



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

6:30 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Barton called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Staff members present:

Assistant Public Works Director Allison Boyer, Transportation Planner Priyoti Ahmed, Acting Transportation Manager Ben Pacho, Principal Civil Engineer Robert Gonzales, Police Lieutenant Holt, Police Officer Hammond.

Two members of the public were present, including one in person and one 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

Eugene Cordero introduced himself as an 18-year resident of Mountain View and a climate scientist at San Jose State University. He encouraged BPAC and staff to pursue innovation in the transportation network to develop infrastructure comparable to that seen in Europe and Asia. He invited staff and council members to go cycling with residents to experience local challenges firsthand, citing issues on Middlefield, the Shoreline overpass, and El Camino Real. He also requested access to the original design plans provided by the consultant for the Miramonte project.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Public Comment:

None.

Committee Comment:

Kuszmaul pulled Item 4.1, Meeting Minutes, from the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: Approve the remainder of the Constent Calendar.

Stone/Bonte - 5/0/0 passed

4.1 Meeting Minutes June 25, 2025

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Public Comment:

None.

Committee Comment:

Kuszmaul requested to pull the item from the consent calendar in order to correct the record.

Kuszmaul indicated issues with Item 6.1, stating the minutes incorrectly recorded the motion as Kuszmaul/Stone, where they should have been, Correct version: Vice Chair Kuszmaul/Bonte. A similar issue occurred with Item 6.2, where the minutes incorrectly recorded the motion as Vice Chair Kuszmaul/Stone, where Stone/Vice Chair Kuszmaul was correct. Vice Chair Kuszmaul clarified that while the contents of the motions and votes were correct, the attribution of the motion and seconding party needed correction.

MOTION: Approve minutes as amended.

Kuszmaul/Barton - 4/0/1 (Bonte abstained)

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

Abstain: 1 - Committee Member Bonte

4.2 BPAC Fiscal Year 2025-26 Work Plan

Approved via Consent Calendar.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Active Transportation Collision Report

Lieutenant Holt and Officer Hammond provided an update in response to committee inquiries, primarily focused on ebikes.

Public Comment:

Henry Whitfield expressed concern that the Stevens Creek Trail is "overrun" and unsafe due to ebikes exceeding the 15 mph limit. He recommended using radar guns and tickets to enforce speed, and educating adults about their personal liability.

Bruce England noted that the complexity of bike classification makes it difficult for the public to comply. He stated that Ask Mountain View tickets regarding police matters, particularly near misses, often go unanswered.

April Webster requested more granular data on the transparency dashboard, specifically for bicycling and pedestrian collisions. She criticized speed signs without accompanying enforcement as ineffective.

Deb Hennington identified high school boys on overpowered ebikes exhibiting unsafe behaviors (e.g., no helmets, passing on the right, carrying passengers) and advocated for targeted education campaigns at Mountain View and Los Altos High Schools.

Ben Levit inquired whether electric skateboards are still allowed on the Stevens Creek Trail following the conclusion of the one-year trial period.

Jesse Cup asked if construction permits grant permission to block bike lanes, and advocated for the new bike patrol officers to enforce obstructions in the protected bike lanes on California Street and El Camino Real.

Committee Comment:

Barton noted that Code Enforcement can address ongoing construction lane closures more quickly than PD.

Kuszmaul confirmed the status of electric skateboards on Stevens Creek Trail is unclear following the pilot. He reiterated the request to make transparency dashboard data queryable and to include ebike-related metrics.

Bonte suggested implementing "rules of the road" education for young ebike riders, similar to a "light" riding license. He noted speeding adults on Stevens Creek Trail are also a problem.

Stone supported making the dashboard data downloadable.

6.2 Miramonte Avenue Complete Streets Study, Project 23-31

Transportation staff presented on the concept plans for Miramonte Avenue Complete Streets Study (Project 23-31) from El Camino Real to Castro Street/Marilyn Street (Segment A).

Public Comment:

April Webster requested data transparency (traffic counts, survey demographics, analysis of other calming options like bulbouts) to be included in the public presentation. She stressed the need to integrate the tree inventory to address "shade deserts".

Jesse Cup supported the preferred alternative, specifically the use of the parking protected bike lanes to avoid the door zone while riding a bicycle.

Committee Comment:

Bonte supported the consistency of implementing the parking protected bikeway configuration throughout. He suggested swapping the loading zone on Park Drive with the parking area on Miramonte to improve safety.

Kuszmaul supported the preferred alternative, noting the road diet will naturally slow traffic. He advocated for vertical elements in buffer zones to discourage parking. He proposed exploring a short bi-directional bike lane near the McKelvie Park path to allow easy northbound access without using the sidewalk. He suggested tightening turn radii at right turn lanes to slow vehicle speeds.

Stone requested green dashed lines for bikes approaching the area from Shoreline/El Camino. He emphasized the importance of trees for shade and traffic calming. He expressed disappointment that a needed mid-block crosswalk between El Camino and Park Drive was not included.

MOTION: Approve the staff recommended preferred alternative concept plan for Miramonte Avenue complete street study.

Bonte/Kuszmaul - 5/0/0 passed

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

Pacho provided staff updates. The new trail bridge from Ameswell Hotel to Stevens Creek Trail is almost open. El Camino Real education effort is ongoing. A striped bike lane was installed on San Antonio (California to Del Medio) following an AskMV request. Safe Routes to School efforts (ice cream socials, bike rodeos) have been successful. A new set of mobile bike/ped counters have been purchased that can be used for the California Street after-study. Trail counters capable of discerning different modes of traffic have been installed at five locations (Zas Creek, Hetchi, Permanetti Creek, Bay Trail) via partnership with i8Labs. Transportation Planner Aruna Boduna resigned. Ask MV summary included multiple complaints regarding cars blocking bike lanes on El Camino Real and along Evelyn.

Public Comment:

None.

Committee Comments:

None.

7.2. Committee Comments

Committee Comment:

Kuszmaul provided an update on the VTA BPAC meeting, discussing a county collision database and the county's Local Road Safety Plan.

Bonte inquired whether Mountain View was considering new regulations on ebikes following Los Altos's discussions.

8. SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 6:30 p.m

9. CALENDAR

10. ADJOURNMENT

Barton adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.