



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

6:30 PM Video Conference with No Physical Meeting Location

This meeting was conducted in accordance with State of California Executive Order N-29-20, dated March 17, 2020. All Committee members participated in the meeting by video conference, with no physical meeting location.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Staff members present: Transportation Planner Aruna Bodduna, Transportation Manager Ria Hutabarat Lo, Assistant Public Works Director Damian Skinner, Lieutenant Scott Nelson, Senior Deputy City Attorney Diana Fazely

6 members of the public were present.

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

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Bruce England requested that the committee roster be updated and information on Hetch Hetchy access.

High school sophomore Leonard Fomin raised a pedestrian safety concern at Rengstorff/Junction intersection. He noted that the intersection is used by people reaching the bus and shops and that there is poor visibility for pedestrians at nighttime.

4. MINUTES APPROVAL

4.1 Minutes Approval

Approve the B/PAC meeting minutes for December 2, 2020. (Fenwick//Shankari - 5/0/0)

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

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Election Process for 2021 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

MOTION: Elect Lada Adamic as Chairperson for the 2021 calendar year.
(Fenwick/Barton – 5/0/0)

MOTION: Elect Valerie Fenwick as Vice Chair for the 2021 calendar year.
(Barton/Shankari – 5/0/0)

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

6.2 Brown Act Training and Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members' Manual

Senior Deputy City Attorney Diana Fazely provided a presentation on the Brown Act. Transportation Manager Ria Hutabarat Lo also provided a presentation on the B/PAC Members Manual.

Committee comments:

Members confirmed that the Brown Act covers Whatsapp and Signal groups and social media comments.

6.3 Local Road Safety Plan and Pedestrian and Bicycle Collision Data

Transportation Planner Aruna Bodduna and Consultant Tracy McMillan provided a presentation on the Local Road Safety Plan analysis.

Public comment:

Ken Joye, a member of Palo Alto Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PABAC), suggested that collision data be collected for trails.

Bruce England, Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning, asked about near miss data, requested that the City adopt speed reduction strategies such as road diets on roadways like El Monte, and requested information on Hetch Hetchy access.

Committee comment:

Valerie Fenwick, James Kuszmaul and Terry Barton all supported a focus on road design countermeasures such as speed reduction strategies, road diets, improved crosswalks across four lane arterials, and safety improvements near schools.

Valerie Fenwick also requested enhanced enforcement, more complete near miss data, and explanation of why most bike collisions occurred on roadways with bike lanes. Terry Barton supported benchmarking against regional metrics. Lada Adamic requested analysis of collisions by time of day or light conditions. James Kuszmaul cautioned against interventions targeting vulnerable road users e.g. jaywalking or cyclist violations. Shankari requested information on whether the over-representation of Latinx communities in collisions was related to mode share or other factors.

6.4 Appointment to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Greg Unangst provided information on VTA BPAC. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday after the first Thursday of each month. There are normally held at VTA in River Oaks, San José and finish by 9 p.m. Membership allows you to understand what is going on in VTA and across the County, and to have a voice in funding discussions.

MOTION: Forward a recommendation to the City Council for the appointment of Lada Adamic as Mountain View's representative to the VTA BPAC for the remainder of the term ending June 30, 2022. (Fenwick/Shankari - 5/0/0)

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

6.5 B/PAC Fiscal Year 2020-21 Work Plan

Members confirmed the Council member suggestion for an integrated approach to updating the Pedestrian Master Plan and Bicycle Transportation Plan.

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

Greg Unangst discussed the VTA BPAC meeting from December 9, 2020 covering intersection improvements at Page Mill/Oregon/EI Camino. These pedestrian/bicycle improvements were funded by Measure B expressway funds.

He also discussed the January 13, 2021 meeting which highlighted TFCA funding for 141 bike racks in Mountain View, and Mountain View Safe Routes to School program. There was also an interesting presentation on a study completed in early 2020 (pre-COVID) regarding bicyclists in Silicon Valley (<https://bikesiliconvalley.org/?s=survey>).

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

7.1. Staff Comments

Damian Skinner provided an update on the Measure C Narrow Streets program including new guidance on sign placement.

7.2. Committee Comments

Shankari noted that there is discussion about expanding the e-bate program from cars to e-bikes, similar to in the State of Colorado. Lada Adamic commented on the buy-nothing project which allows people to give or get items locally. Valerie Fenwick and James Kuszmaul expressed interest in revisiting guidance on sign placement as part of the narrow streets program to ensure that there is good pedestrian access.

MOTION: Add an item to the work plan to discuss official guidelines for sign placement for the narrow streets program. (Fenwick/Shankari – 5/0/0)

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

8. SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on February 24, 2021.

9. CALENDAR

10. ADJOURNMENT

Lada Adamic adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m.