

## Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

### SUMMARY MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Workshop Meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Peters 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	Absent
Barry Chaffin	Member	City of Monte Sereno	Present
Susan Cretekos	Member	Town of Los Altos Hills	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
Erik Lindskog	Member	City of Cupertino	Absent
Sarah Peters	Vice Chairperson	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
Colin Heyne	Ex-Officio Member	SV Bicycle Coalition	Present
Shiloh Ballard	Alt. Ex-Officio Member	SV Bicycle Coalition	Absent

**A quorum was present.**

Staff requested the following:

- Hear **Agenda Item #6:** Foothill Expressway Auxiliary Lane between El Monte and San Antonio after **Agenda Item #3:** VTA's Transit Operator Safety Training; and
- Adjourn the workshop at 8:00 p.m. to allow time to review maps related to the Countywide Bicycle Plan Update.

#### 2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

There were no Public Presentations.

**The Agenda was taken out of order.**

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lauren Ledbetter, Senior Transportation Planner and BPAC Staff Liaison, announced Vice Chairperson Peters will be leaving the area and expressed gratitude for her service on the Committee and as Vice Chairperson for 2017. Vice Chairperson Peters added that her replacement representing the City of Santa Clara has been identified and expressed her gratitude to the Committee for allowing her to be Vice Chairperson for the year.

Dawn Cameron, Deputy Director, Santa Clara County Roads and Airports, announced she will be leaving the County of Santa Clara for a job at the City of Mountain View. Ms. Cameron introduced a County Transportation Planner, Ellen Talbo, who will share the County Liaison duties with Aruna Bodunna, Transportation Planner.

Member Schimandle took her seat at 6:38 p.m.

Chairperson Hertan took his seat at 6:40 p.m. and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

**3. VTA's Transit Operator Safety Training**

Maurice Beard, Technical Training Supervisor, provided a presentation titled "Bicycle & Pedestrian Accident Prevention".

The Committee provided input and comments on the following: 1) replacing the term accident with crash; 2) Express bus speed on city streets; 3) bus driver communication regarding bicycle exit either in front or rear of the bus; and 4) praise for the courteous drivers.

Chairperson Hertan requested formation of a subcommittee to research best practices for coach operator training for bicycle and pedestrian interactions.

**Public Comment**

Robert Neff, Interested Citizen, inquired about what bus operators would like from bicyclists.

**On order of Chairperson Hertan**, the Committee received an overview of VTA's Bus Operator Safety Training, specifically in regards to bicyclists and pedestrians.

**6. Foothill Expressway Auxiliary Lane between El Monte and San Antonio**

Ms. Cameron and Khoa Vo, County Principal Civil Engineer, provided a presentation titled "Foothill Expressway Improvements Between El Monte and San Antonio".

**On order of Chairperson Hertan**, the Committee received a report on the Foothill Expressway Auxiliary Lane between El Monte Avenue and San Antonio Road.

4. **CCBC and ABC Prioritization Results for Countywide Bicycle Plan Update**

Ms. Ledbetter provided a presentation titled “Prioritization Results for Countywide Bicycle Plan Update.

**Public Comment**

Martin Delson, Interested Citizen, requested bicycle corridors be labeled with signage indicating which route to take to get to places of interest as is done in other Bay Area counties.

**On order of Chairperson Hertan**, the Committee discussed the prioritization results for the proposed 2017 Cross County Bicycle Corridors.

5. **2016 Measure B Complete Streets Reporting Requirements: Local Streets and Roads Self-Declaration Form**

Adam Paranal, Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the document

The Committee suggested cities should add links on the self-declaration form.

**On order of Chairperson Hertan**, the Committee reviewed the Pavement program Self-Declaration Form for the Local Streets and Roads Program Area of 2016 Measure B.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, continued**

Ex-Officio Member Heyne reminded the Committee of the Silicon Valley Bike Summit on August 8, 2017 at the Microsoft Campus.

Member Fearer announced a walking public art tour of downtown San José on July 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. hosted by California Walks.

Member Schimandle announced that Gilroy is looking into limited green bike lanes.

Member Chaffin noted that the Monte Sereno City Council adopted Los Gatos’ bicycle plan and a resolution to adopt complete streets in anticipation of 2016 Measure B funding.

Member Wadler announced the Bike Academy is starting again.

Member Stallman noted that the Cross County Bicycle Corridor trail segment in Saratoga has been designated as a historic trail by the City Council.

Member Unangst announced that the Stevens Creek trail detour is complete and will be in place for a couple years.

Member Cretokos mentioned that the Town of Los Altos Hills has maps of the bike trails in the town.

Stephen Flynn, Advisory Committee Coordinator, provided a brief update on the status of the draft bicycle travel reimbursement plan.

Ms. Ledbetter recently provided a list of high priority projects to the Caltrans District 4 Bicycle Committee for funding consideration.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**On order of Chairperson Hertan** and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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