



BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) was called to order at 6:33 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	Absent
Jim Stallman	Member	City of Saratoga	Present
Paul Tuttle	Member	City of Campbell	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 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.

Member Tuttle, representing the City of Campbell, was welcomed and introduced himself.

2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Matt Murphy, Interested Citizen, commented on funding for the Penitencia Creek Trail and suggested trail improvements.

Chairperson Hertan noted that the suggested improvements could be incorporated into the County Bike Plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2017

M/S/C (Stallman/Goldstein) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2017.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Draft 2016 Measure B Program Area - Bicycle & Pedestrian

Jane Shinn, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a presentation titled “2016 Measure B Program Areas: Bicycle & Pedestrian,” highlighting the following: 1) 2016 Measure B Program Areas; 2) Bicycle & Pedestrian - Program Description; 3) Bicycle & Pedestrian - Proposed Guidelines; 4) Competitive Grant Programs; 5) Example of Potential Grant Program Awards; and 6) Relationship to Vehicle Emissions Reductions Based at Schools (VERBS) Program.

Public Comment

Richard Swent, Chair of the Steering Committee of Traffic Safe Communities Network, made the following comments: 1) expressed concern with the funding for VERBS projects; 2) education and encouragement funds appear to only include direct education and encouragement programs; and 3) standardizing data reporting across the County for Safe Routes to School programs.

Doug Muirhead, Interested Citizen, recommended having a VTA team dedicated to finding grant opportunities for smaller cities.

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

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) projects which are cross jurisdictional; 2) general support for the transition of VERBS to 2016 Measure B funds, but expressed concern that money will be lost in the process; 3) broader educational framework which would include things such as bike maintenance skills; 4) language possibly limiting projects to only those listed as part of Resolution 2016.060.17; 5) expressed concern that planning is underfunded and suggested that extra funds go to planning instead of capital; 6) expressed concern that Safe Routes to School programs may potentially be against education and encouragement programs; 7) projects using money from multiple program areas; 8) education through public outreach; 9) changing the scoring committee to include four BPAC members (one each from a small city, a medium sized city, a large city, and the County), four Member Agency staff (one each from a small city, a medium sized city, a large city, and the County), and one VTA member; 10) funding for before and after studies of projects; 11) utilizing a central group to evaluate projects once they are completed; 12) what countywide significance means; and 13) the impact of High Speed Rail and Caltrain projects on bike/pedestrian projects.

On order of Chairperson Hertan and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed and discussed the Draft 2016 Measure B - Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Area.

6. Next Network Outreach Status Update

Adam Burger, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of comments received at the Next Network outreach events, highlighting the following: 1) support for free transfers within the VTA system; 2) support for increased light rail frequency; 3) support for core connectivity; 4) possible solutions for preserving service in Almaden Valley; 5) concern with service cuts in Palo Alto; 6) service south of De Anza Boulevard; 7) service to downtown Los Gatos; 8) Route 45 in East San Jose may be better served as a more flexible service; 9) eliminating route 65, which is similar to routes 61 and 63; 10) express routes discontinuation; 11) partnering with the senior community; and 12) February 20, 2017, is the public comment deadline.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) improving farebox recovery; 2) cities are willing to work with VTA to improve service; 3) paratransit service and changing VTA's policy to minimize impact on current users; 4) after school service around high schools for students who are involved in sports and other activities; 5) subsidies from commercial companies to supplement service; and 6) reorganization of the Eco Pass program.

On order of Chairperson Hertan and there being no objection, the Committee received a summary of community feedback collected to date on the draft Next Network transit service plan.

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7. Committee Staff Report

Lauren Ledbetter, Senior Transportation Planner and BPAC Staff Liaison, provided a report, highlighting the following: 1) at the February 2, 2017 meeting the Board of Directors (Board) approved a four year contract with MV Transportation to provide VTA's Access Paratransit service; 2) the Board honored 18 retirees at the February meeting;

3) bus testing and signal operations of the Alum Rock Bus Rapid Transit corridor; 4) VTA is reaching out to seniors with a new ad campaign; 5) on board surveys over the next five months; 6) new uniform and name for VTA's contracted security service; and 7) Monthly Bike Pedestrian webinar on "Growing the Movement - University Curriculum for Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals" on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at noon.

Member Fearer requested to have the Staff Report e-mailed to members for easy distribution to others.

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

8. Santa Clara County Staff Report

Masoud Akbarzadeh, County Traffic Engineer, provided a handout on how to report issues on County Road Service Requests via a website or a phone app.

Member Goldstein requested to have the link for the County Roads & Airports Service reporting website sent to the Committee.

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 reported on the Leadership Meeting with Ms. Ledbetter, Vice Chairperson Peters, Stephen Flynn, Advisory Committee Coordinator, and Rob Swierk, Transportation Planner. Chairperson Hertan encouraged the Committee to send their ideas of what they want to see done to him and Vice Chairperson Peters.

Vice Chairperson Peters noted that covered topics were: 1) planning to improve equity in work done by the Cities, the County, and VTA; 2) ways to build capacity of individual BPAC's; 3) expanding Vision Zero to the whole county to make it more concrete; and 4) improving collision records, specifically Crossroads data.

Member Brinsfield requested that the topics be added to the work plan.

10. Reports from BPAC Subcommittees

Member Stallman reported that the Complete Streets workshop on January 17, 2017 was productive.

Chairperson Hertan reported the following from the Bike Travel Reimbursement Policy subcommittee: 1) spoke with VTA General Counsel; 2) VTA is open to the idea; and 3) Caltrans reimburses contractors on bicycles at \$.04/mile.

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.

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

12. BPAC Work Plan

Ms. Ledbetter provided an overview of the BPAC Work Plan, noting she is working to get a speaker to come to a future meeting to present the Pedestrian Safety Report from the Santa Clara County Department of Public Health.

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

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ex-Officio Member Heyne announced that the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition distributed a survey to its supporters but noted there were some complaints on the survey.

Member Fearer announced the following: 1) the San Jose Pedestrian Safety Report will be released on February 17, 2017; and 2) the Safe Streets Act of 2017 was introduced, which will be a pilot program of speed cameras in the City of San José and the City and County of San Francisco.

Member Tuttle announced that Campbell will provide free bike valet parking for the farmer's market, May through October.

Member Brinsfield made the following announcements: 1) Los Altos has been meeting with the County to discuss changes on Foothill Expressway between Del Monte Avenue and San Antonio Road; 2) GreenTown will dedicate May as Bike Month with events throughout the month; and 3) a recent engineering and traffic survey recommends increasing speed limits to use radar.

Member Stallman provided an update on the Calvert Drive in Cupertino restriping project.

Member Unangst provided an update on the meeting of the BPAC's at the Silicon Valley Bikes Festival on May 7, 2017.

Vice Chairperson Peters provided an update on the San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail closure during large events. The City of Santa Clara BPAC recommended a three stage solution: an interim solution to have the Stadium Authority escort groups of bikes for the next five large events, medium solution is to provide a detour through a parking lot likely at Great America, and a long term solution of moving the security gates or other infrastructure solutions.

Chairperson Hertan announced that Los Gatos is almost done with the bicycle and pedestrian master plan.

Ms. Ledbetter spoke with Matt Morley, Town of Los Gatos Parks and Public Works Director, who said the Town will have a dedicated person to the bicycle and pedestrian issues. She also commended Vice Chairperson Peters for clearly noting when input was from the Santa Clara BPAC.

14. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Hertan and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thalia Young, Board Assistant
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