

DATE: May 28, 2025

TO: Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

FROM: Brandon Whyte, Transportation Planner
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VIA: Jennifer Ng, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: **Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee–Recommended Member Appointment**

RECOMMENDATION

Forward a recommendation to the City Council for the appointment of a City Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee member as Mountain View’s representative to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority’s Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee for the remainder of the term ending June 30, 2026.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) advises the VTA Board of Directors on bicycle and pedestrian projects and issues. It 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. Members may be appointed to successive terms. The City’s seat on the VTA BPAC has been vacant since March 12, 2025.

The City’s Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (City BPAC) is responsible for providing the City Council with a recommendation for the appointment of the City’s representative on the VTA BPAC. The City BPAC bylaws indicate that the City’s designated representative to the VTA BPAC “shall be appointed from a recommendation by the membership of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee to the City Council.” Historically, the City’s VTA BPAC appointee has been a member of the City BPAC. VTA BPAC bylaws for voting members require that “Committee members shall be representatives of local bicycle or pedestrian advisory committees.” The VTA BPAC bylaws have no provisions for an alternate member from member agencies.

NEXT STEPS

The City's BPAC appointment recommendation for a VTA BPAC representative will be agendaized for Council review and action at a future City Council meeting. The Council's recommendation for the City's VTA BPAC representative will then be forwarded to the VTA Board of Directors for final approval.

If no City BPAC members are available to serve on VTA BPAC, the City BPAC could request for City staff to advertise the vacancy to appoint a member of the public to represent the City BPAC. Staff could then bring short-listed candidates for consideration at a future meeting.

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cc: PWD, TM, TP—Whyte