

**MEMORANDUM**

Public Works Department

DATE: November 30, 2021

TO: Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

FROM: Brandon Whyte, Active Transportation Planner

SUBJECT: **Pedestrian Master Plan – Annual Review**

RECOMMENDATION

Review and provide comments regarding the current Pedestrian Master Plan and the upcoming Active Transportation Plan.

BACKGROUND

When the City Council approved revisions to the PMP at its January 28, 2014 meeting, Council directed the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (B/PAC) to include an annual review of the PMP in its work plan.

On November 10, 2020, Councilmembers directed staff to combine the PMP update with the update of the Bicycle Transportation Plan (BTP) to allow for the alignment of competing uses within public rights-of-way for key corridors within the City. Taking a more holistic approach allows for the planning of all modes more cohesively and efficiently, ensuring quality transportation options for all modes of travel. Council also directed staff to incorporate considerations related to green streets and habitat corridors arising from new biodiversity requirements in the ATP.

The purpose of this discussion is to provide B/PAC members with an opportunity to:

- Provide general comments on the PMP's adequacy in addressing the pedestrian-related needs of the community;
- Identify topics, issues, and concerns that should be considered for inclusion in the ATP, which will serve as the update of the PMP as well as the BTP; and
- Review the draft list of tasks under consideration for the ATP, which combines both the PMP Update and BTP Update.

ANALYSIS

Summaries of comments received at past annual reviews are included in Attachment 1. Staff has also distilled comments from B/PAC’s past reviews of the PMP from 2015 through 2021 as displayed in Table 1. Items have been summarized and consolidated, and are listed by year and completion status. As displayed below, many items are recommended for consideration in the upcoming ATP. Additionally, some items have already been completed or are under way, while others may not be best addressed through the ATP.

Table 1. Consolidated Summary of B/PAC Comments on the PMP, 2015-21

<u>Year Comment Made</u>	<u>PMP Review Comment (Summarized and Consolidated)</u>	<u>Completion Status</u>
2015	Consider all types of pedestrians, including persons with disabilities	Ongoing
2015	Develop Vision Zero policy and program	Council adopted Vision Zero Policy (2019); Vision Zero Action Plan/Local Road Safety Plan under way
2015	Apply for walk- and bike-friendly accreditations	City was awarded silver-level Bicycle-Friendly Community (2012) and bronze-level Walk-Friendly Community (2018) accreditation
2015	Provide list of approved reference resources	Reference resources provided as part of B/PAC Members Manual (2020)
2016	Make comments from the annual PMP review public	Complete/Ongoing
2016	Provide quarterly reporting of crash data	Complete/Ongoing
2016, 2020	Identify a year for the next plan update	Plan to be developed 2022/23
2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021	Conduct in-depth pedestrian network review (lighting, gap policy, width, curb cuts, network density, etc.)	Consider in ATP
2015, 2016	Improve ongoing data gathering and trend analysis	Consider in ATP

<u>Year Comment Made</u>	<u>PMP Review Comment (Summarized and Consolidated)</u>	<u>Completion Status</u>
2015, 2016	Improve pedestrian accommodations during construction	Consider in ATP
2015, 2016	Measure accomplishments since the adoption of the previous PMP	Consider in ATP
2015	List all major pedestrian construction closures on the website	Consider in ATP
2015	Improve consideration of transit during the planning process	Consider in ATP
2015	Review pedestrian policy	Consider in ATP
2015	Include Safe Routes to School in the planning process	Consider in ATP
2015	Strengthen ATP language to protect pedestrians	Consider in ATP
2016, 2017, 2018	Provide greater project details than prior PMP	Consider in ATP
2016, 2018	Develop specific and actionable goals to improve the pedestrian environment	Consider in ATP
2016	Incorporate <i>AskMV</i> data in planning process	Consider in ATP
2016	Conduct project scoring that reflects planning goals	Consider in ATP
2018	Conduct regular surveys to query why people do or do not walk [or bike]	Consider in ATP
2018	Increase the network of trails in the City	Consider in ATP
2018	Plan for future growth	Consider in ATP
2018, 2020	Provide guidance regarding autonomous vehicles, including personal delivery devices	Consider in ATP
2021	A proactive traffic-calming process not requiring neighborhood initiation	Consider in ATP
2015	Develop specific measurable goals related to interagency cooperation	Not currently under consideration
2018	Link all recommendations to problems described within the existing conditions	Not currently under consideration

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2015, 2016	Conduct sidewalk inventory	To be addressed outside the ATP
2021	Address Transportation Demand Management	To be addressed outside the ATP

DISCUSSION

Staff requests B/PAC review of Table 1 and Attachment 1, which summarize feedback on the PMP, and advise staff of any additional issues to be added to the list.

The proposed scope for the ATP request for proposals is provided as Attachment 2. Staff requests B/PAC’s review and comment on the proposed draft task list.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will refine the task list in order to develop a request for proposals for the ATP. The ATP will be the mechanism for updating the PMP as well as the BTP.

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- Attachments: 1. Summary of Pedestrian Master Plan Annual Review Comments
 2. Active Transportation Plan Request Task List