

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) was called to order at 6:32 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 Jose	Present
Peter Hertan	Chairperson	Town of Los Gatos	Present
Erik Lindskog	Member	City of Cupertino	Present
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
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:

Betsy Megas, Interested Citizen, noted the following: 1) encouraged the Committee to provide feedback on the City of Santa Clara's bike plan; 2) safety concerns when riding bicycles; 3) bike storage issues; and 4) congratulated Member Stallman for his work on the Bay Trail that got accepted in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) project proposal list.

4. Committee Staff Report

Lauren Ledbetter, Senior Transportation Planner and Staff Liaison, provided an overview of the staff report, highlighting the following: 1) actions taken at the November 1, 2018 Board of Director's meeting; 2) update on EZFare; 3) rescheduled Ad Hoc Financial Stability Committee meeting to November 16, 2018, at 3:00 p.m.; 4) update on October 17, 2018, Caltrans District 4 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting; 5) update on September 26, 2018, Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting; 6) VTA to host a webinar for the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) on November 14, 2018, at 12:00 p.m.; and 7) update on VTA's Bike Ped Program.

A Member of the Committee requested to receive crash data analysis.

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 report, highlighting the following: 1) update on the Homestead Road corridor study and a community meeting scheduled on November 26, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.; 2) update on the Page Mill Road Expressway study project; and 3) appointment of Jacqueline Ociano, new Director of the Planning and Development Department.

A Member of the Committee inquired about the timeline to complete the Page Mill Road Expressway study project.

Upon inquiry, Mr. Aghegnehu provided project timeline for Page Mill Road Expressway study project.

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 urged the Committee to attend the Ad Hoc Financial Stability Committee meeting. He noted that it is a great meeting to learn about the organization's financial status and practice.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Regular Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2018

M/S/C (Stallman/Unangst) on a vote of 14 ayes to 0 no to 1 abstention to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2018. Member Brinsfield abstained.

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

8. VERBS Cycle 3-Supplemental Program of Projects

M/S/C (Stallman/Unangst) on a vote of 14 ayes to 0 no to 1 abstention to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors: 1) Approve a program of projects for the Vehicle Emissions Reductions Based at Schools (VERBS) Cycle 3 Program; and 2) Reprogram \$1,000,000 from the City of Los Altos *Miramonte Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Access Improvements* project if, by January 31, 2019, the City of Los Altos is unable to proceed with the Miramonte Avenue original project scope approved by the VTA Board of Directors. Member Brinsfield abstained.

9. SR 87 Technology Corridor Study Report

Upon inquiry, staff indicated the bicycle and pedestrian group provided significant input in the State Route 87 Technology Corridor Study.

M/S/C (Stallman/Unangst) on a vote of 14 ayes to 0 no to 1 abstention to receive the State Route 87 Technology Corridor Study Report. Member Brinsfield abstained.

RESULT:	APPROVED – Agenda Items #7 - #9
MOVER:	Jim Stallman, Member
SECONDER:	Greg Unangst, Member
AYES:	Caidoy, Chaffin, Cretkos, Fearer, Hertan, Lindskog, Neff, Rius, Schimandle, Simons, Stallman, Tuttle, Unangst, Wadler
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Brinsfield

REGULAR AGENDA

10. Station Access Policy

Aiko Cuenco, Transportation Planner III, provided a presentation entitled “Station Access Policy,” highlighting the following: 1) Policy consistency; 2) Access policies and practices; 3) Station access policy; 4) Guiding principles; 5) Station access hierarchy; 6) Applies to; and 7) Next steps.

Members of the Committee and staff briefly discussed the impacts of the proposed policy to the design of BART Silicon Valley stations and the policy’s nexus to VTA’s land use and development initiative.

M/S/C (Unangst/Wadler) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors adopt a Station Access Policy for VTA.

RESULT:	APPROVED – Agenda Item #10
MOVER:	Greg Unangst, Member
SECONDER:	Herman Wadler, Member
AYES:	Brinsfield, Caidoy, Chaffin, Cretekos, Fearer, Hertan, Lindskog, Neff, Rius, Schimandle, Simons, Stallman, Tuttle, Unangst, Wadler
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

11. VTA Land Use and Development Review Policy

Melissa Cerezo, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a presentation entitled “Land Use and Development Review Policy,” highlighting the following: 1) Policy consistency; 2) Why are we creating this?; 3) Policy outreach; 4) Principles; 5) Strategies to fulfill principles; 6) Policy tools; and 7) Next steps.

Members of the Committee provided the following comments: 1) importance of involving impacted users in gathering data for projects; 2) staff to be proactive and get involved early in the process; 3) include metrics to measure success; 4) consider Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in the policy, and treat it separate from pedestrians; and 5) questioned the effect of the policy on multiple projects.

M/S/C (Simons/Schimandle) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors approve the VTA Land Use and Development Review Policy. Further directed having the BPAC liaison or appropriate staff flag nexus to the development of bicycle and pedestrian projects on the list, and to have appropriate pedestrian input be used on pedestrian projects.

RESULT:	APPROVED – Agenda Item #11
MOVER:	David Simons, Member
SECONDER:	Carolyn Schimandle, Member
AYES:	Brinsfield, Caidoy, Chaffin, Cretekos, Fearer, Hertan, Lindskog, Neff, Rius, Schimandle, Simons, Stallman, Tuttle, Unangst, Wadler
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

12. North San Jose Deficiency Plan Update

Ms. Cerezo and Ramses Madou, Division Manager, City of San Jose Department of Transportation, provided a presentation entitled “North San Jose Deficiency Plan,” highlighting the following: 1) Deficiency Plan/Multimodal Improvement Plan (MIP) background; 2) MIP required elements; 3) North San Jose Deficiency Plan background; 4) Deficiency/MIP plan structure; 5) progress to date; 6) City of San Jose’s proposed approach – goals; 7) proposed plan update; 8) phasing; 9) MIP required elements and North San Jose potential changes; and 10) next steps.

Committee discussion ensued about the following: 1) effects regarding the change from Level-of-Service (LOS) to Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT); 2) considerations for road widening would create safety issues for bicycle and pedestrians; 3) Mabury Road/U.S.

Route 101 Interchange project; 4) bring the plan to the City of San Jose's BPAC; 5) promote safe routes from one jurisdiction to another; 6) need to update the project list, making it multimodal, and aligned with development; and 7) need to increase housing density.

Public Comment

Robin Roemer, Interested Citizen, expressed concern about the mode share distribution of the plan, and inquired about viable actions to reduce traffic impact.

On order of Chairperson Hertan, and there being no objection, the Committee received the North San Jose Deficiency Plan Update.

13. Election Process for 2019 Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Leadership: Nomination Subcommittee Report

Chairperson Hertan provided the Nomination Subcommittee report, noting the following: 1) nominate Vice Chairperson Fearer as Chairperson for 2019; and 2) nominate Member Stallman as Vice Chairperson for 2019.

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

OTHER

14. Reports from BPAC Subcommittees

- Best Practices for Transit Operators Training

Vice Chairperson Fearer reported that the Subcommittee will meet on November 9, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. to discuss next steps. She noted Member Wadler is on the Subcommittee, and encouraged BPAC members to join.

- Across Barrier Connections

Member Stallman reported on the following actions taken by the Subcommittee at its November 7, 2018 meeting: 1) reviewed scoring criteria for projects on the list; and 2) provide attention to the Cross County Bicycle Connectors (CCBC) and determine near term project opportunities.

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

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

There was no CAC/CWC report.

16. 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.

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Brinsfield acknowledged City of Mountain View BPAC for hosting a joint meeting with the Los Altos Complete Streets Commission. He also announced that there are residents in the City of Los Altos that oppose the reprogramming of \$1,000,000 for the Miramonte Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Access Improvements project.

Member Unangst announced the unfortunate fatality that occurred at Google headquarters. He added that LinkedIn is doing major development on the City of Mountain View resulting in planned modifications to the intersection of Middlefield Road and California State Route 237.

Member Simons announced that the John Christian trail needs to be updated to align with the planned development in the City of Sunnyvale.

Vice Chairperson Fearer provided the following announcements: 1) honor recent bicycle fatalities; 2) City of San Jose had its 39th fatality yesterday; 3) distributed World Day of Remembrance San Jose flyer; and 4) job opening for Walk San Jose Program Manager.

Member Neff announced that the City of Palo Alto is working on improvements to the Grand Boulevard. He added that a community meeting is scheduled on November 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Member Stallman provided the following announcements: 1) received the North San Jose Mobility Plan; and 2) attended the Pedestrian Symposium.

Member Rius invited the Committee to provide feedback on the City of Santa Clara's Bike Plan.

Chairperson Hertan shared his experience in riding the Bird electric scooter in San Jose.

18. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Hertan and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Diaresco, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary