



BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

7:00 p.m., Wednesday March 15, 2006
Hillview Community Center-Room 2
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Curt Riffle (Chairperson), Scott Chan, Ed Coble, Bill Crook, Carl Hagenmaier, Henry Pastorelli (absent) and Randy Rhody

Larry Lind

Chris Hlavka, John Brazil, LaNae Avra, King Lear

Public Comments:

No public comments.

Discussion:

1. Approval of February 15, 2006 BPAC meeting minutes (Curt)
2. Continued discussion of a bond for Class I pathways along collectors (Curt)

King presented his thoughts, followed by some discussion about class I paths.

Carl suggested accepting page 1 prioritizations and ranking them A, B, C, D

Bill volunteered to summarize the comments, add traffic counts, rank them to quartiles.

How would we gauge citizen interest? Bill suggested a phone survey of 500 residents. What is in the survey: Vision, how much it is worth? Should it include ADA questions.

Education Ideas:

- Town Crier articles
- Booths at community festivals/events
- Information on the city's Web site
- Neighborhood bike-arounds (similar to city council neighborhood walks)
- Information packet or brochure for distribution (electronic and hardcopy)
- Add info to city web site

3. Pick a secretary for April meeting.

Scott has volunteered.

4. Update on the replacement of Ed as the main pedestrian advocate on the BPAC (All)

Voted to recommend to traffic commission to appoint Chris Hlavka serve the rest of Ed Coble's term on the BPAC.

5. VTA BPAC Update (Carl)

Attachment 1.

6. Traffic Commission update (Curt)

No report.

7. Stevens Creek Trail Update (All)

John Brazil (Friends of Stevens Creek Trail) emphasized listening to the concerns of people.

FOSCT can assist with outreach, setting up public meetings, etc..

David Casas recommends the task force start meeting with some residents: Montclair safe routes to school committee, Oak safe routes to school committee. Are there any neighborhood associations? (not that we know of). Scott suggested that the SCT may not be on-agenda for the Oak group. LaNae countered that reducing traffic to MVHS via the trail would reduce congestion for Oak. Task force should try to have two meetings prior to council taking up the subject in 6 weeks. Can we identify half a dozen "citizens" to hold coffee meetings?

Suggestion is for BPAC to submit a report to TC, which would forward to Council. Target May 9 council meeting.

Draft of report for next meeting (Curt) and plan for coffees (Scott)

8. Adobe Creek Bridge replacement project update (Larry)

No update

9. Prioritize bike racks list into High/Medium/Low

Will be done via e-mail.

10. Bike plan update (Scott/All)

Tabled

11. Discussion on web page.

Tabled

12. Schedule next meeting and Agenda items for next meeting (All)

Next meeting will be April 19 meeting agenda:

1. Approval of February 15, 2006 BPAC meeting minutes (Curt)
2. Continued discussion of a bond for Class I pathways along collectors (Curt)
3. Update on the nomination of Chris Hlavka to BPAC (All)
4. Traffic Commission update (Curt)
5. Stevens Creek Trail Update (All)
6. Adobe Creek Bridge replacement project update (Larry)
7. Prioritize bike racks list into High/Medium/Low
8. Bike plan update (Scott/All)
9. Discussion on web page.
10. Update from Bill on meeting with Liz Kness about issues with county.
11. Schedule next meeting and Agenda items for next meeting (All)

Submitted by Carl Hagenmaier

Attachment A

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Report on VTA BPAC meeting of March 8, 2006

Carl Hagenmaier

A copy of the agenda is attached. My comments on three items follow.

Item #10 The BPAC recommended to the VTA board that they approve the evaluation criteria and procedures for selecting projects and awarding Community Design and Transportation Program Capital Grants.

CDT Capital Grants is intended to help member agencies (e.g., Los Altos) design and build transit and pedestrian friendly projects and to include transit and pedestrian friendly element in capital projects related to transit facilities, streets, and core areas such as downtown.

The total fund available for distribution is \$8.8M. Individual grants must be less than \$1.5M and require matching of 11.5% cash and 9.5% "staff time". A "request" for grant applications should go out late spring or early summer. They are planning a workshop for potential applicants.

VTA takes the notion of "core" seriously. VTA has a map of the core areas identified by each city. Only projects in these core areas are eligible. Monte Sereno, which identified no core, is shut out. Los Altos identified only the downtown area. Can we add the Rancho area and Loyola Corners?

Pedestrian improvements to San Antonio, including the blinking lights, would probably meet the criteria for this grant. The project could probably be "sweetened" by including improvements (beautification is an eligible improvement) to a downtown bus stop.

I have forwarded a copy of the full text of this item to Larry.

Item #12-13 The BPAC appointed members to serve as a Bicycle Plan Update Working Group.

Michelle wants to have a public draft in October. She wants to emphasize bicycle routes to transportation, barrier crossing, bicycle parking, and safety/education programs.

Item #14 BPAC discussed the plan for updating the VTA Bicycle Technical Guidelines.

Input from member agencies March/April 2006
Task Force convenes May
Public draft September

I have a copy of the current guidelines.