

## Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

### 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
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	Present
Robert Neff	Member	City of Palo Alto	Absent
Rafael Rius	Member	City of Santa Clara	Absent
Carolyn Schimandle	Member	City of Gilroy	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	Present
Herman Wadler	Member	County of Santa Clara	Present
Vacant	Member	City of Morgan Hill	n/a
Vacant	Ex-Officio Member	SV Bicycle Coalition	n/a
Shiloh Ballard	Alt. Ex-Officio Member	SV Bicycle Coalition	Absent

**A quorum was present.**

#### 2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

#### 3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Steve Skala, Interested Citizen, commented on the following: 1) Across Barriers Corridors (ABC); and 2) coordinating with Caltrans on ABC priorities.

Andrew Boone, Interested Citizen, made the following comments: 1) the meeting location is inconvenient; and 2) 2016 Measure B does not have sufficient funding for bicycles and pedestrians.

Betsy Megaw, Interested Citizen, commented that Pruneridge Avenue in Santa Clara has about two miles without a bike lane.

Member Schimandle arrived and took her seat at 6:41 p.m.

#### **4. Committee Staff Report**

Lauren Ledbetter, Senior Transportation Planner and Staff Liaison, provided an overview of the written staff report, highlighting the following: 1) the VTA Board of Directors at their October 4, 2018 meeting, deferred the introduction of the Silicon Valley Express Lanes Program Toll Ordinance; 2) VTA's quarterly service changes went into effect October 8; 3) VTA's SMART Pass Program update; 4) Assembly Bill 2034 Human Trafficking legislation signed into law; 5) General Manager Nuria Fernandez has been elected as Vice Chairperson of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Board; and 6) the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals Monthly Webinar on October 17, 2018, at noon on "Ten Years of Safe Routes to School - Where Do we Go From Here?"

Ms. Ledbetter further reported on what VTA's Bike/Ped Program is working on: 1) bike locker improvements; 2) 2016 Measure B work; 3) Highways Program; 4) bicycle superhighways implementation plan; 5) dockless scooters and bikes; 6) King Road pedestrian improvements; 7) Homestead Road/SR 85 corridor pedestrian and bicycle improvements; 8) Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) regional bike and pedestrian count effort; and 9) staff will be presenting the Pedestrian Plan at the Peds Count! Summit on October 18-19, 2018.

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

#### **5. Santa Clara County Staff Report**

Ben Aghegnehu, Santa Clara County Transportation Engineer, provided a brief report, highlighting the following: 1) grant updates; 2) Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution to designate bike lanes on McKee Road; 3) Page Mill Road project update; and 4) the Homestead Road/State Route 85 corridor 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 September 12, 2018

Member Stallman referenced **Agenda Item #13:** Announcements, noting that Member Simons announcement was for Sunnyvale not Saratoga.

**M/S/C (Stallman/Unangst)** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2018, as amended.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED, as amended – Agenda Item #7</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jim Stallman, Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Greg Unangst, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Brinsfield, Caidoy, Chaffin, Cretkos, Fearer, Hertan, Lindskog, Schimandle, Stallman, Tuttle, Unangst, Wadler
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Neff, Rius, Simons

## REGULAR AGENDA

### Agenda Items #8 and #9

Ms. Ledbetter noted that **Agenda Item #8.**, Mountain View Multimodal Improvement Plan Approval and **Agenda Item #9.**, Santa Clara Multimodal Improvement Plan Approval will be heard together.

### 8. Mountain View Multimodal Improvement Plan Approval

### 9. Santa Clara Multimodal Improvement Plan Approval

Robert Swierk, Principal Transportation Planner, provided a presentation entitled, “City of Mountain View Multimodal Improvement Plan Approval,” highlighting the following: 1) Multimodal Improvement Plan (MIP) Background; 2) Mountain View’s MIP Intersections & Action Plan; 3) Mountain View MIP Action Plan; 4) Mountain View MIP Timeline at VTA Committees/Board; and 5) MIP Approval - Staff Recommendation.

