



# City of Mountain View

## Minutes - Final

### Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

*Committee Members Fenwick, Shankari, Tock, Vice Chair Unangst and Chair Roddin*

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Wednesday, October 30, 2019

6:30 PM

Plaza Conference Room

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

*Chair Marc Roddin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Five members of the public were present.*

#### 2. ROLL CALL

*Shankari arrived at 6:36 p.m.*

*Staff members present: Transportation Planner Helen Kim, Transportation Planner Nate Baird, Transportation Manager Ria Hutabarat Lo.*

**Present** 4 - Committee Member Valerie Fenwick, Committee Member Theron Tock, Chair Greg Unangst, and Chair Marc Roddin

**Absent** 1 - Committee Member Kalyanaraman Shankari

#### 3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

*Thomas, a local boy scout, and his mother, Gilda Garretton, residents of Mountain View, asked about various topics related to bike safety, including rules about riding on sidewalks, biking through crosswalks, and riding against the flow of traffic.*

*Jack Miller commented that he was disappointed that the previous commenters didn't already have the information they requested via in-school educational programming.*

#### 4. MINUTES APPROVAL

##### 4.1 [190650](#) **Minutes Approval**

**Attachments:** [Advisory Board Minutes 25-Sep-2019.pdf](#)

*MOTION – M/S Fenwick/Theron - Carried 3-0-0; Shankari absent, Unangst abstained - Approve the B/PAC Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2019.*

#### 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

##### 6.1 [190646](#) **Draft Downtown Lighting Study, Project 15-34**

**Attachments:** [Draft Downtown Lighting Study, Project 15-34 \(Memo\)](#)

[ATT 1 - Draft Downtown Lighting Study.pdf](#)

*Transportation Planner Helen Kim introduced consultant Ryan Dole from Kimley Horn,*

who provided a presentation on the Draft Downtown Lighting Study.

Public comment:

No comments.

Committee comments:

B/PAC members appreciated and supported the use of objective data in the lighting study, and requested more information on nighttime collisions. They also recommended smart power approaches to reduce energy consumption, and prioritization methods to utilize future budget where problems are most severe.

BPAC also expressed interest in potential future efforts to pursue similar analyses to evaluate lighting needs along school routes and other areas of the city.

## 6.2 [190647](#) Vision Zero Action Plan

**Attachments:** [Vision Zero Action Plan \(memo\)](#)

Transportation Manager Ria Hutabarat Lo provided a presentation on the proposed Vision Zero Action Plan.

Public comments:

Bruce England supported the Action Plan and expressed hope that the City Council would adopt the policy in December. For outreach, he recommended engaging advisory bodies, and neighborhoods via CNC meetings. He also requested that the term KSI be better explained. He recommended that the AskMV system be utilized to report near misses. Finally, he requested that Vision Zero data be presented and reported in CSV format to make it easier for the public to engage and analyze.

Jack Miller noted an increasing number of crashes occurring on Villa St. in Downtown, and that the increasing number of new developments in Mountain View were related. He suggested companies bringing in employees ought to go through an educational process before being allowed to operate their commuter vehicles.

Terry Barton expressed support for Vision Zero. He commented on the importance of collecting and sharing data. He suggested prioritizing training from UC Berkeley, and evaluating data to find patterns. He encouraged staff to work with local self-driving car companies to ensure their technologies prioritize bicyclist and pedestrian safety.

Committee comments:

B/PAC expressed support for the Vision Zero policy and action plan. B/PAC also had a key question regarding how to discourage drivers from engaging in risky behaviors, such as speeding and driving while distracted by devices.

B/PAC requested that City collision data be posted in CSV format. Staff committed to doing so before the next meeting. B/PAC also requested maps and lists of improvements. Related pedestrian planning should include transit centers, schools of all levels, other destinations, and identification of barriers. In addition to identification of the High Injury Network, B/PAC requested that speed limits be included on Vision Zero maps, and that lighting needs be displayed and prioritized.

*B/PAC emphasized the importance of learning and leveraging data regarding near misses, and suggested ways to engage constituents in reporting near misses. B/PAC recommended working with nearby cities, coordinating with police departments, and engaging in meaningful outreach, especially to local schools and technology companies. Finally, members suggested that Vision Zero consider protecting pedestrians from people riding devices such as electric skateboards, solo wheels, and electric scooters.*

Review and provide input on the proposed Vision Zero action plan.

**6.3**      [190648](#)      **B/PAC Fiscal Year 2019-20 Work Plan**

*The committee reviewed the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Work Plan and provided updates on recent and upcoming activities.*

**6.4**      [190649](#)      **Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Update**

*Greg Unangst reported on two VTA BPAC meetings.*

*On September 11th, VTA staff clarified criteria for clean air transportation projects and recommended higher equity weighting for the Measure B competitive grant program. The VTA BPAC did not come to agreement on a recommendation related to the equity criteria weighting. VTA staff also gave an update on bike/ped access for the 101 / Del a Cruz intersection improvements and efforts to move from Level of Service (LOS) to Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) for transportation analysis under CEQA. A Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC) representative promoted a series of effectiveness trainings for local BPACs.*

*At the October 9th meeting, VTA staff gave updates on recent VTA Board action on bike/ped funding initiatives, which included increasing the total number of points allocated for equity criteria. Staff also facilitated a discussion about connections between Eastridge and BART, how best to extend light rail to Eastridge when ridership is likely to be low, and how to fund street improvements in southeast San Jose, including accommodation for bicyclists during construction.*

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

**7.1. Staff Comments**

*Staff reported 9 AskMV requests in October. Topics included signal detection and timing, school pick up and drop off issues, pavement complaints, and the need to remount flexible posts along a section of the Hetch Hetchy Trail. Dawn Cameron was announced as the new Public Works Director.*

*Staff provided additional updates on Castro and Rengstorff grade separation projects, noting a related display at City Hall showcasing Caltrain's future train design, as well as Mountain View Vision Zero efforts, traffic engineering devices and signs. Staff also announced that Transportation Manager Ria Hutabarat Lo will be presenting at the SVBC BPAC effectiveness training on Dec. 10th. City Council will also review the Vision Zero policy and action plan on Dec. 10th.*

*Committee comments*

*Theron Tock discussed his son's recent collision with a car on Latham Street. Thankfully, his son sustained only minor abrasions. K. Shankari will defend her thesis next week. Marc Roddin didn't have any updates. Valerie Fenwick spoke about recent scientific studies that highlight the importance of rotating meeting leadership for encouraging various kinds of useful feedback. She also attended the City Council meeting regarding scooter share. Despite her concerns, Council and the public seem excited about the coming program. Greg Unangst asked whether there were any updates on Bernardo Undercrossing and Stevens Creek Trail (SCT) Extension. Transportation Manager Ria Hutabarat Lo explained that the Bernardo Undercrossing project is moving forward, and there are no updates regarding funding commitments for the SCT project.*

## **7.2. Committee Comments**

## **8. SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING**

*Wednesday, December 4, 2019 B/PAC Meeting at 6:30 p.m. (later cancelled)*

## **9. CALENDAR**

*Wednesday, December 4, 2019 B/PAC Meeting at 6:30 p.m. (later cancelled)*

*Wednesday, January 29, 2020 B/PAC Meeting at 6:30 p.m.*

*Wednesday, February 26, 2020 B/PAC Meeting at 6:30 p.m.*

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

*Chair Roddin adjourned the meeting at 8:35p.*