



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Thursday, April 27, 2023

6:30 PM

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

SPECIAL MEETING

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Staff Members Present: Public Works Director Dawn Cameron, Assistant Public Works Director Ed Arango, Assistant Public Works Director Damian Skinner, Transportation Manager Ria Hutabarat Lo, Active Transportation Planner Brandon Whyte, Transportation Demand Management Coordinator Ben Pachó, Principal Civil Engineer Robert Gonzales, Senior Civil Engineer Joy Houghton, and Senior Analyst Nancy Doan.

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

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Three members of the public were present.

No public comment.

4. MINUTES APPROVAL

4.1 Approve Meeting Minutes

No public comment.

No committee comment.

Motions (0:01:36):

MOTION: Approve the BPAC meeting minutes from March 29, 2023.

Fenwick/Barton - 4/0/1 - passed - Kuszmaul abstained

Yes: 4 - Committee Member Adamic, Committee Member Barton, Committee Member Fenwick, and Vice Chair Stone

Abstain: 1 - Chair Kuszmaul

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Fiscal Year 2023-24 through Fiscal Year 2027-28 Capital Improvement Program

Arango provided a presentation on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) (0:02:12).

No public comment.

Committee Comment (0:53:00):

Stone stated his lowest priority is the Shoreline Pathway project, Wright to Villa (21-37), because there is an existing facility. Higher priorities include Rengstorff and other complete street projects.

Fenwick stated her appreciation for the Shoreline Pathway project. She supported moving forward with projects that had gone through preliminary design and said that she was happy with the list.

Adamic indicated that she is excited about the list, especially California Complete Streets (21-40) and Rengstorff Grade Separation (22-27). She requested that projects be considered on the basis of safety per investment.

Barton supported metrics based on safety and the ability to attract active transportation usage. He stated that both Rengstorff projects and complete streets projects are important. Lastly, he requested that contingency be considered on the Stevens Creek Trail erosion issues.

Kuszmaul indicated his appreciation for the fact that our current constraint is funding rather than staff capacity. He supported looking at Rengstorff Avenue for future improvements. He requested project prioritization be based on the most significant safety improvements. He stated that he is unsure how to prioritize the Stevens Creek Trail. Finally, he indicated that he is curious about the Active Transportation Improvements fund, which he said has a good return on investment; he stated his support to increase investment in this area.

6.2 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Funding

Whyte provided a presentation on Transportation Development Act Article 3 funds to Miramonte Avenue Improvements, Project 20-01 (1:00:52).

No public comment.

Committee Comment (1:21:55):

Fenwick appreciated the options presented today and in November. She stated her funding preference for the Miramonte project due to school proximity and the fact that there is a lot of room for improvement.

Kuszmaul stated his supported for Miramonte as it leverages repaving dollars.

Motions (1:24:22):

MOTION: Provide TDA3 funding to the Miramonte Improvement Project.

Fenwick/Barton - 5/0/0 - passed

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

6.3 BPAC Fiscal Year 2022-23 Work Plan

Whyte reviewed the 2023-23 Work Plan (1:24:53).

No public comment.

Committee Comment (1:30:12):

Fenwick appreciated the review of the work the BPAC has accomplished.

6.4 Draft Fiscal Year 2023-24 Work Plan

Whyte presented the BPAC's Draft Fiscal Year 2023-24 Work Plan (1:30:50).

Public Comment (1:41:23):

Bruce England requested that the Work Plan capture coordination with other efforts in the City, including the Biodiversity Strategy. He made a request for more speed surveys. He suggested a joint meeting with Los Gatos on infrastructure this year. And finally he suggested that Bike to Wherever Days be listed as a work item.

Committee Comment (1:44:15):

Members stated their support for written updates on VTA BPAC.

Adamic asked for semi-annual collision reports and did not support BPAC endorsing legislation, since she was unsure if this is the best use of time given how many other items there are.

Fenwick and Kuszmaul stated their support for maintaining the quarterly crash reports to maintain a connection with the Police Department.

Fenwick suggested that the VTA BPAC update occur before the Work Plan item. She also requested that Bike to Wherever Days be added to the work plan. Finally, she requested that city-led bike rides be held on Sundays and that legislative updates be a regular item so that BPAC can endorse legislation.

Kuszmaul and Barton stated they do not want to burden staff with endorsements of legislation.

Kuszmaul stated his support for a joint meeting with the Public Safety Advisory Board (PSAB). However, Fenwick and Barton requested more information on the PSAB to understand the need for joint meeting.

Adamic and Fenwick would like to receive updates on project status, requesting information on project milestones, such as state of design, known delays, or if the project is in construction.

Motions (2:04:35):

MOTION 1 – BPAC requests a joint meeting with the PSAB (to replace a scheduled meeting) and, if that is not feasible, to receive a more open-ended annual presentation from the Police Department on enforcement as it relates to bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Kuszmaul/Adamic – 2/2/1- failed - Barton and Fenwick against, Stone abstained

MOTION 2 – Include Bike to Wherever Day in item K.

Fenwick/Kuszmaul – 5/0/0 - passed

MOTION 3 – Add a regular as-needed work item to receive legislative updates for in-progress legislative items and new legislation that has passed.

Fenwick/Kuszmaul – 5/0/0 – passed

MOTION 4 – BPAC requests for staff to include lightweight updates on active transportation projects in regular Staff Updates as needed.

Adamic/Fenwick – 5/0/0 - passed

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

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

Adamic noted items discussed at the VTA's BPAC meeting (2:31:53):

- Central Bikeway conceptual design, cost estimation and final design have been completed.
- Valley Transportation Plan 2050 goals have been developed which include increasing public transit
- An update on the Countywide Trails Master Plan Update

No public comment.

No committee comment.

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

7.1. Staff Comments

Whyte provided updates on recent events including Smart Cycling training; Castro Bikeway Feasibility Study community meeting; Earth Day ride, tabling and events; Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing; and Calderon Avenue changes. He also provided information on Music on Castro, Active Transportation Plan outreach, Castro Mall project, Castro Bikeway Feasibility Study, and Bike Month. Finally, he provided an update on AskMV feedback including access to Los Altos High School via Rengstorff Avenue, blocked sidewalks, sidewalk requests, midblock crossing at Cuesta/Bonita; and Castro Mall (2:34:13).

No public comment.

No committee comment.

7.2. Committee Comments

Committee Comments (2:48:43):

Fenwick stated that in Tahoe, there are trails through marshes and bridges have been replaced with all weather synthetic materials. She also noted that "Yield to Pedestrians" signs placed in the middle of the street may not be appropriate for narrow streets because if there are parked cars, motorists may need to move to the other side.

Adamic indicated that she had no idea about the speed limit reduction on Calderon before it was installed.

Barton is exploring the process for enforcing Costco's bike parking requirements.

No public comment.

8. SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING:

9. CALENDAR

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Submitted for approval by Brandon Whyte.