



BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

7:00 p.m., Wednesday July 21, 2010

Hillview Community Center-Room 18

97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022

Roll Call: Bill Crook (Chair), Carl Hagenmeier, Suzanne Ambiel (Vice-Chair), Jim Fenton, Randy Rhody; Kathy Small - City Staff Liaison

Not present: Chris Hlavka, Henry Pastorelli

Called to order @ 7:02pm

Pledge

Public Comments:

Gary Hedden: El Monte Resurfacing Project: surface is very rough; too rough for cyclists; will additional surface smoothing be done? Kathy Small - City will follow-up with additional top coat surface which will reduce the roughness (slurry seal).

Discussion:

1. Minutes for June 16th, 2010: approved 4 – 0 with minor corrections to remove extra phrase.
2. Special BPAC Meeting: Bike Tour/Alta, City Staff, BPAC: No quorum present at the special meeting & City Bike Tour. (All) discussion item. 3 BPAC members, 2 Alta representatives and BPAC's staff liaison took a 9+ mile ride around on July 7th. The route was based upon input from BPAC members at our June meeting, shortened to be contained within a 2 hour limit (including multiple stops with discussion).

A key message your BPAC members tried to impart on Alta was the need for non Foothill Expressway cross town route(s). The routes explored included:

- Los Altos Avenue (explored through discussion)
- Passage through the downtown triangle on First Street
- Routes south:
 - Cuesta Drive
 - Covington Road
 - Fremont Avenue
 - Granger Avenue

The ride also provided opportunities to see first hand:

- Challenges of existing Class III bike facilities (Cuesta, Miramonte)
- Sharing the roadway segments (First Street, Cuesta @ Springer)
- Los Altos' tree and shrubbery trimming policy with respect to signage, bike clearance, etc.
- Fremont Avenue bike detours around business districts Loyola Corners, Rancho Center

The message repeated multiple times was the need to focus on facilities that addressed the needs of kids bicycling to school, casual bicycle users, and those of us in our golden years. The hope is that all three of these groups have similar needs that can be effectively addressed in a common solution.

A public meeting to present draft Bike Transportation Plan will be scheduled mid-September to avoid possible conflicts with Back to School events.

3. Pedestrian Master Plan. (BCrook) Discussion Item. Council has allocated \$25k in the 2010-2011 CIP budget to prepare a Pedestrian Master Plan. Assistant City Manager currently favoring a more "informal" development strategy by using summer interns to conduct a survey and prepare a report. Council suggested holding a joint meeting with BPAC/TC to discuss before pursuing an increase in CIP budget. BPAC members feel a more professional and comprehensive approach will yield better results. Each BPAC member should prepare thoughts on Pedestrian Master Plan development, why it should be completed, benefits, and expected outcomes and deliver to Suzanne Ambiel. BPAC will prepare 4-6 slides for Council on the benefits of a professionally prepared Pedestrian Master Plan. Delivery to Council TBD pending arrangement of a Joint Traffic Commission/BPAC/Council meeting.

Public Comment: (Jim Wing)

- Would like a pedestrian "suggestion box" to identify projects and potential improvements
 - Would like to implement "safe place" or landing spots (aka pedestrian refuge) especially at intersections (especially @ Milverton & University)
4. Almond Avenue Limit Line (@Alicia) List: (BCrook) Limit line will be re-stripped to proper corner alignment.
 5. UC Berkeley Institute of Transportation Study: (BCrook) Further analysis points to a request for a Pedestrian Safety Assessment; BPAC must next present their request for the PSA to the Traffic Commission as a recommendation. Motion passed 5-0
 6. Traffic Commission Update: JFenton, BCrook and CHagenmeier attended. Fiers & Peers consultants presented information to Commission on the Complete Streets Bill. Intersection Prioritization list rec'd by Traffic Commission; will be presented to Council as recommendation - date TBD. Suzanne Ambiel to attend next Traffic Commission Meeting (8/28).
 7. VTA BPAC Update: Nothing to report.
 8. CIP Update: (KSmall) provided status update on the following CIPs:
 - a. ADA projects commenced; completion estimated mid-September
 - b. Traffic signal cabinet box/Summerhill "porkchop" island project contractor selected; to Council for approval of contractor selection on 8/27
 - c. BTP outline draft submitted by Alta for review
 - d. ADA project at Rancho: County wants to pursue a Cycle 9 SR2S grant to fund this project

August agenda items:

1. Pedestrian Master Plan Update
2. Stevens Creek Trail Quad City Mtg - Quarterly Update
3. BPAC Goal Checkpoint & Update

4. BTP Update & forward plan/next steps
5. BPAC Opening
6. Traffic Commission Update
7. VTA Update
8. CIP Update

Adjourned @ 8:43 pm

Kathy Small

Liaison to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee