



DATE: October 13, 2020

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Public Works

TITLE: **Appointment to Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee recommendation to retroactively reappoint Greg Unangst as the City of Mountain View’s representative to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee from July 1, 2020 until a new midterm appointment is considered in early 2021 for the remainder of the two-year term ending June 30, 2022.

BACKGROUND

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) advises the VTA Board of Directors on bicycle and pedestrian projects/issues and consists of appointed representatives from each city in Santa Clara County. The appointment term is two years, ending on June 30 of each even-numbered year. The term for the City’s current representative on the VTA BPAC, Greg Unangst, expired on June 30, 2020. VTA has allowed Mr. Unangst to continue to serve on the VTA BPAC pending his reappointment retroactive to July 1, 2020 by the City Council.

According to Section 3, Article VI—Officers, of the City B/PAC’s bylaws, the City’s designated representative to the VTA BPAC is appointed from a recommendation by the membership of the City B/PAC to the City Council.

ANALYSIS

Mr. Unangst has served as the City’s representative on the VTA BPAC since 2015, including participating as the City’s representative on the review committee for the Measure B Pedestrian/Bicycle Competitive Grant Program in 2020. Mr. Unangst’s term on the City’s B/PAC ends on December 31, 2020, and he is not eligible for reappointment due to the City’s B/PAC Bylaws, which limit members to a maximum of two consecutive four-year terms.

At its September 30, 2020 meeting, the City's B/PAC recommended Greg Unangst to continue to serve as the City's representative on the VTA BPAC until a new appointment can be made in early 2021. In making this recommendation, the B/PAC considered that the terms for three of their five members expire on December 31, 2020. With the potential for up to three new members in January 2021, the B/PAC would like the opportunity for the new members to help determine who will represent the City on the VTA BPAC through June 30, 2022. Mr. Unangst has indicated a willingness to continue to represent the City on VTA's BPAC until a new appointment is made in early 2021.

If approved, the recommendation to reappoint Mr. Unangst will be forwarded to the VTA Board of Directors for final approval. A new appointment recommendation from the B/PAC will be brought to the City Council for approval in February 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT

Although there is no direct impact associated with this recommendation, the VTA BPAC makes recommendations regarding various bicycle and pedestrian projects to the VTA Board of Directors for funding consideration.

ALTERNATIVES

Approve the appointment of a different City B/PAC member to serve as the City's representative on the VTA BPAC.

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda posting.

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