



City of Sunnyvale

Excerpt Meeting Minutes - Final Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Thursday, February 15, 2024

6:30 PM

Online and Bay Conference Room, City
Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave.,
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Oey called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Chair Timothy Oey
Vice Chair Bryce Beagle
Commissioner Alex Bonne
Commissioner Arwen Davé
Commissioner Dan Hafeman
Commissioner Sharlene Liu
Commissioner Leia Mehlman

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

3 [24-0363](#) Discussion on Projects for Transportation Development Act
(TDA) Article 3 Application

Thinh Le, Transportation Engineer, discussed the Transportation Development Act
(TDA) Article 3 Grant Application. Highlighting the following:

- TDA Article 3 Funding for FY 2024/25
- TDA can be used for the following:
 - Design & construction of a bicycle/pedestrian capital or quick build project
 - Secured bicycle parking facilities in high use activity areas
 - Restriping Class II bicycle lanes
- Will receive about \$140,000/year - based on sales tax
- TDA funding used last year was for the following:
 - Design phase of the installation of sidewalk on Poplar Avenue (\$160,000)
 - Bank the remaining funds (\$176,620) for construction
- Currently there is \$176,620 banked from FY 2023/24
- Potential projects:

- Install sidewalk on Poplar Avenue near Peterson Middle School (Construction \$895,000)
- Convert part-time bike lanes on Homestead Road between Wright Avenue and New Brunswick Avenue in full-time bike lanes (cost \$30,000)
- Convert all part-time bike lanes on Homestead Road into full-time bike lanes (Design \$110,000 & Construction \$520,000)
- Reduce pork chop islands on Westbound El Camino Real and Murphy Avenue and at Frances Street (Cost \$70,000)
- Implement Class III Bicycle Route on Pastoria Avenue (Cost \$30,000)
- Objective:
 - Discussion of potential projects
 - If BPAC agrees with staff recommendation to bank the funds for the construction phase of the Poplar sidewalk project, then commissioners can make motion at the current meeting
 - Otherwise no motion needed
 - BPAC to make a recommendation for a project during the May BPAC Meeting

Public Comment opened at 9:47 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 9:47 p.m.

Commissioner Hafeman commented on the following:

- Dollar amounts in the packet are different than the amounts in the presentation
- The amount banked and the amount going to receive should be all used toward the Homestead Road Project because of public interest

Commissioner Liu commented on the following:

- Sidewalk on Poplar Avenue is important due to it being near a Peterson Middle School
- Homestead Full-Time Bike Lane Project would be better use of the funds
- Recommends dropping the Class III bike ways from the list
- Suggested adding four more projects and they are as follows:
 - Remove the bollards and align ramps that are placed in front of the multi-use paths such as the multi-use bridges over US101 and SR237 on Borregas Avenue and the Dalles Bridge over SR85. Install a curb ramp on the southeast corner of Borregas Avenue and Weddell Drive intersection. Remove the bollards and align the ramp at Cheyenne bike/ped pathway connecting Yukon Drive and ValCartier Drive. Stella Court bike/ped pathway to Las Palmas Park, align the ramp to the pathway at the Stella Court entrance. Remove the bollard and metal guard rail at

Fremont Avenue at Los Altos border at the wooden bridge entrance going westward.

- A study to install a scramble phase at Kennewick Drive/Homestead Road intersection
- Improving the bike lane connection between Los Altos and Sunnyvale
- Public parking lot at Evelyn Avenue, east of Francis Street needs to have a concrete barrier along the median in front of the exit or close off the exit altogether

Ms. Tsang stated that if the BPAC decides to bank the funding it does not need to go to City Council. VTA needs to know by mid April if the funds will be banked. There is a separate deadline that City Council has to adopt a resolution if decided not to bank it and apply it for a project. If the BPAC wants staff to look at a project that is not on the list, staff could go and look at it and decide if it is feasible then bring it back to the BPAC in April.

Vice Chair Beagle commented and asked about the following:

- Could there be a quick build project along the lines of AB413 to narrow some residential intersections and remove parking?
- Could TDA funding be used for signs or paint to prohibit parking at the approach of crosswalks?
- Parking on Bernardo Avenue at the crosswalk is very dangerous

Ms. Tsang addressed the questions.

Commissioner Hafeman commented on the following:

- Doesn't support the idea of banking the funds since there are good projects to choose from on the list
- Supports Homestead Road Project and Poplar sidewalks

MOTION: Commissioner Hafeman moved and Commissioner Mehlman seconded to not bank the TDA funding.

Commissioner Hafeman commented on the following:

- Moved by all the public input about Homestead Road bike lanes
- A great opportunity to get the project implemented since the funds are there now

Commissioner Mehlman commented on the following:

- Agrees with Commissioner Hafeman
- Does not want to see all funds go to just one project

- Would like to see the Homestead Road Bike Lane Project implemented because it is a major commuting route for school kids as well for people going up and down Sunnyvale

Commissioner Liu commented on the following:

- Leans towards putting more funds into the Homestead Road Full-Time Bike Lanes because it is less safe on Homestead Road than on the Poplar Avenue sidewalks
- To implement Poplar Avenue sidewalks would need to bank the TDA funding for many years

Vice Chair Beagle commented on the following:

- Doesn't see banking enough of the funds long enough for the Poplar Avenue Project
- Would like the money to be used for shorter and smaller projects with immediate focus

Chair Oey commented on the following:

- Supports the motion to not bank the money and would like to see the Homestead Road Bike Lane Project move forward as quickly as possible
- Poplar Avenue needs to have sidewalks by Peterson Middle School