



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

6:30 PM Video Conference with No Physical Meeting Location

During this declared state of emergency, the meeting will be conducted in accordance with California Government Code § 54953(e) as authorized by resolution of the City Council. Please contact city.clerk@mountainview.gov to obtain a copy of the applicable resolution. All members of the Bicycle Advisory Committee will participate in the meeting by video conference, with no physical meeting location.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fenwick called the meeting of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (B/PAC) to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Staff members present: Active Transportation Planner Brandon Whyte, Transportation Planner Priyoti Ahmed, Transportation Demand Analyst Ben Pacho, Public Works Director Dawn Cameron, Economic Vitality Manager John Lang, and Business Development Specialist Tiffany Chew.

Present 4 - Committee Member Lada Adamic, Committee Member Terry Barton, Vice Chair James Kuszmaul, and Chair Valerie Fenwick

Absent 1 - Committee Member Kalyanaraman Shankari

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Seven members of the public were present.

Bruce England mentioned construction signs placed in bike lanes, mainly by Pacific Gas and Electric. He asked what the City's policies are and what can be done to prevent this.

4. MINUTES APPROVAL

4.1 Approve Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

Approve the B/PAC meeting minutes of April 27, 2022.

Barton/Adamic - 4/0/1 - passed - Shankari absent.

Yes: 4 - Committee Member Adamic, Committee Member Barton, Vice Chair Kuszmaul, and Chair Fenwick

Absent: 1 - Committee Member Shankari

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Personal Delivery Device Pilot Program Update

Chew and Lang provided a presentation on the Personal Delivery Devices Pilot Program.

Public comment:

Bruce England requested a label be placed on the devices directing residents to AskMV. He suggested these devices be prohibited on sidewalks. He also stated his preference for bicycle delivery.

Committee comment:

Fenwick and Adamic expressed concern that PDDs prevent trip chaining and secondary purchasing.

Barton stated that having office space in Mountain View should not be enough to count as a local business. He also noted that there might be unauthorized devices using trails or sidewalks.

Kuszmaul noted there might be an operational benefit to having the company in Mountain View. He encouraged the capture of a wide array of data, including how often the devices stall at corners. He also supported the concept of fixed routes. He requested City contact information be placed on the devices. Finally, he generally supported automated delivery systems and other forms of delivery that did not require cars, like bicycle delivery.

Adamic stated that there is no data to support economic development created by PDDs. She also noted the presence of and negative interactions with PDDs can discourage walking. Adamic noted that PDDs helped people stay at home during the pandemic, but now in "normal times" they, she said they decrease social capital and hinder community building by helping people stay at home. Finally, she expressed concern that PDDs may eventually use the bike lanes.

Fenwick stated she supports innovative technology but that Mountain View's sidewalks are not wide enough for PDDs. She suggested that interoffice or in-hospital medicine delivery may be a better use case.

6.2 One Bay Area Grant Cycle 3 (OBAG 3) Complete Streets Checklists

Whyte provided a presentation on OBAG Grant Cycle 3 Complete Streets Checklist.

Public comment:

No public comments.

Committee comment:

Adamic and Fenwick supported the projects and the checklist itself for providing transparency and clarity.

Kuszmaul stated these are all excellent projects.

Barton supported the projects since they target gaps, address a recent fatality, consider upcoming development projects and provide a regional benefit.

Fenwick stated that the exceptions listed on the Complete Streets Checklists were reasonable.

6.3 B/PAC Fiscal Year 2021-22 Work Plan

Whyte provided information of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Work Plan.

Public comment:

No public comments.

Committee comment:

No committee comments.

6.4 B/PAC Draft Fiscal Year 2022-23 Work Plan

Whyte presented the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee's Draft Fiscal Year 2022-23 Work Plan.

Public comment:

No public comments.

Committee comment:

Fenwick stated that she looks forward to making several policy suggestions via the Active Transportation Plan development process.

MOTION:

Accept the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Fiscal Year 2022-23 Work Plan.

Kuszmaul/Barton - 4/0/1 - passed - Shankari absent.

Yes: 4 - Committee Member Adamic, Committee Member Barton, Vice Chair Kuszmaul, and Chair Fenwick

Absent: 1 - Committee Member Shankari

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

Adamic reported that the VTA made minor language updates for the Measure B project criteria guidelines. Lastly, she described the new Complete Street checklists.

Public comment:

No public comments

Committee comment:

No committee comments.

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

7.1. Staff Comments

Whyte provided information on the Castro Street Closure and on previous public outreach events, including Safe Routes to School efforts. He also provided a review of the latest AskMV tickets.

Public comment:

No public comment.

Committee comment:

Adamic and Fenwick mentioned the AskMV phone application and the website interface do not match.

Fenwick noted that there is no clear place in AskMV to make a report on Personal Delivery Devices.

Adamic stated the website is inaccessible from Europe.

7.2. Committee Comments

Adamic voiced her appreciation of the bicycle and pedestrian underpasses provided at roundabouts in Sweden.

Fenwick noted she has heard concerns from the community related to increased bicycle theft. She also asked that we work with Pacific Gas and Electric to not place construction signs in the sidewalk. Finally, she appreciated the interactive nature of the Middlefield and Moffett community meeting, mentioning that it was the first virtual meeting she found more interactive than in-person events.

Public comment:

No public comments.

8. SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on August 31, 2022.

9. CALENDAR

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Submitted for approval by Brandon Whyte