



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

6:30 PM Video Conference with No Physical Meeting Location

This meeting was conducted in accordance with State of California Executive Order N-29-20, dated March 17, 2020. All members of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee participated in the meeting by video conference, with no physical meeting location.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Lada Adamic called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Staff members present: Transportation Manager Ria Hutabarat Lo, Transportation Planner Aruna Bodduna, Project Manager Jim Lightbody, Engineer Joy Houghton, Senior Analyst Nancy Doan, Assistant Public Works Director Damian Skinner, Consultant Sam Corbett.

8 members of the public were present.

Present 5 - Committee Member Terry Barton, Committee Member James Kuszmaul, Committee Member Kalyanaraman Shankari, Vice Chair Valerie Fenwick, and Chair Lada Adamic

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Bruce England suggested that B/PAC consider AB 122 (Idaho Stop), AB 1289, and SB 425 (Complete Streets). Leonard Fomin recommended pedestrian upgrades to Rengstorff/Junction intersection to help achieve Vision Zero goals. And Arthur Lieberman expressed appreciation for the joint Palo Alto / Mountain View B/PAC meeting.

4. MINUTES APPROVAL

4.1 Minutes Approval

MOTION: Approve the minutes from the B/PAC meeting on February 24, 2021. Shankari/Kuszmaul-5/0/0

Yes: 5 - Committee Member Barton, Committee Member Kuszmaul, Committee Member Shankari, Vice Chair Fenwick, and Chair Adamic

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 North Bayshore Circulation Feasibility Study

Transportation Planner Aruna Bodduna provided a presentation on the North Bayshore Circulation Study.

Public comments:

Bruce England from Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning (MVCSP) requested that analysis include the Bay Trail which is used by commuters. He also supported Middlefield improvements and expressed concern about poles on sidewalks, which may narrow the effective width.

Committee comments:

Lada Adamic and Terry Barton supported use of levees on both sides of Stevens Creek for trails. Lada Adamic and James Kuszmaul disagreed with the recommendation to eliminate center striping along the Bay Trail. And Valerie Fenwick and James Kuszmaul recommended actions to address narrow, dark underpasses along the trails such as under US101.

Additionally, Lada Adamic highlighted the need for improved access for non-Googlers to Stevens Creek Trail via Crittenden Lane. Valerie Fenwick noted that narrow bridges in Shoreline Park are used by many commuters, who are willing to make significant detours for a safer rider. James Kuszmaul supported transit access to Crittenden trailhead, and improvements along Middlefield and Moffett. He also recommended aiming for better than the 10% active transportation mode share. Terry Barton indicated that there is significant commute use of the Bay Trail including 40 to 50 commuters from Google bike club, so the trail should not be excluded in the study. He noted that the main access is East Bayshore, not San Antonio Road. Shankari disagreed with the recommendation to reduce the planned bicycle capacity in North Bayshore based on current projections. Shankari and James Kuszmaul recommended lower cost options to increase bicycle capacity (such as tactical urbanism) rather than reducing facilities.

6.2

AccessMV: Comprehensive Modal Plan Priority Corridors

Transportation Manager Ria Hutabarat Lo and Consultant Sam Corbett provided a presentation on prioritization criteria and results for corridors and projects.

Public comments:

Bruce England recommended reviewing the Water District Trails Master Plan with this work. He was relatively happy with the list, but requested more east west corridors and items east of 85. April Webster noted the movement to build more green complete streets. She also requested more analysis of directionality (east west) and calmer streets such as Latham to allow movement between cities and shopping centers.

Committee comments:

Shankari suggested changing the transit propensity score to a mobility metric and reducing the VMT metric if the projects do not score differently. Valerie Fenwick commented that it would be good to refine pedestrian metrics over time to reflect issues like narrow or blocked sidewalks. James Kuszmaul supported the transit propensity and cost reduction metrics. He also warned against using community support and geographic distribution as prioritization criteria due to conflicts with equity concerns in more dense neighborhoods. He supported the cost reduction metric. Terry Barton expressed interest in seeing more detailed data from report appendices. Lada Adamic concurred with prioritization criteria, and requested that raw scores from the appendices be made available sooner than the final report.

MOTION: B/PAC concur with the identified primary corridors. Fenwick / Shankari - 4/0/1 (passed) – Adamic abstaining.

6.3 Fiscal Year 2021-22 through Fiscal Year 2025-26 Capital Improvement Program

Assistant Public Works Director Damian Skinner provided a presentation on the Active Transportation CIP projects.

