

# 2025 Committee Objectives

And Tentative meeting schedules

## Rail Ad Hoc Committee

To meet every other month

The Rail Committee reviews the projects and provides recommendations to the City Council based on the Rail Guiding principles adopted by the City Council (August 8, 2022). The projects include: the grade separations and safety improvements at existing crossings, additional east-west bicycle and pedestrian crossings, and quiet zone improvements. Rail committee will review and advance projects for Council approval.

With the exception of bicycle and pedestrian railway crossings, all matters related to cycling and pedestrians such as the Bicycle Pedestrian Transportation Plan (BPTP) will be reviewed by the Policy & Services Committee for recommendations to the full City Council.

## Cubberley Ad Hoc Committee

To meet monthly, possibly immediately before the Finance Committee given the membership of both are the same

The Cubberley Ad Hoc will ensure the City Council's vision is reflected through the master plan process and serve as the Council ambassador for engagement with the community and building community support for development for a new community center at the Cubberley site. This includes making recommendations to the Council on the future operating model (e.g. services available, approach to fees & charges, space allocation) and master plan that will successfully receive voter support in 2026.

Coordination with PAUSD on Cubberley will occur through this committee rather than CSLC. Operations, funding, and ballot measure work (including polling) may be heard by the Finance Committee rather than the Cubberley Ad Hoc for recommendations to the full City Council.

## Retail Ad Hoc Committee

To meet every other month

The retail committee will provide a regular forum for business and community stakeholders to engage with Council members on implementation of the City's economic development strategy. The retail committee will make recommendations to the City Council on economic development and retail vibrancy efforts, such as additional business support, proposed University and California Avenue improvements, and citywide retail zoning code changes.

## Climate Action & Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee

To meet monthly

The Climate Action & Sustainability Committee will support implementation of the Climate Action workplan items of the Three-Year Sustainability and Climate Action Plan (S/CAP) Workplan and the 2025 Council Priority Objectives for the Climate Action & Adaptation, and Natural Environment Council priority. The Committee will also discuss and provide input on S/CAP implementation strategy leading to Council approval and the development of the Climate Action sections of the upcoming 2026-2027 S/CAP Workplan, including consideration of appropriate actions toward the 2030 Carbon Neutrality goal.

Implementation of the Reliability and Resiliency Strategic Plan will continue to be reviewed primarily by the Utilities Advisory Commission (UAC), and recommendations for funding S/CAP programs through the budget process will be made by the UAC and Finance Committee based on priorities established by the Climate Action & Sustainability Committee.

## Council Appointed Officers Committee

Meets as needed

The CAO Committee meets on an as-needed schedule to address issues that Council has referred to the Committee related to Council's four direct appointees: the City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk and City Auditor. For example, the committee may be tasked with duties related to performance evaluations, compensation, and the filling of vacancies. The CAO Committee is to make recommendations to the Council annually regarding the process for CAO evaluations and the selection of the consultant to serve as the facilitator for the CAO evaluations for the year. The CAO Committee is also to schedule the CAO performance evaluations in partnership with staff.

## City/Schools Liaison Committee

Typically meets monthly

The City-Schools Liaison Committee is composed of two Councilmembers and two members of the Board of Education of the Palo Alto Unified School District. The committee's purpose is to share information, collaborate, and coordinate on issues related to Palo Alto's school-aged children and youth.

Policy & Services Committee: See Attachment D

Finance Committee: See Attachment E