



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Thursday, December 12, 2024

6:30 PM

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

Special Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Members absent: None

Staff members present: Transportation Planner Aruna Bodduna, Transportation Manager Ria Hutabarat Lo, Transportation Planner Karen Gauss, Principal Civil Engineer Robert Gonzales, Public Works Director Jennifer Ng, Assistant Public Works Director Ed Arango, Transportation Planner Priyoti Ahmed, VTA Senior Transportation Planner Lauren Ledbetter, VTA Senior Transportation Engineer Shanthi Chatradhi, VTA Deputy Director for Highways Zahir Gulzadah, WMH Senior Project Manager Carl Gibson

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

4. CONSENT

4.1 Meeting Minutes October 30, 2024

MOTION – Kuszmaul/Fenwick – 5/0/0

Approve the BPAC meeting minutes from October 30, 2024

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

4.2 Safe Routes to School Final Report Fiscal Year 2023-24

Lo commented that staff appreciated member questions on this item and identified an error in methodology so will return with this item at a later date.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 VTA Update on US 101/San Antonio-Rengstorff Interchange

Chatradhi and Ledbetter provided a presentation on the VTA 101/San Antonio Road/Rengstorff Avenue project which aims to improve safety, access, multimodal and traffic operations. Elements include the addition of an auxiliary lane between San Antonio Road and Rengstorff Avenue, squared up intersections at on-and off-ramps, a new sidewalk on Rengstorff Avenue, new Class I path on San Antonio Road similar to Trimble Road and De La Cruz Boulevard. Chatradhi also shared input from a community meeting on November 14, 2024, and the project timeline.

Public comments:

Bruce England noted that it would have been ideal if the slides were available ahead of time for this item. He also noted that he did not receive information on the community meeting and commented that the Charleston Plaza Gatekeeper project is in the vicinity of this project. He also noted that Palo Alto border is at San Antonio Road/Bayshore Parkway and noted a desire for no turn on red in all parts of Mountain View.

Committee comments:

Kuszmaul indicated that they liked the project and received noticing. He asked that no additional vehicle lanes be added to the segment of Rengstorff Avenue connecting to Charleston Road, and he requested speed humps in this area. He was not concerned about two stage left turns but suggested that escape ramps be considered for cyclists who choose to make a left turn from the left turn lane.

Barton asked to consider changes to trip lengths for those walking and biking. He noted that Palo Alto controls the Bayshore Parkway/San Antonio Road intersection, with optical detectors.

Fenwick indicated that the project is overdue. She asked that the crosswalk at McDonalds not be eliminated as indicated in the plans.

Adamic noted that she missed the emails for this project. She expressed excitement about the project, which will make this interchange crossable.

Stone reiterated the request to maintain the existing crosswalks and add bike boxes wherever possible, which also helps with trailer or cargo bikes.

6.2 Miramonte Avenue Bikeways Preliminary Design Study, Project 23-31

Gauss provided an update on the Miramonte Avenue project (Phase 2)

Committee comments:

Kuszmaul suggested prioritizing traffic speed, then improved crosswalks, improved bikeways, sidewalks, and green street elements. He hoped that space freed up for a road diet be used to provide bikeways and additional green elements. He asked that the design consider how to make a left from Park Drive to Miramonte Avenue. He felt that two lanes in both directions was overly generous for drivers. He also indicated that this was an important route to schools.

Stone asked for clearer definition of crosswalks in Segment A, which has a 700' distance between El Camino Real and Park Drive. He also requested speed management in Segment A and more crossing opportunities. He noted increased density in this area including a development where the City missed out on a paseo from El Camino Real to Park Drive. He also identified a trail through McKelvey Park that dead ends at Miramonte Avenue. He asked to prioritize speed reduction, bikeways, and crosswalks which will provide space for sidewalks and green elements.

Fenwick was glad to hear that segment A would be prioritized. She also noted that the driveway at Shell station is in poor shape, which discourages riding. She also noted long block lengths and difficulty turning to Park Drive near Cuesta Drive. She asked for speed reduction, day lighting at corners and suggested more

trees near the sidewalk, rather than in the median.

Adamic indicated that she typically drives along this route. She asked for the team to consider trees between the sidewalk and travel lanes, and noted the absence of bike facilities near El Camino Real. She also asked that the construction signs not be put in the bike lane.

Stone noted the difference between Segments A and C. He supported a road diet to two travel lanes as well as low-stress protected bikeways. He preferred detached sidewalks to a green median. He also suggested additional protection such as bulb outs near crossings. He emphasized the need for new, as well as improved, crosswalks in segments with long distances between crossings. He noted the abundance of space in Segment C including putting all green elements on the creek-side of the roadway.

Kuszmaul reinforced the suggestion for shade next to sidewalks rather than medians, which also improves accessibility at driveways. He also suggested a phased approach for Segment A.

Fenwick noted that broken curb cuts are difficult for accessibility whereas detached sidewalks improve accessibility.

Barton noted that McKelvey Park was lowered, to address an issue of flooding zone near St Francis High School, which highlights the benefits of green treatments along the creek.

Adamic favored road diet to make bikeways available in Segment A as well as adding trees. She also asked for features that would enhance the visibility of cyclists near the shopping mall.

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

Adamic provided updates from VTA BPAC including information on the Santa Clara County Active Transportation Plan which identifies Class I paths along the expressways but does not address what would occur with the existing bike shoulders. She also noted the VTA Equitable VMT program which may include an e-bike subsidy.

No public comments.

No committee comments.

6.4 BPAC Fiscal Year 2024-25 Work Plan

Lo presented updates on the FY 2024-25 Work Plan and provide updates on recent and upcoming activities.

No public comments.

No committee comments.

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

7.1. Staff Comments

Lo provided staff updates including information on an upcoming bike ride, council item on committee appointments and holiday closure. She also introduced Jennifer Ng and thanked Fenwick for eight years of service. Members welcomed Ng. Fenwick asked for the AskMV updates to come back.

No Public Comments.

No Committee Comments.

7.2. Committee Comments

Fenwick noted that she filed an AskMV for Polaris Avenue/Wright Avenue where there is speeding and drivers do not tend to see the stop sign due to the tree, and the lack of a crosswalk. This location is next to two children-related activities, Flying Fish and Pacific Ballet. She also asked for ADA accessibility improvements at Shoreline Park at Terminal Boulevard where the restroom is. She expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve.

No Public Comments.

Committee comments:

Adamic and Stone expressed appreciation for Fenwick's example and participation in the committee.

8. SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING:

January 29, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

9. CALENDAR

10. ADJOURNMENT

Stone adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted for approval by Misty Gamez.

Approved as amended on December 17, 2024.