



BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

7:00 p.m., Wednesday February 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 and Randy Rhody
Larry Lind
Chris Halven, Andy Aston, LaNae Avra

Public Comments:

No public comments.

Discussion:

1. Approval of January 18, 2006 BPAC meeting minutes (Curt)

Minutes were approved.

2. Discuss of a bond for Class I pathways along collectors (Curt)

Bill & LaNae described King Lear's explanation for the purpose of the initiative.

Cost is approximately \$50 / year / household for a \$24M, 30-yr bond.

Original circulation plan included bike paths.

Traffic is perceived to be the #1 problem. Bike paths are viewed removing a disincentive to riding.

Bill suggested that Berry Av has increased the bike count at Loyola from 25 to 40-45.

<Include the tc instructions in the minutes>

2. prioritized list
 1. criteria
 3. how to gauge public interest
 4. how would we educate the public
 5. alternative funding

Henry asked if this included traffic calming. Bill said he believed that it did not. King suggested that it should not involve changing the crown of the road.

Henry asked what the primary purpose of the paths is.

Curt suggested we start with the criteria. We agreed on:

#1 is this local school traffic?

#2 is this a path for family to a destination point (e.g., park, library)?

#3 is this a bicycle commuter path?

#4 type of road (local, local collector, collectors, arterials) and traffic volume

#5 what is the existing facility

#6 continuity of the solution

0 unimportant, 1 somewhat important, 2 very important
due to Bill by March 8.

3. VTA BPAC Update (Scott)

BPAC was given a presentation by all the VTA divisions on their roles and responsibilities.

Terms for BPAC members expire at the end of June.

The expwy bike/ped ban roll-back is dead in Sacramento.

Two projects are starting:

1. County-wide bike plan update

2. Bicycle technical standards update.

Bill noted that the free right turn lane standard may need to be updated to handle situations like El Monte/Foothill.

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

Two of our visitors are considering joining the BPAC. Curt requested that they fax him their applications by the end of February.

Ed preferred to moniker "ADA" advocate.

5. Stevens Creek Trail Update (All)

Curt met with Curtis Cole, who is supportive of the trail study. Map was good selling point. In favor, but understands that staff time is limited. How can we minimize staff time?

Meeting with Val Carpenter next.

6. Update on the Adobe Creek Bridge replacement project (Larry)

VTA has executed funding agreement and Palo Alto sharing agreement at both at city attorney. If city attorney agrees then it goes to city council. 35% still June or July.

7. Identify the CIP projects which the BPAC would provide comments on the 35% design submittal (Curt)

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Motion: request 35% review for projects 1 (Adobe Creek) and 4 (Garden House ADA accessibility) and to request also number 14 (Traffic calming for collectors) if in staff's opinion it affects bicycle or pedestrians. Motion passed. Bill should take this to Traffic Commission

8. Bike plan update – update on "standard practice" learned from VTA and discussion (All)

Scott talked with Michelle DiRoubetis (who referred him to MTC). She said updating should not be a big deal. She was unaware of any plans that had been revised. MTC contact also said it shouldn't be a big deal. We can test the revised plan against the MTC criteria.

Scott will review the updated plan to see if it meets the Caltrans guideline for bike plans and make a recommendation to the BPAC. Also, Scott will review unchanged content to see if there is anything that should be updated or that can be excluded.

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

1. Approval of February 15, 2006 BPAC meeting minutes (Curt)
2. Pick a secretary for April meeting.
3. Prioritize bike racks list into High/Medium/Low
4. Discuss of a bond for Class I pathways along collectors (Curt)
5. VTA BPAC Update (Scott)
6. Traffic Commission update (Curt)
7. Update on the replacement of Ed as the main pedestrian advocate on the BPAC (All)
Evaluate candidates replacement.
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8. Stevens Creek Trail Update (All)
9. Update on the Adobe Creek Bridge replacement project (Larry)
10. Bike plan update – update on “standard practice” learned from VTA and discussion (All)
11. Discussion on web page.