Notes from the Chair February 2018

Included in your agenda packet are future priorities for the Transportation Commission that will be presented to City Council. The deadline for writing these was only a few days as the request wasn't received during the holiday time. With just a few days to put something together I had to speak for the Commission. While this was specifically allowed in the request, it was certainly not my choice of a process.

It wasn't a very good or timely process, but I tried to say something meaningful without presuming to speak for items the full commission hasn't voted on. You will find that to be true I hope especially in the last point, mentioning Vision Zero as needing exploration, rather than recommending adoption.

I hope that I did a reasonable job of interpreting where we are going in the future, without overstepping.

I was sent many articles in the last month, and found these to be especially helpful or interesting:

The logic behind pedestrian first signaling:

https://www.citylab.com/transportation/2018/01/the-incredibly-cheapstreet-fix-that-saves-lives/551498/?utm_source=SFFB

The website for the National Motorists Association, which opposes traffic calming:

https://www.motorists.org/

New NACTO Guidelines for Bike Facilities <u>https://nacto.org/2017/12/06/designing-for-all-ages-and-abilities/</u>

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday February 14.

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