



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

6:30 PM

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

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 Priyoti Ahmed, Transportation Planner Brandon Whyte, Senior Project Manager Joy Houghton, Assistant Public Works Director Allison, and Lt. Laurina Holt.

Six members of the public were present including none in person and six online.

Present 5 - Committee Member Serge Bonte, Committee Member Peggy Huang, Committee Member John Stone, Vice Chair James Kuszmaul, and Chair Terry Barton

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Kuszmaul noted a mistake in the minutes (Item 4.1) and requested to pull the minutes item from the consent calendar.

No public comments.

MOTION: Stone/Kuszmaul - 5/0/0 - Accept the remainder of the consent calendar, specifically Item 4.2, the BPAC fiscal year 2024-2025 work plan.

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

4.1 Meeting Minutes April 2, 2025

No public comments.

Committee Comments:

Kuszmaul noted a mistake in the minutes regarding titles, where he was listed as Chair and Stone as Vice Chair in the motion to approve the prior meeting minutes and throughout the minutes including roll calls and votes, which he believed was the order from two years ago. He proposed an amendment to fix the titles.

Bonte confirmed the issue was present throughout the minutes.

MOTION: Kuszmaul/Stone - 4/0/1 (Huang abstained) - Approve the April 2nd, 2025 minutes with the amendment to correct all motions and references to reflect the current chair and vice chair of BPAC.

Yes: 4 - Committee Member Bonte, Committee Member Stone, Vice Chair Kuszmaul, and Chair Barton

Abstain: 1 - Committee Member Huang

4.2 BPAC Fiscal Year 2024-25 Work Plan

No public comments.

Committee Comments:

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5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Active Transportation Collision Report

Lieutenant Laurina Holt from the Mountain View Police Department (MVPD) provided a presentation.

No public comments.

Committee comments:

Kuszmaul discussed understanding when to contact PD about issues like bike lane obstructions based on staff capacity.

Bonte commented on unreported collisions, noting an instance where a juvenile injury collision may not have resulted in a report based on a neighbor's experience, and asked if police policy now ensures reports for juvenile injuries. Bonte also suggested, including a police bicycle or boots in future presentations as representation for the bike/pedestrian committee, acknowledging the bike team and officers on foot.

Barton thanked Lieutenant Holt for attending and introducing herself.

6.2 Safe Routes to School Update

Priyoti Ahmed, Transportation Planner, provided an update on the Safe Routes to School program.

No public comments.

Committee comments:

Kuszmaul stated he would like to see the Council make this permanent. He expressed his concern about using consultants, but he wasn't sure. He stated that we are doing a good job overall and liked the focus on

the pickup/drop-off patterns. Finally, he said he wasn't sure how much concern should be given to kids riding e-bikes; some attention seemed appropriate.

Bonte praised the program and hoped it continues. He highlighted the gap in coverage for Mountain View residents attending Los Altos School District schools and advocated for greater collaboration with Los Altos City and Los Altos School District schools district, noting the significant number of Mountain View students affected and the use of Mountain View streets. He contrasted this with private schools which he felt were less of a priority.

Huang suggested offering learn-to-bike training as a way to engage private schools and parents.

Barton asked about moving towards a Palo Alto-like model with high biking/walking rates and strong political/community support. Boyer noted hurdles like multiple school districts in Mountain View and Palo Alto's significantly larger dedicated staff and parent commitment. Ahmed added that Mountain View has made progress with in-school education, and the key gap is parent involvement. Barton also suggested, existing resources like Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition or library programs for parent training. He noted that biking benefits students academically.

6.3 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Funding

Whyte, presented on the annual state TDA 3 grant funding.

No public comments.

Committee comments:

Kuszmaul expressed concern that the funding was a small portion of the recommended project budget but appreciated the alternatives.

Bonte deferred to staff's expertise on the funding allocation and seconded the motion, viewing it as a step towards making Rengstorff Ave. safer.

Barton supported moving the project forward, noting that Rengstorff Ave. Junction fits a Vision Zero pattern (4-lane road, 35 mph limit, unimproved crosswalk) linked to past fatalities. He stressed using Vision Zero tools for prioritization. Barton also expressed his agreement that buffered bike lanes, while useful, weren't the highest priority currently, but were good projects to queue.

Stone noted the buffered bike lane alternative was cheaper but didn't factor in staff time. He supported the recommendation based on staff's constraints analysis, noting staff would bring a Middlefield Rd. quick-build update later.

MOTION: Kuszmaul/Barton 4/0/1 (Huang abstained) - Recommend to the City Council to approve the staff recommendation for the Grant Rd. & Sleeper Ave intersections project (CIP 21-39) to receive TDA3 funding.

Yes: 4 - Committee Member Bonte, Committee Member Stone, Vice Chair Kuszmaul, and Chair Barton

Abstain: 1 - Committee Member Huang

6.4 Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee-Recommended Member Appointment

Whyte presented on the BPAC appointment of a new representative to the VTA BPAC following the resignation of Lada Adamic.

No public comment.

Committee comments:

Kuszmaul volunteered to serve as the VTA BPAC representative, noting his prior schedule conflict was resolved. He also supported inquiring about the possibility of alternates.

Bonte stated he would have volunteered if Kuszmaul had not.

Stone moved to recommend Kuszmaul for appointment to the VTA BPAC for the term ending June 30th, 2026. Barton clarifying the motion to also recommend Bonte as an alternate if the VTA allows for alternates, which would be included in the recommendation to council.

MOTION: Stone/Barton - 5/0/0 - Recommend to the City Council to appoint Kuszmaul to the VTA BPAC for the term ending June 30th, 2026 and to also recommend Bonte as an alternate if the VTA allows for alternates.

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

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

7.1. Staff Comments

Allison Boyer provided updates on recent events and projects.

No public comments.

Committee Comments:

Bonte noted the installation of mid-block crossings on El Camino Real.

7.2. Committee Comments

Barton opened the floor for general committee comments.

Kuszmaul introduced new BPAC member Peggy Huang. Huang introduced herself, noting she lives in Mountain View, is a lawyer, has children, and is interested in BPAC because she bicycles due to a neurological disorder that prevents her from driving.

Kuszmaul noted for the public record upcoming closures on the Stevens Creek Trail this summer for a new bridge installation, including significant 24/7 closures of the underpass under 101 spread over intervals. Updates are on the Parks website. Kuszmaul commended the project manager for the El Monte project being on schedule.

Bonte asked who manages the Stevens Creek Trail. Kuszmaul stated it is managed by Parks and Recreation (specifically Matt Silva).

Bonte noted the El Monte Ave corridor discussion at the next meeting. He requested that the presentation potentially be split as he would have to recuse himself from the section covering the Escuela Ave/El Monte Ave/El Camino Real intersection due to proximity, though he could participate in the rest of the corridor discussion.

Barton recognized the fatality of Y. Leong on April 9th. He noted it occurred on the high injury network and fit a Vision Zero pattern of intersections with crosswalks but without protected left turns, similar to a prior fatality. He emphasized the importance of recognizing these patterns and using Vision Zero tools for

prioritization.

8. SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, June 25th, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

9. CALENDAR

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Barton called for the closure and adjournment of the meeting at 8:49 PM.

Minutes presented for approval by Misty Gamez.