

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) was called to order at 6:34 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
Susan Cretekos	Member	Town of Los Altos Hills	Present
Jaime Fearer	Vice Chairperson	City of San José	Present
Tom Granvold	Member	City of Santa Clara	Present
Peter Hertan	Chairperson	Town of Los Gatos	Present
Erik Lindskog	Member	City of Cupertino	Absent
Robert Neff	Member	City of Palo Alto	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
Ben Pacho	Ex-Officio Member	SV Bicycle Coalition	Present
Shiloh Ballard	Alt. Ex-Officio Member	SV Bicycle Coalition	n/a

A quorum was present.

2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

4. Committee Staff Report

Member Schimandle and Vice Chairperson Fearer
took their seats at 6:37 p.m.

Lauren Ledbetter, Senior Transportation Planner and Staff Liaison, provided an overview of the written staff report, highlighting the following: 1) summary of actions taken by the VTA Board of Directors (Board) at their March 1, 2018 meeting, including recognizing the

2017 Advisory Committee Chairpersons for their dedicated leadership and welcomed the Chairpersons for 2018; 2) setbacks in beginning passenger service for BART Phase I; 3) VTA's 2017 Annual Report; 4) State Route (SR) 87 Corridor Study Survey; 5) Santa Clara Pedestrian Undercrossing was named the 2018 Golden State Award Winner by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC); 6) VTA's Ad Hoc Financial Stability Committee will hold its first meeting March 9, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the VTA Auditorium; 7) Monthly Webinar on March 21, 2018, at noon on "Managing Freight in Urban Multi-Modal Corridors;" 8) Smart Cycling Training; and 9) announced Stephen Flynn has been promoted to Senior Policy Analyst.

Member Granvold took his seat at 6:39 p.m.

Former Member Paul Goldstein and Ex-Officio Member Colin Heyne were recognized for their exemplary service on BPAC.

Mr. Goldstein made the following comments: 1) improvements in bicycle plans over the years; 2) positive experiences working with VTA and County staff; and 3) the evolution of bicycle and pedestrian issues.

Mr. Heyne thanked staff and the Committee and expressed his gratitude for the Committee's work.

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

The Agenda was taken out of order.

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Vanmina Champenois, Interested Citizen, commented on the Mountain View sustainability and environmental issues taskforce.

5. Santa Clara County Staff Report

Ellen Talbo, County Transportation Planner, provided a brief report, highlighting the following: 1) Capitol Expressway bicycle fatality; and 2) current and upcoming projects across the County.

Members of the Committee requested the following: 1) an update on San Tomas Expressway bike lanes; and 2) requested a list of adaptive signal improvements and private development projects.

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

6. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Hertan encouraged the Committee to watch VTA Board meetings online.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2018

Member Schimandle referenced **Agenda Item #14**: Announcements, noting that the name of the bike share company Gilroy is using is Lime Bike not VonBike.

M/S/C (Wadler/Simons) on a vote of 13 yeses to 0 noes to 1 abstention to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2018, as amended. Member Cretkos abstained.

RESULT:	APPROVED as AMENDED – Agenda Item #7
MOVER:	Herman Wadler, Member
SECONDER:	David Simons, Member
AYES:	Brinsfield, Caidoy, Chaffin, Fearer, Granvold, Hertan, Neff, Schimandle, Simons, Stallman, Tuttle, Unangst, Wadler
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Cretkos
ABSENT:	Lindskog

REGULAR AGENDA

8. San Jose Bus Boarding Island Designs

Peter Bennett, City of San José, Department of Transportation, provided a presentation entitled, “Better Bikeway SJ,” highlighting the following: 1) Why Better Bikeways?; 2) What is a Better Bikeway?; 3) Policy Background; 4) What Has Happened So Far?; 5) Where Better Bikeways?; 6) Better Bikeways Survey? 7) Design Overview: Four Strategies; 8) Fourth and San Fernando: Existing; 9) Fourth and San Fernando: Proposed; 10) Three Operational Changes; 11) Real World Examples; 12) Future Upgrades; 13) Why a Bus Boarding Island?; 14) Anatomy of a Bus Boarding Island; 15) Modular Versus Concrete; 16) Zicla Vectoral Modular Bus Boarding Islands; 17) Features We Want; 18) Locations; and 19) Next Steps.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) cleanliness of bike lanes; 2) signage for raised bike lanes; 3) bike lane width; and 4) bicyclist and pedestrian safety.

Public Comment

Betsy Megas, Interested Citizen, made the following comments: 1) bicycles on sidewalks in San José; 2) bicycle visibility in loading zones and at intersections; 3) importance of clean bike lanes; 4) standards for bollards; and 5) seating at bus stops.

On order of Chairperson Hertan, and there being no objection, the Committee received a presentation from the City of San José Staff regarding bus boarding island designs.

9. Formulation of a Joint Development Replacement Parking Policy

Ron Golem, Deputy Director of Real Estate, provided a presentation entitled “Joint Development Parking Policy,” highlighting the following: 1) Park & Ride Utilization; 2) Benefits of Transit-Oriented Development; 3) Annual Ridership by Joint Development (JD) Prototype, Parking Scenario; 4) Study Analysis; 5) Ridership and Revenue Impacts; 6) Estimated Transit Ridership by Parking Scenario; 7) Estimated Net Annual Revenue to VTA by Parking Scenario; 8) Parking Policy Considerations; 9) Parking Demand Forecast; 10) Best Practice Transportation Demand Management (TDM); and 11) Station-Level Parking Analysis.

Discussion ensued on the following: 1) a parking app indicating where parking is available; 2) an area dedicated to autonomous vehicles near public transportation; 3) consider pedestrian needs; and 4) VTA developing a TDM toolkit for the cities in the County of Santa Clara to reference.

On order of Chairperson Hertan, and there being no objection, the Committee received information on future framework for replacement parking policy

10. Santa Clara Countywide Bicycle Plan: Public Review Draft

Ms. Ledbetter provided a presentation entitled “Countywide Bicycle Plan: Public Review Draft,” highlighting the following: 1) 2018 Countywide Bicycle Plan; 2) Goals; 3) Plan Contents; 4) Evaluating the Current Bicycle Conditions; 5) Map of Cross County Bicycle Corridors (CCBCs); 6) Priority CCBCs; 7) Bicycle Superhighway Concept; 8) Across Barrier Connections (ABCs); 9) Education & Encouragement Programs; 10) Costs & Funding; 11) Implementation; and 12) What Is Next?.

The Committee discussed the following: 1) ideas of where cycle tracks can be used; 2) suggestions of additional routes to be CCBCs; 3) accuracy in trail names; and 4) Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant funding.

Member Cretekos left her seat at 8:35 p.m.
Member Stallman left the meeting at 8:37 p.m.
Member Cretekos returned to her seat at 8:42 p.m.

Public Comment

Robert Van Cleef, Interested Citizen, commented on the Five Wounds Trail.

Ed Bloom, Interested Citizen, commented on the following: 1) the Stevens Creek Trail; 2) ignored areas in the plan; and 3) all corridors should be considered.

Steve Elich, Interested Citizen, made the following comments: 1) using and leveraging existing infrastructure; 2) being realistic about cost; and 3) considering the effects on the community.

Mark Roest, Interested Citizen, made the following comments: 1) presented a cheaper option to traditional bike bridges; and 2) continuous bike routes for all bicyclists, including electric bicycles.

On order of Chairperson Hertan, and there being no objection, the Committee discussed the Public Review Draft of the Updated Santa Clara Countywide Bicycle Plan.

OTHER

11. Reports from BPAC Subcommittees

- Travel Reimbursement Subcommittee

Ms. Ledbetter provided an update noting that the proposal is moving forward and the subcommittee does not need to meet. Mr. Flynn added that the amended subcommittee bylaws will be sent to the Board for approval in the coming months.

- Best Practices for Transit Operators Training

Vice Chairperson Fearer provided an update from the subcommittee's February 8, 2018 meeting, highlighting the following: 1) members will reach out to local and national transit agencies to obtain information on their operator training; and 2) the subcommittee will not meet again for several months.

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

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

Member Wadler provided a report, noting the CAC is restructuring their membership and adding term limits.

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

13. BPAC Work Plan

Ms. Ledbetter provided an overview of the BPAC Work Plan.

Members of the Committee requested the following items be added to the Work Plan: 1) San Tomas Expressway project update; 2) anti-harassment ordinance update; and 3) ATP grant applications by VTA and the County as applicable.

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

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chairperson Fearer announced that there is an ATP webinar on March 13, 2018.

Member Neff made the following comments: 1) the Palo Alto BPAC saw a protected intersection plan design for Embarcadero Road and El Camino Real; 2) construction continues on bike boulevards and traffic circle projects; and 3) noted concern from

residents that the City is spending a lot of money and may not have enough in the budget to complete the projects.

Member Unangst announced that Mountain View approved \$1.5 million for an environmental study to close Castro Street at the railroad tracks and building a pedestrian and bicycle undercrossing.

Member Caidoy announced the following: 1) the three bike racks are in use on new VTA buses; and 2) Milpitas is evaluating bike share vendors.

Member Simons announced that Google has paid Sunnyvale to create a general plan specifically for Moffett Park including a complete bike master plan with connections to nearby cities.

Member Brinsfield made the following announcements: 1) Los Altos is creating a downtown vision plan; 2) “The Atlantic” recently published an article on how the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) manuals came about; 3) the Complete Streets Commission has been getting feedback on the Mira Monte Avenue project; and 4) a design presentation from the County for El Monte Road and San Antonio Road improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Member Schimandle announced that the Gilroy City County has decided to hire Lime Bike as their bike share vendor.

Member Tuttle commented that Campbell has been looking at a creek trail project.

Ms. Ledbetter announced her return from Climate Ride, a four day ride through Death Valley, raising money for environmental organizations.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

On order of Chairperson Hertan and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thalia Young, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary