

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairperson Hertan in Conference Room B-106, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), 3331 North First Street, San José, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Representing	Status
Wes Brinsfield	Member	City of Los Altos	Present
Kristal Caidoy	Member	City of Milpitas	Present
Barry Chaffin	Member	City of Monte Sereno	Present
Jaime Fearer	Member	City of San José	Present
Paul Goldstein	Member	City of Palo Alto	Present
Bill Haskell	Member	City of Morgan Hill	Present
Peter Hertan	Chairperson	Town of Los Gatos	Present
Sarah Peters	Vice Chairperson	City of Santa Clara	Present
David Simons	Member	City of Sunnyvale	Present
Jim Stallman	Member	City of Saratoga	Present
Greg Unangst	Member	City of Mountain View	Present
Herman Wadler	Member	County of Santa Clara	Present
Vacant	Member	City of Cupertino	n/a
Vacant	Member	City of Campbell	n/a
Vacant	Member	City of Gilroy	n/a
Vacant	Member	Town of Los Altos Hills	n/a
Colin Heyne	Ex-Officio Member	Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition	Present
Shiloh Ballard	Alt. Ex-Officio Member	Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition	n/a

A quorum was present.

2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

Chairperson Hertan noted staff requested the following change to the Agenda: a portion of **Agenda Item #7**: Committee Staff Report to be heard following **Agenda Item #2**: Orders of the Day.

Member Simons requested **Agenda Item #4**: Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2016 be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.

M/S/C (Simons/Stallman) to approve the Orders of the Day.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	David Simons, Member
SECONDER:	Jim Stallman, Member
AYES:	Brinsfield, Caidoy, Chaffin, Fearer, Goldstein, Haskell, Hertan, Peters, Simons, Stallman, Unangst, Wadler
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

The Agenda was taken out of order.

7. Committee Staff Report

- Receive an update on VTA’s Brand Refresh

Bernice Alaniz, Director of Communications, provided a presentation titled, “Steps to Rebranding VTA,” highlighting the following: 1) Steps to New Brand; 2) New Brand; 3) Displaying Brand; 4) Collateral; 5) Facilities; 6) Fleet; 7) Express and Standard Bus; and 8) Light Rail.

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Diane Solomon, Interested Citizen, invited the Committee to Silicon Valley Bikes! Festival and Bicycle Show on May 7, 2017 at History Park in San José.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. (Removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.)

Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2016.

5. Regular Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2016

M/S/C (Wadler/Unangst) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2016.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Herman Wadler, Member
SECONDER:	Greg Unangst, Member
AYES:	Caidoy, Chaffin, Fearer, Goldstein, Hertan, Peters, Simons, Stallman, Unangst, Wadler
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Brinsfield, Haskell
ABSENT:	None

NOTE: M/S/C MEANS MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED AND, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Next Network Draft Plan

Chris Augenstein, Deputy Director Transportation Planning, provided a presentation titled, “Draft Transit Service Plan”, highlighting the following: 1) Increase Transit Ridership; 2) Improve Farebox Recovery (Efficiency); 3) Connect to BART at Milpitas and Berryessa; 4) Project Schedule; 5) Last Summer's Community Outreach; 6) VTA Board Decision; 7) More Residents and Jobs on Frequent Network; 8) Access for Current Riders; 9) More Weekend Service; 10) Existing Grid of Frequent Routes; 11) Proposed Expanded Grid of Frequent Routes; 12) Existing Rapid Service; 13) Proposed Rapid Service; 14) Proposed Transit Network; 15) VTA Express Bus network remains unchanged; 16) VTA Fare Study; 17) Proposed Light Rail Network; 18) BART Connections - Milpitas; 19) BART Connections - Berryessa; 20) Transit Access from Lockheed Martin; 21) Project Website; 22) Project Schedule; and 23) Community Engagement.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) free transfers can justify future fare increases; 2) characteristics of transit agencies with high farebox recovery; 3) employer incentives and subsidies can increase ridership depending on the agreement; 4) first and last mile impact due to service changes; and 5) way finding improvements on light rail.

On order of Chairperson Hertan and there being no objection, the Committee received a report on the Draft Transit Service Plan.

4. Regular Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2016

Member Simons clarified that his comment under **Agenda Item #14**: Announcements about hotels having a low impact on traffic was in reference to a discussion earlier in the meeting.

M/S/C (Simons/Goldstein) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2016.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED
MOVER:	David Simons, Member
SECONDER:	Paul Goldstein, Member
AYES:	Brinsfield, Caidoy, Chaffin, Fearer, Goldstein, Hertan, Peters, Simons, Stallman, Unangst, Wadler
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Haskell
ABSENT:	None

OTHER

7. Committee Staff Report

Lauren Ledbetter, Senior Transportation Planner and BPAC Staff Liaison, provided a report, highlighting the following: 1) Amended One Bay Area Grant Cycle 2 (OBAG 2) language by the Board of Directors (Board) at the January 5, 2017 meeting; 2) Board

priorities for 2017; 3) Next Network website; 4) Paratransit takeover; 5) New Express Bus Line 185 from Gilroy to Mountain View; 6) BART Phase II Environmental Review; and 7) Monthly Bike Pedestrian webinar on “Low Stress Networks” on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at noon.

Member Goldstein requested a handout of the staff report at future meetings.

On order of Chairperson Hertan, and there being no objection, the Committee received the Committee Staff Report.

8. Santa Clara County Staff Report

Dawn Cameron, Deputy Director, Santa Clara County Roads and Airports, reported the following: 1) the County experienced isolated drainage problems and downed trees on rural roads with the recent heavy rain; 2) Gist Road in Los Gatos is closed indefinitely due to damage from the storms; and 3) the County has three projects out to bid: a) East San José pedestrian improvements, b) shoulder widening for sections of Watsonville Road and Uvas Road, both in Morgan Hill, and c) Isabelle Creek Bridge replacement.

Member Stallman would like to confirm striping on the right side of Calvert Drive as part of the road widening project for Stevens Creek and Interstate 280.

Member Haskell expressed interest in a map depicting the sections of Watsonville Road and Uvas Road which will be widened.

On order of Chairperson Hertan, and there being no objection, the Committee received the Santa Clara County Staff Report.

9. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Hertan noted that the Committee leadership is open to suggestions for meetings.

10. Reports from BPAC Subcommittees

Ms. Ledbetter noted the Complete Streets subcommittee is hosting a workshop on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

Chairperson Hertan expressed interest in forming a subcommittee to look at the reimbursement policy, specifically for people who bike or do not use transit or drive to meetings. Members Caidoy, Goldstein, Hertan, and Simons volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

On order of Chairperson Hertan, and there being no objection, the Committee received the BPAC Subcommittees reports.

11. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) Report

There was no CAC/CWC report.

12. **BPAC Work Plan**

Public Comment

Martin Delson, Interested Citizen, made the following comments: 1) suggested VTA create a hotline for the public to use to report problems on the trails in the County; 2) make the County bike map a higher priority; and 3) extend signage to Class III bike lanes.

Ms. Ledbetter provided an overview of the BPAC Work Plan, noting that 2016 Measure B update will be presented as necessary.

Member Fearer requested that the Public Health Department present the pedestrian collisions report findings once it is published.

Member Goldstein would like to form a subcommittee to look at improving communication with the Board before it is comes to the Committee for discussion.

Vice Chairperson Peters would like to add the following to the work plan: 1) standardized signage and way finding as part of the Countywide Bicycle Plan; and 2) incorporate trail issue reporting into the Countywide Bicycle Plan as a program for VTA to explore.

Member Stallman would like an update on bicycle and pedestrian projects in North San José, particularly the status of replacing the Montague Expressway Bridge over the Guadalupe River Trail and opportunities to provide design input.

On order of Chairperson Hertan, and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the BPAC Work Plan.

13. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson Hertan welcomed new member Bill Haskell.

Member Brinsfield thanked Ms. Ledbetter and Vice Chairperson Peters for participating in Green Town Los Altos in November, 2016.

Member Wadler made the following announcements: 1) the Almaden Cycling Touring Club (ACTC) Bike Academy is coming; and 2) ACTC's fundraising ride is coming soon.

Member Stallman announced that the Caltrain undercrossing at Bernardo Avenue in Sunnyvale will be built.

Member Unangst made the following announcements: 1) the Bike Festival on May 7, 2017, will have a variety of speakers; and 2) Mary Avenue Bridge will have a kickoff event on January 17, 2017, at Washington Park in Sunnyvale.

Member Goldstein announced the Adobe Creek Bridge project has backing from the Palo Alto City Council but lost Federal funding.

Vice Chairperson Peters announced that cycle tracks are being planned along Mary Avenue in Sunnyvale.

Ms. Ledbetter encouraged members of the Committee to participate in the Climate Ride.

14. ADJOURN

On order of Chairperson Hertan and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thalia Young, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary