

Alameda County Transportation Commission Meeting – October 22nd, 2020

Comments on Agenda Item 6.9

October 21st, 2020

Dear Members of the Alameda County Transportation Commission,

Following up on the October 12th PPC Meeting, Item 5.3, presented here to the commission as Item 6.9, we want to express our **serious concerns about the lack of transparency on the East-West-Connector (Quarry Lakes Parkway) project.**

1. After the PPC meeting, Union City called a meeting with its Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee on short notice to discuss the Quarry Lakes Parkway. The meeting occurred yesterday (Oct. 20th). Despite the highly controversial nature of this project, the meeting was not publicly noticed (see Exhibit A). This violated the Brown Act. In addition, the link to the meeting was changed at the beginning of the meeting from Microsoft Teams to Zoom, further impeding public participation.

2. In its Oct. 12th PPC presentation, Union City cited a memo by ICF Consultants that supposedly states the 2009 EIR does not need to be updated. We requested a soft copy of said ICF memo and our request was forwarded by the county to Union City on October 14th. The City was reminded again on October 16th. As of today (Oct. 21st) all our requests have been ignored by the City.

We ask the commission to please

1. facilitate full public access to the new ICF memo that reviewed the 2009 East West Connector EIR,
2. facilitate full public access to the new traffic study as soon as it is completed,
3. urge Union City to improve transparency and address non-compliances with the Brown Act and California Public Records Act.

Best Regards,

Flavio Poehlmann - Fremont Resident

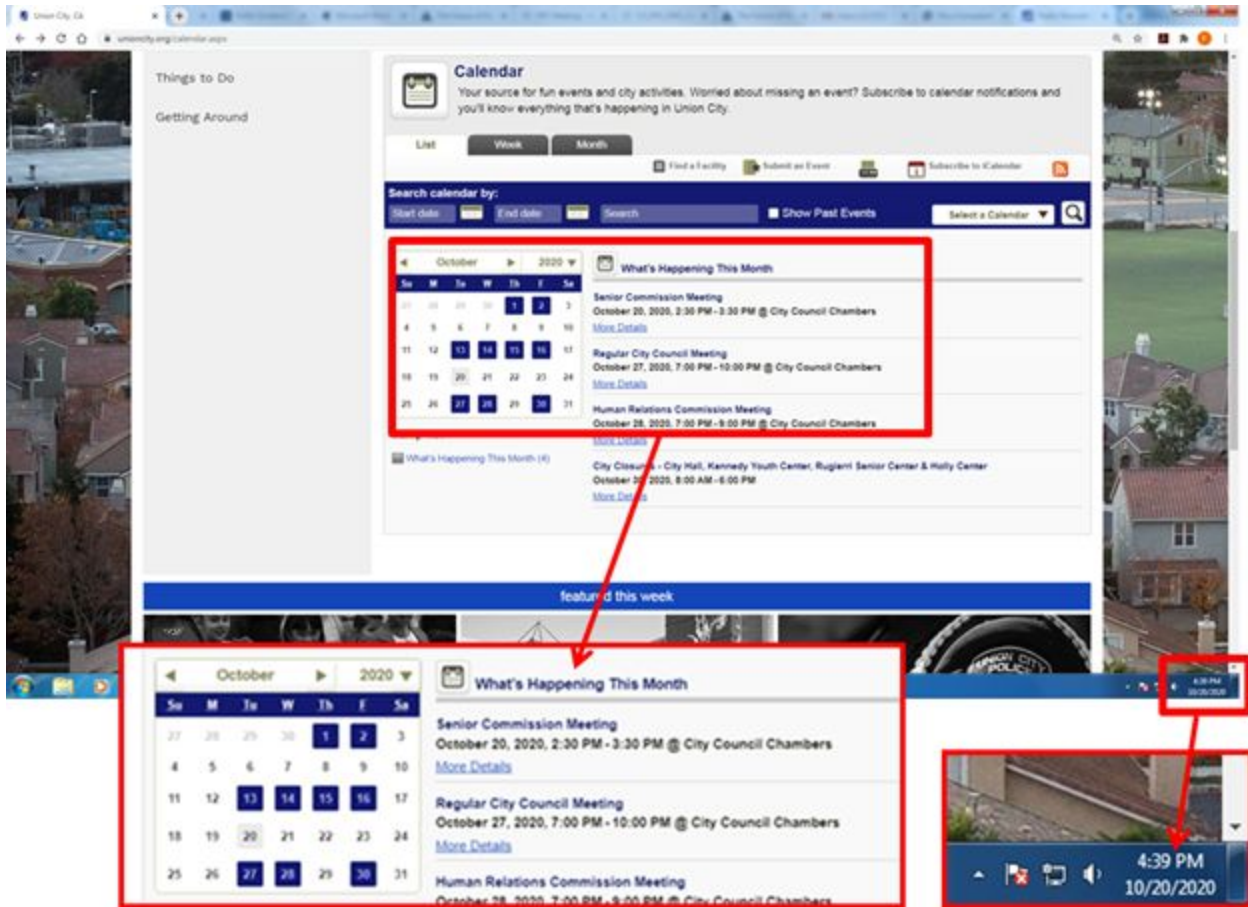
Eva Kamakea - Union City Resident

Dave Campbell - Advocacy Director, Bike East Bay

Andreas Kadavanich - Co-organizer, Bike Fremont

Sarabjit Kaur Cheema - Union City Resident and Candidate for Mayor

Exhibit A



Source: <https://www.unioncity.org/calendar.aspx> ; screen captured on Oct. 20th, 4:39 pm