

Note from the Chair
January 2020

This should be my last meeting as Chair of the Transportation Commission. I look forward to supporting the new chair that we elect on Wednesday.

We are still a relatively new Commission for the city, and I believe our role is still being defined. I feel we are still underutilizing the passion and experience of the group, and could have a better relationship with our City Council. I do hope that will be possible now that we are more cohesive as a group.

As Chair, I've had the chance to work more closely with city staff and learn about their role in transportation and other issues. I have had so many moments of being impressed with the quality of work they do, especially our staff person Kayla Coleman. There is so much social media complaining about the city and city staff without any clue of the individuals involved, and the constraints they are working with. The talent that the city has been able to attract and work with is awesome.

The individuals who make up the Transportation Commission are also pretty amazing. Especially since I normally work alone, the collaborative process with so many of you has been a pleasure. We are a great group of people passionate about safety and promoting innovations in transportation policy.

Co-creating a new Commission that works effectively and also efficiently with some of the most challenging and exciting issues of the day has been a privilege. It has also given me something to hang on to during the most difficult periods of my life. Two and a half years ago I found myself recovering from life threatening sepsis with the resultant damage to my heart causing heart failure, and then the death of my father within the last year. I appreciate your encouragement and support to continue with the Transportation Commission. It helped.

I hope this year will be productive and we will be involved in providing insight and advice to the city and to a more limited degree the state on our transportation needs right now and far into the future.

Thank you for your service and participation.

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