

## Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Wednesday, September 12, 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	Absent
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
Peter Hertan	Chairperson	Town of Los Gatos	Present
Erik Lindskog	Member	City of Cupertino	Absent
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
Ben Pacho	Ex-Officio Member	SV Bicycle Coalition	Absent
Shiloh Ballard	Alt. Ex-Officio Member	SV Bicycle Coalition	Absent

**A quorum was present.**

#### 2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

Chairperson Hertan noted staff's request to hear **Agenda Item #9:** North First Street Light Rail Improvements, immediately following **Agenda Item #3:** Public Presentations.

**M/S/C (Simons/Schimandle)** to accept the Orders of the Day.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED – Agenda Item #2</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	David Simons, Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Carolyn Schimandle, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Chaffin, Cretekos, Fearer, Hertan, Neff, Rius, Schimandle, Simons, Stallman, Tuttle, Unangst, Wadler
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Brinsfield, Caidoy, Lindskog

### 3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Robin Roemer, Interested Citizen, commented on the Charcot Avenue Overpass Project.

Member Brinsfield arrived and took his seat at 6:39 p.m.

Doug Muirhead, Interested Citizen, inquired about the outcome of the safe bicycling classes led by Lauren Ledbetter, Senior Transportation Planner and Staff Liaison.

Ms. Ledbetter introduced Ben Aghegnehu, Santa Clara County Transportation Engineer, and new member, Rafael Rius, representing the City of Santa Clara.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 9. North First Street Light Rail Improvements

Jason Kim, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a presentation entitled “North First Street Light Rail Improvements,” highlighting the following: 1) Speeding Up Light Rail; 2) VTA Strategic Plan; 3) Light Rail Maximum Speeds; 4) Light Rail Actual Speeds; 5) Light Rail Operating Inefficiency; 6) Light Rail Operating Delays Systemwide; 7) North First Street; 8) North First Street Delays; 9) Light Rail Enhancement Project; 10) Improving Signal Priority; 11) Adaptive Pedestrian Detection; and 12) First and Tasman.

The Committee discussed the following: 1) high visibility crosswalks; 2) measuring success of proposed improvements; and 3) signal priority.

Members of the Committee requested an update on the light rail speed pilot project through downtown San José.

**On order of Chairperson Hertan**, and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on the North First Street Light Rail Improvements.

### 4. Committee Staff Report

Ms. Ledbetter provided an overview of the written staff report, highlighting the actions taken by the VTA Board of Directors on September 6, 2018, which includes: 1) approval of Evelyn Tran’s employment contract for the General Counsel position; 2) adoption of the Story-Keyes Complete Streets Study; 3) issuance of a competitive Request for Proposal for VTA’s Cerone Joint Development Site; 4) adoption of an oppose position for Proposition 6. Ms. Ledbetter further reported on the following: 1) 2016 Measure B update; 2) VTA endorsed Transit app; 3) VTA’s BART Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension

Update; 4) California Rail Safety Month; 5) three of VTA's five electric buses are in service; 6) Viva CalleSJ on September 23, 2018; 7) the Ad Hoc Financial Stability Committee will meet in November 2018; 8) the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals Monthly Webinar on September 19, 2018, at noon on "Placemaking in the Burbs"; and 9) Highways Look-Ahead.

Members of the Committee expressed interest in the following highway projects: 1) State Route (SR) 237 corridor; 2) Foothill Expressway ramp widening on Interstate 280; 3) Mathilda and SR 237 interchange; and 4) Interstate 101 and SR 25 intersection.

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

**5. Santa Clara County Staff Report**

Mr. Aghegnehu provided a brief report, highlighting the following: 1) the County Sustainability Master Plan; and 2) Bascom Complete Streets Project.

**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 report.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**7. Regular Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2018**

**M/S/C (Simons/Wadler)** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2018. Members Brinsfield and Rius abstained.

**8. FY 2018 Transportation Systems Monitoring Program Report**

**M/S/C (Simons/Wadler)** to receive the FY 2018 Transportation Systems Monitoring Program (TSMP) Report. Members Brinsfield and Rius abstained.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED – Agenda Items #7-8</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	David Simons, Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Herman Wadler, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Chaffin, Cretkos, Fearer, Hertan, Neff, Schimandle, Simons, Stallman, Tuttle, Unangst, Wadler
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Brinsfield, Rius
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Caidoy, Lindskog

## **OTHER**

### **10. Reports from BPAC Subcommittees**

- Best Practices for Transit Operators Training

There was no report.

- Across Barrier Connections

Member Stallman provided a report, highlighting the following: 1) project process; and 2) how the Committee can contribute to future projects.

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

### **11. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) Report**

Member Wadler commented on the CAC Committee restructuring.

**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 work plan and provided a list of queue items.

Members of the Committee requested an update on the Interstate 280 and Page Mill Road bicycle safety improvements.

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

### **13. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson Hertan announced that Los Gatos is implementing a Complete Streets program.

Vice Chairperson Fearer made the following announcements: 1) Better Bikeways Projects in central San José are being put into place; and 2) the PedsCount! Summit at San José State University on October 18-19, 2018.

Member Neff invited the Committee to Bike Palo Alto on September 30, 2018 at Fairmeadow Elementary School.

Member Unangst announced that the Peninsula Bikeway Project met and started to compile an inter-County bikeway map with cities from San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties.

Member Stallman announced that Saratoga is using money from Senate Bill (SB) 1 for paving projects which benefit bicyclists.

Members Simons announced that Saratoga is developing bike routes with signs and coordinating with the surrounding cities.

Member Wadler announced that San Tomas Expressway appears to have 6-foot bike lanes.

Member Brinsfield made the following announcements: 1) the Mira Monte pathway project has been put on hold due to resident resistance; 2) El Monte Safe Routes to School will hold an open house at the end of September; 3) the downtown Los Altos community center vision plan; 4) the stop sign program in downtown; 5) the Los Altos Complete Streets Commission is figuring out how to evaluate the cumulative impacts of projects; and 6) Caltrain electric trains mock ups.

Member Schimandle announced the following: 1) significant bike developments in Gilroy; 2) artistic bike racks are being installed downtown; and 3) Gilroy has submitted an application to the League of American Cyclists to be considered a bike friendly city.

Member Rius announced that the City of Santa Clara is updating their bike master plan.

Member Tuttle noted that the San Tomas Expressway improvements are nice from a bicyclist viewpoint.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**On order of Chairperson Hertan** and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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