

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) was called to order at 6:30 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	Absent
Kristal Caidoy	Member	City of Milpitas	Present
Barry Chaffin	Member	City of Monte Sereno	Present
Susan Cretekos	Member	Town of Los Altos Hills	Present
Jaime Fearer	Vice Chairperson	City of San Jose	Present
Peter Hertan	Chairperson	Town of Los Gatos	Present
Erik Lindskog	Member	City of Cupertino	Present
Robert Neff	Member	City of Palo Alto	Present
Rafael Rius	Member	City of Santa Clara	Present
Carolyn Schimandle	Member	City of Gilroy	Present
David Simons	Member	City of Sunnyvale	Present
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 Morgan Hill	n/a
John Cordes	Ex-Oficio	SV Bicycle Coalition	Present
Shiloh Ballard	Alt. Ex-Oficio	SV Bicycle Coalition	n/a

A quorum was present.

2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no Public Presentations.

4. Committee Staff Report

Lauren Ledbetter, Senior Transportation Planner and Staff Liaison, provided the staff report, highlighting the following: 1) updates to the VTA Board membership; 2) actions taken at the February 7, 2019 Board of Director’s meeting; 3) marketing ridership survey; 4) active transportation program results; and 5) Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals webinar to be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at 12:00 p.m.

- 2016 Measure B Update

Jane Shinn, Senior Management Analyst, provided an update highlighting the following: 1) finalized Complete Streets checklist; and 2) timeline for the 2016 Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian Capital Projects Competitive Grant Program.

5. Santa Clara County Staff Report

Ben Aghegnehu, Santa Clara County Associate Transportation Planner, reported on the letter from the County of Santa Clara Roads and Airports Department, urging the Board of Supervisors to support the continuous funding of the Crossroads Collision Database system by VTA. He also announced the Homestead Road Safe Routes to School Community meeting will be held on Monday, February 25, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Members of the Committee provided the following suggestions: 1) have all jurisdictions participate in the crossroads collision database; and 2) provide the public access to the data.

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

6. Chairperson's Report

There was no Chairperson’s Report.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Regular Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2018

M/S/C (Wadler/Unangst) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2018.

RESULT:	APPROVED – Consent Agenda Items #7
MOVER:	Herman Wadler, Member
SECONDER:	Greg Unangst, Member
AYES:	Caidoy, Chaffin, Cretkos, Fearer, Hertan, Lindskog, Neff, Rius, Schimandle, Simons, Stallman, Tuttle, Unangst, Wadler
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Brinsfield

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

REGULAR AGENDA

8. Election Process for 2019 Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Leadership: Conduct Elections

Chairperson Hertan provided a brief overview of the Nomination Subcommittee's recommendations, nominating Jim Stallman as Chair and Jaime Fearer as Vice Chair for 2019.

M/S/C (Wadler/Unangst) to close the nominations and elect Jim Stallman as the 2019 BPAC Chairperson.

M/S/C (Neff/Cretokos) to close the nominations and elect Jaime Fearer as the 2019 BPAC Vice Chairperson.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] – Regular Agenda Items #8 – Chair
MOVER:	Herman Wadler, Member
SECONDER:	Greg Unangst, Member
AYES:	Caidoy, Chaffin, Cretokos, Fearer, Hertan, Lindskog, Neff, Rius, Schimandle, Simons, Stallman, Tuttle, Unangst, Wadler
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Brinsfield

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] – Regular Agenda Items #8 – Vice Chair
MOVER:	Robert Neff, Member
SECONDER:	Susan Cretokos, Member
AYES:	Caidoy, Chaffin, Cretokos, Fearer, Hertan, Lindskog, Neff, Rius, Schimandle, Simons, Stallman, Tuttle, Unangst, Wadler
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Brinsfield

Chairperson Hertan relinquished his seat as Chair to newly elected Chairperson Stallman who presided over the remainder of the meeting.

9. Transit Speed Policy

Tamiko Percell, Transportation Planner III, provided a presentation titled “Transit Speed Policy,” highlighting the following: 1) Policy consistency; 2) Fast transit program; 3) VTA transit speeds are declining; 4) Causes of delay in the frequent network; 5) Route by route analysis of delay; 6) Fast transit program toolbox; 7) Policy guiding principles; and 8) Next steps.

Members of the Committee provided the following comments: 1) land use plan should complement transit speed policy; and 2) expressed concern about safety, operator training and performance.

Public Comment

Robin Roemer, Interested Citizen, commented road design issues contribute to the declining speed of transit. He suggested having a multimodal solution that helps both pedestrians and transit.

M/S/C (Wadler/Hertan) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors approve Transit Speed Policy for VTA.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] – Regular Agenda Items #9
MOVER:	Herman Wadler, Member
SECONDER:	Peter Hertan, Member
AYES:	Caidoy, Chaffin, Cretekos, Fearer, Hertan, Lindskog, Neff, Rius, Schimandle, Simons, Stallman, Tuttle, Unangst, Wadler
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Brinsfield

10. Proposal for 2019 New Transit Service Plan

Jay Tyree, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a presentation titled “2019 New Transit Service Plan,” highlighting the following: 1) Background; 2) VTA Board direction for the 2019 New Transit Service Plan; 3) Two types of transit routes; 4) Fundamentals of the Next Network service plan; 5) Proposed light rail service; 6) Bus service improvements; 7) Bus service cuts; 8) Ridership impact; 9) More county residents and jobs near frequent transit; 10) Other impacts to be analyzed; 11) Community engagement update; and 12) Next steps;.

Members of the Committee provided the following comments: 1) inquired about the current versus previous level of transit service; and 2) expressed concern on the impacts of the proposed new transit service to communities of concern.

On order of Chairperson Stallman, and there being no objection, the Committee received the Proposal for 2019 New Transit Service Plan.

11. 2016 Measure B Bicycle & Pedestrian Capital Projects Competitive Grants Program Draft Criteria

Ms. Shinn provided an overview of the staff report, explaining the criteria for the 2016 Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian Capital Projects Competitive Grants.

Members of the Committee provided the following comments: 1) inquired how projects will be scored; 2) eligibility of an improvement project making it accessible to people with disability; 3) areas negatively affected by the 2019 New Transit Service Plan should score high; 4) inquired about means to measure current traffic level; 5) eligibility of new projects, projects underway, and projects already identified in 2016 Measure B; and 6) timeline of the competitive grants program.

Public Comment:

Betsy Megas, Interested Citizen, suggested adding general language and not limiting key connections to only schools, transit or employment centers.

On order of Chairperson Stallman, and there being no objection, the Committee received the 2016 Measure B Bicycle & Pedestrian Capital Projects Competitive Grants Program Draft Criteria.

12. Draft Countywide Pedestrian and Bicycle Education and Encouragement Program

Ms. Ledbetter provided an overview of the staff report, describing the Countywide education and encouragement activities.

Members of the Committee provided the following comments: 1) get involved with activities of local jurisdictions; 2) interact with safety organizations in the county; 3) conduct public outreach; and 4) fund adult education programs that would change behavior, recommending the review of the book titled “Fostering Sustainable Behavior.”

On order of Chairperson Stallman, and there being no objection, the Committee received the draft Countywide Pedestrian and Bicycle Education and Encouragement Program.

OTHER

13. Reports from BPAC Subcommittees

- Best Practices for Transit Operators Training

Vice Chairperson Fearer reported that the Subcommittee met on February 4, 2019, and plans to conclude by June 2019. The next meeting will be held on March 4, 2019.

- Across Barrier Connections

There was no report from the Across Barrier Connections Subcommittee.

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

Member Wadler provided a report on the changes to the CAC Membership structure.

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

15. BPAC Work Plan

Ms. Ledbetter provided an overview of the work plan and provided a list of queue items.

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

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ex-Officio Member Cordes announced that the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, in coordination with the City of San Jose, will have a series of infrastructure bicycle rides. The first ride is scheduled on March 23, 2019.

Member Lindskog announced that the City of Cupertino approved a feasibility study for a dedicated bicycle and pedestrian trail.

Member Wadler announced that the Bike Academy will start on February 23, 2019.

Member Unangst announced that the Mountain View City Council unanimously approved a development project that will include a pathway to access a future tunnel crossing Central Expressway.

Vice Chairperson Fearer announced that the City of San Jose will have two (2) Viva Calle events this year. The first event is scheduled on May 19, 2019, and the other will be during the fall season. She also announced that the Walk to Work Day event is scheduled on April 10, 2019.

Chairperson Stallman encouraged the BPAC to attend the New Transit Service Plan public meetings.

17. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Stallman, and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Diaresco, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary