

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 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	Absent
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	Absent
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.

2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were Orders of the Day.

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Steve Skala, Interested Citizen, commented on installing bike bridges and green painted bike lanes in Santa Clara County near the Alameda County border to increase movement between the counties for pedestrians and bicyclists.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Regular Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2017

M/S/C (Stallman/Goldstein) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2017.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

5. 2016 Measure B Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Area - Education & Encouragement Grants Category

Marcella Rensi, Transportation Planning Manager - Planning and Grants, provided an overview of the 2016 Measure B Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Area - Education & Encouragement Grants Category highlighting funds distribution.

Discussion ensued on the following: 1) banking funds; and 2) partnering with other cities or the county for larger projects.

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

6. Vehicle Emissions Reductions Based at Schools Evaluation Criteria

Ms. Rensi provided a brief overview of the staff report.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) projects are not likely to get all scoring points in all categories; and 2) project readiness for small and large cities may differ.

M/S/C (Goldstein/Wadler) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors approve the revised evaluation criteria, including statistics as part of safety and procedures, for selecting projects and awarding Vehicle Emissions Reductions Based at Schools (VERBS) Program grants.

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

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

7. Development Review Annual Report for 2016

Robert Swierk, Principal Transportation Planner, Transportation Planning, introduced Brent Pearse, Transportation Planner. Mr. Pearse provided a presentation titled, “Development Review Program Annual Report 2016,” highlighting the following: 1) Key Themes of 2016 Annual Report; 2) Background; 3) Select Projects Under Construction or Completed in 2016; 4) Development Review Activity for 2016; 5) Development Boom Extends Through 2016: Employment Focus; 6) Development Boom Extends Through 2016: Residential Focus; 7) New Development Boom Drawn to BART & Milpitas Transit Area; 8) Public and Private Partners Collaborating on Funding Challenges; 9) Voluntary Contribution Highlight: Moffett Towers II, Sunnyvale; 10) Voluntary Contribution Highlight: Coleman Highline, San José; 11) Focus on the Pedestrian; 12) Focus on the Pedestrian: The Pierce, San José; 13) Focus on the Pedestrian: Sobrato Mixed Use, Sunnyvale; 14) Focus on the Pedestrian: Riverview Apartments, San José; and 15) Emerging Trends for 2017.

Discussion ensued on the following: 1) increased voluntary donations; 2) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification; and 3) green bicycle lanes and high visibility crosswalks.

On order of Chairperson Hertan, and there being no objection, the Committee received the Development Review Annual Report for 2016.

8. Report from the Santa Clara County Public Health Department on the Recently Published Data Report, “Walking for a Healthier Santa Clara County”

Sue Lowery, Santa Clara County Public Health Department, provided a presentation titled, “Walking for a Healthier Santa Clara County,” highlighting the following: 1) Overview; 2) Content Experts/Collaborators; 3) Data Sources; 4) Benefits; 5) Commuting by Foot; 6) Walking for Physical Activity, Recreation, and Health; 7) Physical Activity and Youth; 8) Pedestrian Collisions; 9) Pedestrian Injuries; 10) Pedestrian Fatalities; 11) Pedestrian Collision Maps; 12) Emerging Issues; 13) Recommendations - E's of Traffic Safety; 14) Plans, Policies, and Initiatives; 15) Limitations; and 16) Contact.

Ms. Lowery noted the Santa Clara County Department of Public Health is available to present the report to interested local BPACs and City Councils.

On order of Chairperson Hertan, and there being no objection, the Committee received a report from the Santa Clara County Public Health Department on the recently published data report, “Walking for a Healthier Santa Clara County.”

OTHER

9. Committee Staff Report

Lauren Ledbetter, Senior Transportation Planner and BPAC Staff Liaison, provided a report, highlighting the following: 1) at their March 2, 2017 meeting, the VTA Board of Directors (Board) recognized the 2016 Advisory Committee Chairpersons; 2) the Board approved the appointment process for the 2016 Measure B Citizens Oversight Committee at the February 2017 meeting; 3) new Board Member orientation; 4) Monthly Bike Pedestrian webinar on “Active Transportation in Rural Settings” on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at noon; 5) Bascom Complete Streets Corridor; 6) VTA's Annual Report; 7) 2016 Measure B update; 8) Next Network revised scheduled; and 9) the Senior Ridership campaign.

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

10. Santa Clara County Staff Report

Dawn Cameron, Deputy Director, Santa Clara County Roads and Airports, reported the following: 1) County road storm damage updates; 2) list of road closures available at <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/rda/Pages/roadclosures.aspx>; and 3) special event applications being denied or the organizers are asked to change routes due to road closures.

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

11. Chairperson's Report

There was no Chairperson's Report.

12. Reports from BPAC Subcommittees

Member Stallman reported there will be a Board of Directors workshop in April 2017 to address the 2016 Measure B program areas, including Complete Streets.

Chairperson Hertan reported the Bike Travel Reimbursement Policy subcommittee has a proposal for a flat fee reimbursement which will be moved forward for consideration by VTA.

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

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

There was no CAC/CWC report.

14. BPAC Work Plan

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

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

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ex-Officio Member Heyne announced that the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC) will hold its annual Bike Advocacy Summit on August 8, 2017.

Member Brinsfield made the following announcements: 1) the City of Los Altos City Council published the City's priorities for 2017 with bicycle and pedestrian issues as the third priority; 2) the Caltrain Bicycle Advisory Committee will discuss the funding deferral for the Caltrain electrification project at its next meeting; and 3) a resident of Los Altos Hills commended the County for their work at Interstate 280 and Page Mill Road.

Member Wadler announced the following: 1) the next Bike Academy will begin in July; and 2) the Almaden Cycling Touring Club (ACTC) will be sponsoring a League Cycling Instructors (LCI) seminar.

Member Stallman announced that VTA is hosting an event for the Interstate 280 and Wolfe Road project on March 9, 2017.

Member Goldstein noted that a trail closure list, as discussed at a previous meeting, would have been helpful recently.

Chairperson Hertan announced that the Town of Los Gatos has completed their Bicycle Master Plan.

16. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Hertan and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thalia Young, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary