



# City of Mountain View

## Minutes

### Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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Tuesday, March 11, 2025

6:30 PM

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

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#### Special Meeting

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Staff members present:

Transportation Planner Brandon Whyte, Transportation Manager Ria Hutabarat Lo, Assistant Public Works Director Allison Boyer, Public Works Director Jennifer Ng, Transportation Planner Priyoti Ahmed,

Eleven members of the public were present including six in person and five online.

**Present** 5 - Committee Member Lada Adamic, Committee Member Terry Barton, Committee Member Serge Bonte, Vice Chair John Stone, and Chair James Kuszmaul

#### 3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

#### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Bonte requested that Safe Routes to School Final Report FY 2023-2024 be removed from the consent calendar.

MOTION: Approve the remainder of the consent calendar.

Bonte/Kuszmaul – 5/0/0

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

#### 4.1 Meeting Minutes February 26, 2025

Approved via consent calendar.

#### 4.2 Safe Routes to School Final Report FY 2023-2024

Public comment:

Eleanor Hopkins commented that, as a parent, the infrastructure component is the most important element of a Safe Routes to School program in terms of making a difference in the number of people who ride to school. She encouraged those involved to look at infrastructure in the Netherlands.

Dr. Richard Roy asked if there was interest in a telecommunications system to help reduce collisions. He

highlighted collisions at Grant Rd/Levin Ave and Grant Rd/EI Camino Real.

Committee comments:

Bonte commented that the SRTS report only provided a partial picture of the situation because about 2,400 Mountain View students attend school in Los Altos including Los Altos High School students who cross EI Camino Real.

Adamic expressed appreciation for the work. She noted the importance of preventing bicycle theft as an element of encouraging greater ridership.

Stone noted that engineering projects are outlined in the Vision Zero Action Plan / Local Road Safety Plan.

Barton appreciated the report. He indicated that he would like wider bicycle and pedestrian counts to support the virtuous cycle of ridership, education and infrastructure.

MOTION: Accept the Safe Routes to School Final Report FY 2023-2024.

Stone/Bonte – 5/0/0 passed.

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

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Active Transportation Plan, Scoring Criteria and Holistic Network Maps**

Whyte provided a presentation on the Active Transportation Plan Holistic Network and Scoring Criteria.

Public comments:

Lucas Miller appreciated the conversation. He noted that the locked paseos are frustrating and noted the Hetch Hetchy Trail as a potential trail in the City between Moffett Blvd/Middlefield Rd to Shoreline Ave. He also noted that scoring criteria can have an oversized effect. He also noted that longer projects would be ranked lower due to higher cost, so recommended cost per mile instead.

Tom Harrington noted that the corridor from San Antonio Rd to Salado Dr is not a trail. He also asked if the City is considering equity considerations for those traveling from other Cities.

Committee comments:

BPAC members had concerns about how intersections and crossings were addressed.

Adamic expressed concern about untested scoring criteria and would prefer to see the scoring in action for example with existing projects to understand the implications to ensure that more important projects score better. She mentioned that she doesn't see any plans for tracking progress and noted that the active transportation dashboard serves as a good platform for monitoring advancements. Additionally, she commented on and offered a guess regarding progress on capital projects. She also requested that Permanente Creek be labeled. Finally, Adamic noted that biodiversity should be part of all projects, rather than being scored. And she felt that this item could have fewer points.

Stone commented that scoring of two or three projects may not be representative and was comfortable moving forward with the criteria as proposed. He asked staff to reconsider whether the trail between Silverwood Ave and Wright Ave qualifies as a trail. He also requested a gate and connection to the paseo at the end of Chiquita Ave. He also requested a small bridge at Valencia Ave to Los Altos.

Bonte requested that schools attended by Mountain View students be shown on the maps including Oak, Blach, Egan, Los Altos High and others. He also asked staff to show crossings as part of the pedestrian network information that goes to CTC. He indicated that crossings are more important than missing sidewalks. He expressed concern about the unimproved condition on Sleeper Ave which is a connection to a trail, school and park. He noted a treatment on El Monte Ave in Los Altos where a painted line separates pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular facilities. He suggested that this type of solution be considered for Sleeper Ave. He thought the scoring criteria seemed overly complicated. He was concerned that some projects would be dinged if elements could not be built. For example, he thought permeable surfaces should be planned. He requested policies regarding no right turn on red (NTOR), providing paint for day lighting areas near corners. Bonte indicated that he cares about intersections and crossings and would like a crossing map to be presented as part of the holistic network and that the scoring of projects to incorporate crossings. He indicated that intersections are just as important as sidewalks. Finally he stated he was concerned about an Access & Equity item that focused on closing a sidewalk gap rather than increasing the quality of the crossing.

Kuszmaul appreciated the treatment on El Monte Avenue where small curbs provide a protection for pedestrians where there is no sidewalk and suggested this for locations such as on Sleeper Avenue. He expressed interest in revisiting the 32-year old Unimproved Street Policy. He shared Adamic's concern about scoring criteria, but expressed that they were probably adequate. He asked if thresholds could be reconsidered if projects did not score differently. He also hoped for a criteria related to how many people may use the facilities. He also asked that the density of improvements reflect the density of population in different areas. He hoped improvements would include crossings, intersection daylighting and speed humps. He felt that crossings were more relevant than gap closures. He also stated he looks forward to the policy items.

Barton requested that the future school on California Street be shown. He also noted that projects should be able to serve non-residents. He asked staff to consider a cost per unit and cost to City. For example, the El Camino project should score highly since it has fewer City dollars. He suggested scoring of all projects both old and new, including those in the pipeline, those completed and those that drop off due to scoring. He noted the benefits of objective criteria over squeaky wheel approaches.

MOTION:

Recommend to CTC for staff to proceed with the development of the ATP including maps and scoring criteria as presented.

Kuszmaul/Barton – 3/2/0 passed – Bonte and Adamic opposed.

MOTION:

Recommend to CTC for staff to proceed with the development of the ATP including maps and scoring criteria as presented with information and discussion on intersections and crossings.

Kuszmaul - Failed, no second.

MOTION:

Include Los Altos High School and Los Altos School District schools serving Mountain View students in the network map.

Stone/Barton – 5/0/0 - passed.

## 6.2 BPAC Fiscal Year 2024-25 Work Plan

Lo presented updates on the Work Plan.

No clarifying or public comments

Committee comments:

Barton requested that items that have been bumped come to BPAC at some stage.

Bonte asked about the Council Strategic Priorities item.

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

### 7.1. Staff Comments

Lo and Whyte provided updates on El Camino Real and California Street projects as well as AskMV responses from May through August 2024.

No clarifying or public comments

Committee comments:

Adamic asked if green paint on California could be provided in the future. Adamic would like to catch up on more current AskMVs.

Stone rode California Street today and found that the large buffer made for easy riding.

### 7.2. Committee Comments

Bonte commented that Waymo will start operations in Mountain View and wondered where they are parking and/or charging. BPAC Members expressed appreciation for staff's work.

## 8. SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting: April 2, 2025.

## 9. CALENDAR

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Barton adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Misty Gamez.