needs of transit dependent populations. [*\*/Modified 1996 Ballot Initiative-Measure D/Modified 2001/Modified 2003*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (3) Support efforts to create and maintain regional funding sources for critical transportation needs. [*1998- staff suggestion/amended 2008*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (4) Support flexible spending of state and federal transportation funds for locally determined needs. Oppose project or program specific earmarking of funds from existing funding sources. [*First Appeared 2001/ Modified 2003/2006 NLC Resolution*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (5) Enhance the mobility of the growing senior population. [2003 Public Works staff recommendation/amended 2008] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 10-016, January 26, 2010) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (6) Support streamlining or otherwise provide sufficient resources to expeditiously process local agency federal and state-aid projects through Federal and State environmental and regulatory requirements. [*2005 DPW Staff Recommendation*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (7) Support state funding for regional transportation projects; oppose eliminating or reducing state or federal funds due to local contributions. Support local input in determining project priorities. Oppose transfers of local and statewide transportation funds to balance the State General Fund budget. [*\*/Modified 1995/Modified 2003*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (12) Support the concept of a proposed water transit system. However, Sunnyvale believes that any water transit system should be funded through new revenue

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- sources only, that local officials should be directly involved in governing any water transit system, and the interests of its residents should be protected. [*Council RTC 98-264/Modified 2000*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (13) Support the continuing efforts of the Water Emergency Transit Authority to explore San Francisco Bay Ferry Expansion, with reasonable and feasible alternatives for multimodal access to a South Bay ferry terminal. [*\*/Modified 2003*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (14) Support the concept of Smart Growth that promotes a stronger integration of land use and transportation on state, regional and local levels. Integrate local priorities in land use and transportation into Smart Growth actions. [*First Appeared 2003*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 10-016, January 26, 2010) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (15) Support identification and pursuit of limited term revenue sources for transit capital and operating purposes only after stabilization of revenue and service levels sustainable to meet the needs of transit dependent populations. [*2004 Public Works Staff Recommendation*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (16) Support the use of Federal Transportation Trust Funds for the delivery of transportation system improvements and distribution of the funds being done on the principle of “return to source”. Oppose retention of Trust funds for the purpose of “masking” the federal deficit or actual budgetary imbalances. [*1998-December-staff suggestion; 2004 Finance & Public Works Staff Recommendation; Moved from Section 7, Planning & Management, (i) Federal*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (19) Monitor the implementation of the California High Speed Rail Plan and advocate for a financially self-sustaining system using proven cost effective technology and based on the conservative ridership assumptions. The City should actively participate in planning and design to minimize the impact of high-speed rail operations in Sunnyvale. The City supports a southern route without identifying a specific route at this time, but one that does not impact the Henry Coe State Park or the Orestimba wilderness. [*DPW Staff Recommendation based on Council action May 11, 2004, 2009 DPW staff modification.*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**

### 1.2 The City

- (1) Support roadway operations by agencies with facilities in Sunnyvale as long as they do not advertently affect traffic on Sunnyvale streets. [*First Appeared 1993*]

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(Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 10-016, January 26, 2010) **Lead Dept. DPW**

- (2) Support provisions to allow group and residential care homes within the City, but allow local control or participation, if possible, over concentration of such uses. *[First Appeared 1992/Modified 1996/2002 NLC Resolution]* (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. CDD**
- (3) Support efforts to maintain the City’s ability to effectively regulate wireless telecommunications facilities and maintain local authority on facilities that directly affect city residents. [2023 Priority Advocacy Issue] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 24-0102, January 30, 2024) **Lead Dept. CDD**
- (4) Support initiatives that help fund prioritized infrastructure projects that improve the quality of life of its residents. [2023 Priority Advocacy Issue] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 24-0102, January 30, 2024) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (5) Support modernization of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to effectively address contemporary environmental challenges such as climate change. **Lead Dept. CDD**

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