Public comment:

Bruce England from MVCSP requested prioritizing the Active Transportation Plan, El Monte corridor improvements, and California Street improvements with green street elements. He encouraged deferring projects at Stierlin Road, Evelyn Avenue, San Antonio/Bayshore, 237/Middlefield, and Thompson/Central. He also requested consolidating lists into a single list that can be organized and analyzed. He also requested that the Traffic Operations Center be renamed as the Mobility Center. April Webster from MVCSP recommended escalating California Street and Middlefield Road as east west connection. She also recommended adding green elements and deprioritizing the Stierlin project.

Committee comments

James Kuszmaul, Valerie Fenwick and Terry Barton recommended aligning projects with the priorities outlined in AccessMV. James also recommended prioritizing Middlefield Road bikeway and sidewalk feasibility studies, staff increases and the Escuela project. He recommended compiling a single list of all CIPs with descriptions. Valerie Fenwick requested that projects (like Villa Street Undercrossing and Stierlin Bike Improvements) be more accurately labeled, and Shankari noted that the Stierlin project is part of the Shoreline corridor to North Bayshore. Terry Barton requested increased trail maintenance funding to match the level of maintenance of roadways.

MOTION: Use AccessMV criteria to prioritize currently unscheduled projects. Shankari/Adamic – 5/0/0 (passed)

MOTION: Consider lower cost or temporary treatments for high priority unscheduled projects. Shankari / Kuszmaul 4/0/1 (passed) – Fenwick abstain

6.4 Advisory Body Input on the Mountain View Strategic Roadmap - Potential Projects for Fiscal Years 2021/22 and 2022/23

Transportation Manager Ria Hutabarat Lo presented information on the Strategic Roadmap process.

Public comments:

Bruce England suggested incorporating the Tree Master Plan into the Active Transportation Plan, providing essential services for the homeless, and considering a precise plan for Moffett area including an economic vitality strategy to activate this area and beyond. April Webster supported the concept of green streets by linking the Community Tree Master Plan, Open Space Master Plan and Green Streets. She was happy to see the Active Transportation Plan on the list as well as interdepartmental collaboration.

B/PAC members voted for the following strategic priorities:

5 votes: Comprehensive Homelessness Response Strategy; Continue to implement the Transit Center Master Plan; Develop a City Active Transportation Plan; Continue the Citywide Travel Demand Update.

4 votes: Facilitate affordable housing at the VTA Evelyn Site; Work with MVLA to explore the District acquiring Shenandoah for affordable housing; Continue implementation of SAP-4 items.

3 votes: Continue the Soft-Story Seismic Retrofit Program; Ordinance or incentive to restrict gas-powered leaf blowers.

2 votes: Update City/School District Joint-Use Master Agreement; Explore feasibility of alternative mental health crisis response methods; Strategies for middle-income housing affordability; Revisions to R3 Zone standards that consider form-based zoning etc; Citywide Transportation Demand Management Ordinance; Moffett Boulevard streetscape design strategy; Continue to Participate in South Bay Salt Ponds project; Update Community Tree Master Plan and review policies and ordinances; Inventory residential buildings that are in areas with lower zoning etc.; COVID-19 recovery to support community relief/resilience; Develop a Campaign Finance Ordinance; Increase interdepartmental collaboration; Partner with County to explore Crestview Hotel conversion for unstably housed; Complete the Castro Pedestrian Mall Feasibility Study.

1 vote: City mobile home ordinance modeled on CSFRA and administered by RHC; Ordinance to address wage theft and responsible construction; Develop e-scooter regulations; Feasibility Study of Automated Guideway Transportation System; Establish and implement performance auditing; Develop an Economic Vitality Strategy; Develop and implement an enhanced legislative program.

6.5 B/PAC Fiscal Year 2020-21 Work Plan

No updates to Work Plan. There is an additional special meeting on May 26, 2021.

6.6 Santa Clara Valley Transportation Agency (VTA) Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Update

VTA is collecting information on what Cities are doing for Bike to Wherever Day on May 21. VTA are also collecting survey information on bike superhighways

7. COMMITTEE/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, REQUESTS, AND REPORTS

7.1. Staff Comments

Aruna Bodduna provided an update on AskMV comments, and Castro StrEATS, which will go to Council on April 13. She also mentioned Caltrain's new e-lockers, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Vision Zero policy and Working Group, and the Council Transportation Committee meeting on April 20, 2021.

7.2. Committee Comments

James Kuszmaul supported the concept of considering state legislation such as the Idaho stop, 85th percentile rule and bike lane environmental review. Terry Barton requested information on how to raise legislative issues and requested agendaing the

joint PABAC meeting agenda. Valerie Fenwick commented on ongoing problems with her AskMV tickets, which seem to disappear from the system so do not allow for tracking.

8. SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: April 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

9. CALENDAR

Special meetings will be held on May 26, 2021 and June 30, 2021.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Lada Adamic adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.