

DATE: June 28, 2017

AGENDA ITEM # 5

TO: Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission

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SUBJECT: Managers Mobility Partnership

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive information regarding Mobility Managers Partnership and discuss the need to form a subcommittee to evaluate if the City should participate in this partnership

BACKGROUND

The Managers Mobility Partnership is an agreement between the managers of four Silicon Valley cities (Palo Alto, Mountain View, Redwood City and Menlo Park) and Stanford University. The five partners agreed in May 2016 to work jointly to address transportation challenges facing their communities. Joint Venture Silicon Valley, a non-profit stewardship organization, convenes the five entities and provides staffing and administrative support.

DISCUSSION

Thus far, the group is working on bicycle infrastructure across their communities, by (1) expanding bike sharing programs, and providing those services as a unified coalition of cities; and (2) filling the gaps in their north-south bike corridors, and improving the connections between their communities, so that there will be an interconnected regional network.

The group is also engaging Stanford students in the public policy and engineering programs, who are providing research and policy analysis.

City Managers from the respective cities along with a Senior Associate Vice President of Stanford University participate in this forum. The partners share staffing and administrative resources to operate this partnership. The partnership functions through these procedures:

- Meet on a regular basis with decision makers in attendance
- Direct their staff to cooperate and collaborate on cross jurisdiction projects and initiatives
- Identify resources for projects and build budget to support the partnership goals
- Seek partnerships with the private sector
- Seek funding and grants from all sources
- Measure and track progress

• Collect and share data

The partners also agree to work on solutions in these areas:

- Improving walkability, particularly in corridors that traverse four cities, and around transit access points
- Enhancing each partnering city's bicycle lanes and associated infrastructure, with a goal of creating an interconnected regional network. Partners will do this by addressing gaps at city boundaries, safety concerns, and the impediments caused by railroad tracks, freeways and major roadways
- Optimizing choices that address first- and last-mile problems, including shuttles, bike sharing, car sharing services, and various forms of transit
- Advocating enhanced service on Caltrain, including greater frequencies and other capacity upgrades
- Improving traffic signal coordination and other "smart" approaches to better travel on our major arterials, across all modes

These issues are of interest to the Los Altos community and staff is seeking help from BPAC to explore the possibility and practicality of joining this partnership.

Attachments:

Guiding Principles of the Manager's Mobility Partnership – an initiative of the Joint Venture Silicon Valley.