



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

6:30 PM Video Conference with No Physical Meeting Location

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fenwick called the meeting of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (B/PAC) to order at 6:30 p.m.

Fenwick called for a moment of silence for Andre Retana who was killed while riding his bicycle at Grant and El Camino Real on March 17th.

2. ROLL CALL

Staff members present: Public Works Director Dawn Cameron, Transportation Manager Ria Hutabarat Lo, Transportation Planner Priyoti Ahmed, Transportation Planner Brandon Whyte, Transportation Demand Management Coordinator Ben Pacho, and Traffic Engineer Lorenzo Lopez.

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

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nineteen members of the public were present.

Silja Paymer expressed frustration about the City's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program.

Amy Rhoads felt that the Suggested Routes to School maps are outdated.

Holger Isenberg noted various existing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure elements that he liked and needed improvement.

4. MINUTES APPROVAL

4.1 Approve Meeting Minutes

Approve the B/PAC meeting minutes of January 26, 2022. Shankari / Adamic - 5/0/0

Approved.

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

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Vision Zero Action Plan / Local Road Safety Plan

Ahmed presented on the Vision Zero Action Plan (VZAP) and Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP).

Public Comment:

Bruce England requested a response to a letter he sent to staff, that near-miss reporting be easier and better advertised, annual review of the [forthcoming] Active Transportation Plan, and better connections to mobile homes. He also did not support the 35 mph speed limit near Landels Elementary.

Silja Paymer expressed a preference for plastic bollards for protected bikeways. She also requested that one-way streets be considered more often. She asked that the Neighborhood Transportation Management Program be reevaluated and not require communities to reapply after the reevaluation. Finally, she suggested that anywhere bikes and pedestrians are sharing the road, the speed limit should be under 30 mph.

Committee Comment:

Kuszmaul and Fenwick supported the prioritization criteria as presented.

Shankari and Kuszmaul requested the City consider the prohibition of right turns on red lights.

Adamic and Kuszmaul requested the expedition of bike and pedestrian improvements (quick build) and the prioritization of bicycle and pedestrian safety above other goals in the City.

Adamic suggested that it would be helpful to compare crashes against volumes. She requested that the report [LRSP] provide a denser bike network with alternate routes to routes with high traffic levels and overlay the collisions data with planned improvements. Finally, she asked for a map-based project tracker on the website.

Kuszmaul requested the City support SB922 and AB2536 regarding motor vehicle speeds. He also supported speed cameras, protected intersections, and pedestrian leading intervals.

Kuszmaul made a motion to request the City implement quick build improvements before the school year starts on streets located on the High Injury Network or as listed safe routes to school. The motion was not seconded.

Barton requested the report provide more detail regarding crash patterns, a deeper analysis of students' travel decisions, and a list of accomplishments thus far.

Fenwick suggested the LRSP, the [forthcoming] Active Transportation Plan, and AccessMV coordinate project lists. She also requested the plan add trails as a key destination, consider sidewalks more, and suggest increased crossing time at signals,

and better accommodations for pedestrians and cyclists during construction. Finally, she expressed her concerns about specific intersections around the City.

Shankari requested better school safety training that involves the parents, network analysis of the safe routes to school maps, and the use of bicycle level of traffic stress that considers high-stress barriers and gaps. She asked for analysis to be done to attempt to identify other intersections that may lead to severe crashes before they happen.

Shankari made a motion to prioritize previously identified network gaps that pertain to safe routes to school and the inclusion of quick build costs in the scoring of those projects. Fenwick did not support the motion stating that staff is already considering these things and she does not want to interrupt current projects. The motion was not seconded.

6.2 Appointment to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Whyte presented on the VTA BPAC representative role.

Public Comment:

None.

Committee Comment:

Adamic stated her desire to remain the VTA BPAC representative.

MOTION:

Recommendation to the City Council for the appointment of Lada Adamic as Mountain View's representative to the VTA BPAC for the term starting July 1, 2022 until June 30, 2024.

Adamic/Kuszmaul - 5/0/0 - passed

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

6.3 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Funding

Whyte presented on Transportation Development Act Article 3 funding.

Public Comment:

None.

Committee Comment:

Shankari suggested banking TDA3 funds this year but beginning the design work this year for smaller and quicker improvements across the City in the next funding cycle.

Fenwick requested that staff present options for projects and banking TDA3 funds for next year. Kuszmaul also stated his support.

MOTION:

B/PAC requests that funding be banked this year and requests a choice between quick build projects and supplementing a larger project next year.

Shankari/Adamic – 5/0/0 – passed

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

6.4 B/PAC Fiscal Year 2021-22 Work Plan

Whyte presented the Work Plan and Tentative Agenda List.

Public Comment:

None.

Committee Comment:

None.

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

Adamic provide a report on the VTA BPAC agenda items.

Public Comment:

None.

Committee Comment:

None.

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

7.1. Staff Comments

Whyte reported on the Vision Zero / Local Road Safety Plan Public Meeting on March 24, the California Street Pilot Project Bike Ride on March 26, the work underway at Villa and Shoreline, and the completed Charleston Bus Lane project. Ahmed provided a Safe Routes to School update. And finally, Whyte concluded with the regular AskMV report.

7.2. Committee Comments

Fenwick thanked staff and the BPAC for their careful and considerate thought for the safety of all Mountain View residents. She also noted there is a problem with sidewalk gaps and narrow sidewalks. She stated that the sidewalks don't support people with mobility devices or with strollers well enough.

8. SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on April 27, 2022.

9. CALENDAR

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.