Melissa Cerezo, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a presentation entitled, “City of Santa Clara Multimodal Improvement Plan Approval”, highlighting the following: 1) Santa Clara’s MIP Intersections & Action Plan; 2) Santa Clara MIP Action Plan; 3) Santa Clara MIP Timeline at VTA Committees/Board; and 4) MIP Approval - Staff Recommendation.

A brief discussion ensued, highlighting the following: 1) the level of service (LOS) to vehicle miles traveled (VMT) transition; and 2) bike lane design.

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

**Public Comment**

Mr. Boone made the following comments: 1) impressed with the Mountain View plan and the effort for multimodal transportation; 2) the biggest challenge in Mountain View for bicyclists and pedestrians is El Camino Real; 3) the Santa Clara plan does not discuss in depth other modes of transportation besides vehicles; and 4) believes that Santa Clara has the worst conditions in the county for bicycles.

**M/S/C (Unangst/Wadler)** to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors approve the Mountain View Multimodal Improvement Plan.

**M/S/C (Brinsfield/Cretekos)** on a vote of 9 yeses to 1 no to 2 abstentions to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors approve the Santa Clara Multimodal Improvement Plan. Member Lindskog opposed. Member Brinsfield and Chairperson Hertan abstained.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED – Agenda Item #8</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Greg Unangst, Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Herman Wadler, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Brinsfield, Caidoy, Chaffin, Cretekos, Fearer, Hertan, Lindskog, Schimandle, Stallman, Tuttle, Unangst, Wadler
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Neff, Rius, Simons

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED – Agenda Item #9</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Wes Brinsfield, Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Susan Cretekos, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Caidoy, Chaffin, Cretekos, Fearer, Schimandle, Stallman, Tuttle, Unangst, Wadler
<b>NOES:</b>	Lindskog
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Brinsfield, Hertan
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Neff, Rius, Simons

**10. Election Process for 2019 Advisory Committee Leadership: Appoint Nomination Subcommittee**

Thalia Young, Board Assistant, provided a brief overview of the staff report.

**M/S/C (Wadler/Cretekos)** to appoint Member Brinsfield and Chairperson Hertan as the nomination subcommittee to identify Committee members interested in serving as the chairperson or vice chairperson for 2019.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED – Agenda Item #10</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Herman Wadler, Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Susan Cretkos, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Brinsfield, Caidoy, Chaffin, Cretkos, Fearer, Hertan, Lindskog, Schimandle, Stallman, Tuttle, Unangst, Wadler
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Neff, Rius, Simons

**11. Proposed Design Guidance for Bike Lanes and Cycle Tracks at Bus Stops**

Ms. Ledbetter provided a brief overview of the staff report, highlighting design options effecting bicycles at bus stops.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) bicycle lanes and cycle tracks design and safety; and 2) bus station amenities.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Boone commented on cycle track design.

**On order of Chairperson Hertan**, and there being no objection, the Committee received a report on VTA’s draft design guidelines for accommodating bike lanes and cycle tracks at bus stops.

**OTHER**

**12. Reports from BPAC Subcommittees**

- Best Practices for Transit Operators Training

Vice Chairperson Fearer provided a brief report, highlighting the following: 1) encouraged BPAC members to join the committee; and 2) the next meeting will be on November 9, 2018. Member Wadler expressed interest in joining the subcommittee.

- Across Barrier Connections

There was no report.

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

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

Member Wadler commented on the changes to the CAC Membership structure.

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

**14. BPAC Work Plan**

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

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

**15. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Member Linskog made the following announcements: 1) the Cupertino City Council provided approval to proceed with a feasibility study for a bicycle and pedestrian trail; and 2) Cupertino will host a bike fall festival on October 22, 2018.

Member Brinsfield commented on the following: 1) bike lanes on Foothill Expressway; 2) Los Altos is struggling with determining the cumulative effects of projects on the city; and 3) suggesting an increase in the bicycle technical guidelines minimum requirement of bike lanes for projects within the county.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**On order of Chairperson Hertan** and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thalia Young, Board Assistant  
VTA Office of the Board Secretary