



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

6:30 PM

Plaza Conference Room and Video Conference,
500 Castro St., Mountain View, CA 94041

1. CALL TO ORDER

Stone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Staff members present: Transportation Planner Ben Pacho, Transportation Manager Ria Hutabarat Lo, Principal Civil Engineer Robert Gonzales, Acting Public Works Director Ed Arango.

Five members of the public were present including one in person and four online.

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

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Bruce England noted that the City of Santa Clara is considering using speed cushions and requested that these be added to the list of Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) solutions. He also mentioned the Personal Delivery Devices (PDD) item from Council Transportation Committee and requested consideration of bike delivery over devices on sidewalks.

4. CONSENT

MOTION: Approve the consent calendar.

Fenwick/Barton – 5/0/0 passed

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

4.1 Meeting Minutes May 13, 2024

Approved via consent calendar.

4.2 Meeting Minutes August 28, 2024

Approved via consent calendar.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Housing Incentive Pool Complete Streets Checklists

Lo provided a presentation on the Housing Incentive Pool Grant Complete Streets Checklists and Dana Street Complete Streets Checklist.

Public comments:

Bruce England commented that Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC) has a Google doc with suggested requests for the Dana Street project up to Calderon. He stated that it was unclear to him, why the project isn't going all the way to Calderon, as there are issues all the way there, including the overpass. He requested a speed reduction as part of this project or perhaps after the project. Lastly, on South Whisman leading up to Dana, he requested prioritizing repairs to bike lanes.

Holger Isenberg indicated that he was in favor of improving Dana for non-car traffic and commented that he did not expect the road diet and lane narrowing to reduce traffic because it is already low and that he is hopeful that there will be less opposition to the project.

Committee comments:

Adamic indicated that the Complete Streets (CS) checklists looked fine, and she was grateful the City is seeking funding for these important projects. She also suggested applying for a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning grant for the segment of Dana Street across SR 85 (west of project limits) and suggested the City ask Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to add this segment to the Across Barrier Connection (ABC) list. She also thanked Bruce for assembling feedback on the Dana Street Complete Streets project. Fenwick stated her support for these comments.

Fenwick stated she is happy with the project and particularly liked the road diet. However, she thought the project boundaries should be expanded to include the overpasses. She had no problems with the checklist.

Kuszmaul indicated that the CS checklists were fine. He also asked for a follow-up to ensure that the City held itself accountable for implementing priorities listed in AccessMV, VZAP/LRSP, and ATP. He also asked if the segment over 237 would require Caltrans coordination.

Barton agreed that the CS checklist looked fine. For the Dana Street CS project, he asked the project elements to align to encourage the use of the paseo (in the Sylvan Park neighborhood).

Stone noted that conditions at Dana/Moorpark are confusing, and he suggested adding a roundabout at this location. He also noted that the first segment of Whisman Road is uncomfortable for active transportation and suggested adding it to the project.

Barton recused himself due to a real property interest. Lo then provided additional information on El Monte Complete Streets Checklist.

No public comments.

Committee comments:

Fenwick noted that the project is very overdue and has been a long time coming. She indicated that the project is urgently needed in response to the fatality on El Monte Avenue.

Adamic and Stone both indicated support for the CS checklist.

Kuszmaul reiterated that the CS checklist is fine and he is looking forward to seeing the project come to fruition.

6.2 Transportation Legislative Updates

Lo provided a presentation on updates from the 2024 California legislative session.

No public comments.

Committee comments:

Fenwick, Adamic, and Kuszmaul expressed appreciation for the update.

Stone suggested a motion to request that Council support compliance with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) Policy so the City is eligible for future One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) and other funding. Kuszmaul and Fenwick indicated that they were not ready to support a motion since they had not reviewed the entire TOC Policy Administrative Guidelines and suggested bringing the item back for consideration at a future BPAC meeting or as a Work Plan item. Fenwick also suggested that BPAC could consider forwarding information to the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC).

Motion failed due to lack of a second.

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

Adamic provided updates including e-lockers and climate action plan, Permanente Quarry conversation about rails to trails and Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) funding for Mountain View Citywide bike racks and the California Complete Streets project.

No public comments.

Committee comments:

Fenwick thanked Adamic for her presentation.

6.4 BPAC Fiscal Year 2024-25 Work Plan

Lo presented updates on the Work Plan.

Public comments:

Jesse Cupp suggested that BPAC take a closer look at the MTC TOC Administrative Guidelines and recommend that Council support compliance with the TOC Policy. He also requested that BPAC consider policy issues beyond infrastructure such as the impact of trails on economic vitality and public health, potential for e-bike subsidies, and law enforcement so bike lanes are not blocked.

Committee comments:

Fenwick expressed appreciation for the Work Plan and would have appreciated explicit notation on potential coordination with the Parks Division.

Barton noted that the Parks Division oversees trails which he thinks should be built and maintained at a level that reflects their use as part of the City's essential transportation network.

Adamic requested that the project dashboard be brought to BPAC.

Stone reiterated this request for any strategy to help track priorities. Stone also requested opportunity to meet the new director.

MOTION: BPAC requests that as part of discussions on the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) BPAC receives an update on the impact of the updated MTC TOC policy on future eligibility for OBAG and other grant funding.

Kuszmaul/Fenwick – 5/0/0 passed.

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

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

7.1. Staff Comments

Lo provided information on recent events, including the Silicon Valley Bicycle Summit, Council adoption of the Vision Zero Action Plan / Local Road Safety Plan, Council resolution to accept a Caltrans grant for Rengstorff Complete Streets, Monster Bash, VTA 101/Rengstorff/San Antonio project, BPAC applications and various Miramonte Phase 2 engagement events. She also informed participants about the new Public Works Director, Jennifer Ng, who will start on November 18.

No public comments.

Committee comments:

Fenwick requested an email be sent to BPAC members regarding all of the events that were mentioned.

7.2. Committee Comments

Fenwick traveled to Toronto and observed many new bicycle facilities. She noted some of the difficulties at intersections connected to 2-way protected bikeways. She also highlighted interesting protective elements that look like large (6' long, 18" high) armadillos that had been painted by local artists.

Kuszmaul noted some poor interactions with drivers, including a driver who sounded their horn at a high school student.

Adamic commented on a community survey related to the Moffett Boulevard Precise Plan that was not widely advertised. She commented that in order to build a connected active transportation network, the City will need to consider the corridor and solicit input from a wider area than the immediate project area.

No public comments.

Committee comments:

Stone commented that Moffett Boulevard is a relevant part of this daily travel patterns and he did not hear about the Moffett Boulevard Precise Plan survey.

Barton suggested that the City use sandwich boards to help reach people who frequent project areas (as workers or people from nearby neighborhoods) but may not live there. Barton also requested that the City use "Bikes may use full lane" sign and not "Share the road" signs which have been found to be confusing to both motorists and cyclists. He suggested that the City could take action to make this change throughout the state.

8. SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING:

December 12, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

9. CALENDAR

10. ADJOURNMENT

Stone adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted for approval by Brandon Whyte.