



DATE: January 25, 2017

AGENDA ITEM # 5

**TO:** Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission

**FROM:** Cedric Novenario, Staff Liaison

**SUBJECT:** Work Plan Process

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Discuss the 2017 commission work plan

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**BACKGROUND**

The work plan is a tool to guide the commission's activities during the commission year. Work plans are meant to be flexible and can adjust at the commission and staff's discretion. The City Council's goal is to provide leeway to the commissions to address issues that may come up outside of their goals in the work plan. The City Council understands that commission flexibility can be of greater service to the residents of Los Altos.

In May 2017, the City Council will be reviewing the BPAC work plan during their joint City Council/Commission meetings. The 2016/17 BPAC work plan is attached for your information.

**DISCUSSION**

This staff report opens the discussion regarding potential BPAC work plan Goals and Projects. Based on the attached 2016/17 BPAC work plan, the majority of the Goals and Projects could continue to the 2017/18 work plan if the commission desires. However, over the last year, common themes arose when the BPAC discussed projects, listened to resident concerns and planned for the future:

- Vision Zero
  - The BPAC discussed Vision Zero at a very high level last year. Vision Zero at its heart is a safety policy, which effects all modes of transportation. The majority of agencies that have enacted Vision Zero policies are larger than Los Altos. The absence of a similar size city with Vision Zero polices should not preclude further exploration. Vision Zero incorporates many of the planning documents, initiatives and philosophies we currently have, such as the Pedestrian Master Plan, Bicycle Transportation, Plan, Collector Traffic Calming Plan, Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan, and Enforcement. The BPAC could elect to investigate Vision Zero further and help staff develop a Vision Zero policy. By developing a Vision Zero policy, the BPAC could help the City convey a strong message that safety for all modes

of transportation is important and the City will consider all aspects of Vision Zero when projects are developed.

- Complete Streets
  - With every project review, staff has tried to incorporate context sensitive Complete Streets solutions. The BPAC have also made suggestions to each project to reflect this. However, with the passing of Measure B, the identification of context sensitive Complete Streets solutions will be scrutinized as Measure B projects develop by the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). Complete Streets can also be considered as a component of Vision Zero.
- Funding - Measure B
  - Santa Clara County voters elected to pass Measure B, which funds approximately \$6.5 billion dollars of transportation funds over the next 30 years. \$250 million dollars are specifically allocated toward Bicycle/Pedestrian related projects over the next 30 years. The Local Streets and Roads program of Measure B has a provision where if a jurisdiction's pavement condition index is over 70, the agency can elect to use those funds toward congestion relief measures, such as bike and pedestrian projects. Measure B program details will be discussed by the VTA Board, staff and committee members in 2017. As Measure B develops, the BPAC can make recommendations to staff and the Los Altos BPAC member on the VTA BPAC about funding preferences that is fair for large and small agencies. The BPAC can also help staff identify and position strong projects to participate in Measure B competitive grant programs.
- Bicycle Transportation Plan
  - The BTP subcommittee has reported to the commission that an update to the BTP is recommended. The mechanics and details are still be being explored, but are being strongly focused on real-time data collection, metrics and analysis. Again, the update of the BTP can fall under Vision Zero or can be conducted on a parallel and independent track. However, the message of Vision Zero and the update of the BTP should be consistent.

The four themes above are large enough to encompass the entire commission year, however, it does not preclude community outreach and on-going activities cited in previous work plans to continue. Staff requests feedback on potential 2017/18 work plan items and can use the following questions as a starting point:

- What are the top five issues the BPAC should consider addressing this year?
- What components of the 2016/17 work plan be carried over to this year?
- Which of the four themes should be addressed this year?
- Are there issues BPAC is missing?

Attachment  
2016/17 BPAC Work plan