



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Monday, August 22, 2022

6:15 PM Video Conference with No Physical Meeting Location

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

During this declared state of emergency, the meeting was conducted in accordance with California Government Code § 54953(e) as authorized by resolution. All members of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee participated 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 (BPAC) to order at 6:18 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

2.1 SJ BPAC

Staff present: Active Transportation Program Manager Ryan Smith, Active Transportation Specialist Jonathan Yuan, Transportation Specialist Andrea Arjona Amador, and Vision Zero Program Manager Jesse Mintz-Roth.

Members present: Aarshdeep Kahlon (Chair), Emily Schwing, Shannon Knepper, Dian Solomon, Robert (Bobby) Gonzalez, and Ben Kennedy.

Members absent: Daniel Burdick, Jake McCluskey, and Nancy Macias.

2.2 MV B/PAC

Staff Present: Assistant Public Works Director Damian Skinner, Transportation Manager Ria Hutabarat Lo, Transportation Planner Priyoti Ahmed, and Assistant to the City Manager Christina Gilmore.

Members Present:

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

Nine members of the public were present.

No public comment.

4. MINUTES APPROVAL

4.1 SJ BPAC Minutes Approval

MOTION: Approve minutes of July 22nd, 2022 BPAC Meeting.

Kennedy/Schwing - 6/0/3 - Burdick, McCluskey, and Macias absent.

Passed with an amendment to list Kyle Wong as presenter for One Bay Area Grant 3 (OBAG3) letter of support.

4.2 MV B/PAC Minutes Approval

MOTION: Approve the MV B/PAC meeting minutes for June 29, 2022.

Kuszmaul/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

5.1 SJ BPAC Committee Effectiveness Update

SJ BPAC briefly discussed their BPAC Effectiveness Committee.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Legislative Priorities

Amador and Lo presented information on SJ and MV legislative priorities respectively.

Public Comment:

Bruce England stated his interest in bills being watched by other organizations. He suggested adding "legislative watch" to the Work Plan for MV B/PAC.

Committee Comment:

Solomon and Fenwick expressed appreciation that the two cities' legislative priorities are aligned with their core values

Adamic expressed surprise that cities were so involved in legislation at the state level. She also stated her interest in legislation that supports school busing.

Kuszmaul hoped to find ways for MV to be proactive and get onto bills such as supporting speed camera legislation.

Fenwick and Adamic supported the idea of MV B/PAC, providing letters of support for legislative priorities.

6.2 Vision Zero

Mintz-Roth and Ahmed presented information on the SJ and MV Vision Zero programs respectively.

Public Comment:

Bruce England noted that improvements along Capitol and Snell [in SJ] would be beneficial. He also stated that roadways favor [motor] vehicles in SJ and MV. Lastly, he stated his desire for driver's ed class to be compulsory.

Silja Paymer asked about the enforcement of laws related to tinted windows to allow pedestrians to see drivers. She stated her support for more outreach to the high schools.

Committee Comment:

Solomon marveled at the level of community knowledge shown at walk audits. She also noted that fatal and serious injury crashes are focused more in low-income areas that were designed to be auto oriented.

Kuszmaul appreciated the comments on disparate impacts and suggested coordination with the Public Safety Advisory Board on issues of traffic enforcement in poor neighborhoods, he stated he does not want there to be any excuses for not helping with traffic safety in poorer neighborhoods.

Fenwick expressed thanks for this work and noted the high-speed travel on some residential streets. She also appreciated the comments about low-income areas and related traffic safety issues; she stated her desire to ensure traffic safety is still enforced.

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

Adamic provided an update, indicating a discussion occurred about switching funding for a Los Gatos project to provide a match for an OBAG 3 grant. She also reported on the Countywide Transportation Demand Management program and how it might incentivize the use of alternative modes.

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

7.1 San Jose Staff Comments

Smith noted that there are two vacancies on SJ BPAC. He also provided an update on the Quimby Road project.

7.2 Mountain View Staff Comments

Ahmed provided information on Safe Routes to School and previous public outreach events, including bike rides, helmet fittings, and mechanical bicycle maintenance. She also noted that efforts for the Active Transportation Plan would begin in September.

7.3 San Jose Committee Comments

Kennedy noted that success requires teamwork and that traffic violence is perpetrated by

drivers.

7.4 Mountain View Committee Comments

Adamic stated her curiosity about how SJ has a non-BPAC member on the VTA BPAC. She also was interested in the less formal format of the SJ BPAC.

Fenwick reiterated the need to lower [motor vehicle] speeds and add more midblock crossings. She was inspired by what happened with the Lincoln Ave road diet [San Jose]. Finally, she noted her new commitment to drive at the speed limit.

8. SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING:

8.1 SJ BPAC - Tentatively Scheduled by City of San Jose Staff for Monday, September 26, 2022 BPAC Meeting at 6:15 p.m.

8.2 MV B/PAC - Wednesday, September 28, 2022 B/PAC Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

9. CALENDAR

10. ADJOURNMENT

Fenwick adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Submitted for approval by Brandon Whyte.

Approved on September 28, 2022.