



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Thursday, October 16, 2025

6:30 PM

Online and Council Chambers, City Hall,
456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Public Participation

6:30 P.M. BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Wilson led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Chair Jonathan Wilson
Vice Chair Bryce Beagle
Commissioner Alex Bonne
Commissioner Geeta Gollakota
Commissioner Leah Mehlman
Absent 2 - Commissioner Dan Hafeman
Commissioner Diyi Zhu

Commissioner Zhu arrived at 7:09 p.m.

Commissioner Hafeman's absence is excused.

Council Liaison Mehlinger (present)

STUDY SESSION

A [25-1009](#) Sunnyvale Safe Routes to School Coordinator Updates 2025

This agenda item was not heard this evening. Staff will reschedule this item for a future Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Wilson read a Public Announcement regarding United Against Hate Week.

Public Comment opened at 6:43 p.m.

Tim Oey, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Bicycle ride along El Camino Real for No Kings Protest on Saturday, Oct. 18 starting at noon from E Remington Drive and El Camino Real. More information on zero.org/transportation/nokings

Hans Bernhardt, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Working on this year's fourth annual Sunnyvale Halloween Crow Ride taking place on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 5:30 p.m., meeting at Plaza del Sol.

Jordan Moldow, member of the public, commented on the following:

- City of San Jose potentially doing a similar design to Sunnyvale's bidirectional paths on Tasman Drive.
- Hoping that City of Sunnyvale and City of San Jose staff along with the public will advocate to try to get City of Santa Clara to do the same so the entire Tasman Drive corridor would be covered.

Public Comment closed at 6:49 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [25-1010](#) Approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2025.

Approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2025 as submitted.

Public Comment opened at 6:49 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 6:51 p.m.

Vice Chair Beagle moved and Commissioner Mehlman seconded the motion to approve item 1.A.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 5 - Chair Wilson
Vice Chair Beagle
Commissioner Bonne
Commissioner Gollakota
Commissioner Mehlman

No 0

Absent 2 - Commissioner Hafeman
Commissioner Zhu

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2 [25-0706](#) Recommend to Council an Alternative for Hollenbeck Bike Lane Study

Alternative 3: Recommend to City Council to approve Option 2B, to remove on-street parking on the east side of the street on Hollenbeck Avenue between Danforth Drive and The Dalles Avenue, and implement Class II bicycle lanes between Danforth Drive and Alberta Avenue, find that the action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) and Public Resources Code Section 21080.25(b)(1). Recommend that the City Council direct staff to include the concept plan as an unfunded project in the FY 2025/26 Budget pending future identification of funding

Erik Trujillo, Transportation Planner and Ollie Zhou, Vice President and Principal Associate from Hexagon Transportation Consultants, Inc., gave a presentation. Highlighting the following:

- Project Overview
- Progress to Date
- Public Outreach Summary
- Options
- Staff Recommendation

Commissioner Mehlman asked about the following:

- With parking being removed on one side of the street, why is there no room for buffering on the remaining section of the street

Mr. Trujillo responded.

Vice Chair Beagle asked about the following:

- What the City is doing to help with lowering vehicle speeds
- Examples of tools that the traffic calming program has that could be used for a residential collector
- Clarification on Hollenbeck Avenue speed limit
- City policies General Plan LUTE Chapter 3 LT-3.8, 3.9, and 3.10
- What procedures the City has to enforce no parking on sidewalks
- How many times staff went out and did parking observations

Angela Obeso, Transportation & Traffic Manager, Mr. Trujillo and Mr. Zhou responded.

Commissioner Gollakota asked about the following:

- Land use zoning for the area
- Comparison to North Sunnyvale Avenue near Bishop Elementary School
- Whether counting of parking spaces was done during school drop-off time

Ms. Obeso, Council Liaison Mehlinger and Mr. Zhou responded.

Public Comment opened at 7:43 p.m.

Maydean Grundstrom, member of the public, commented on the following:

- The amount of time it takes to get out of their driveway
- Their observation of low bicycle traffic in front of their home

Ann Harren, member of the public, gave a presentation and commented on the following:

- Types of bike accidents on Hollenbeck Avenue
- Hollenbeck Avenue accidents by intersection

Tim Oey, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Supports buffered bike lanes on Hollenbeck Avenue
- Door zone bike lanes

Manoj Panicker, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Street parking not necessarily being used by resident but by services, for example: gardeners, pest control, etc.
- Asked why timed parking hours were not considered

Rupa Bal, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Is against the removal of street parking

Sharlene Liu, member of the public, gave a presentation and commented on the following:

- Supports Option 1
- Hollenbeck Avenue is crucial for connectivity
- Options 2 A and B are dangerous
- Street parking is unnecessary and against City policies

Susan Bremond, member of the public, continued the presentation and commented on the following:

- Option 1 is safest for children
- Options 2 A and B are dangerous

Alon Golan, member of the public, continued the presentation and commented on the following:

- Option 2 design causes too many crashes
- Option 2 causes youth to crash at high rate

Cynthia Li, member of the public, continued the presentation and commented on the following:

- Safety features of Option 1 versus Option 2 A and B
- Most houses on Hollenbeck Avenue have unused driveway space

Jon Blum, member of the public, continued the presentation and commented on the following:

- More demand for bike lanes than parking
- Precedents: Maude Avenue & Sunnyvale Avenue

Brenna Hall, member of the public, continued the presentation and commented on the following:

- Climate Action Playbook Supports Option 1
- Request to not add left turn lanes to Remington Drive

Chair Wilson called for a recess at 8:08 p.m. Chair Wilson reconvened the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Kimberly Tanouye, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Reiterated the unsafe biking conditions of Hollenbeck Avenue

Tiffany Ho, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Does not want to lose street parking

Ron Gates, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Believes taking away parking on Hollenbeck Avenue is a mistake

Jennifer Stonaker, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Is in favor of buffered bike lanes on Hollenbeck Avenue

Steve Scandalis, member of the public, gave a presentation and commented on the following:

- Independent survey of Hollenbeck Avenue Parking, bicycle use, etc.
- Pork-chop turns/merging lanes at the corners of Fremont and Hollenbeck Avenues

Emilie Danna, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Supports Option 1

Richard C, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Proposes doing traffic calming before installing bike lanes

Hans Bernhardt, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Supports Option 1

Jay Zimmerman, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Supports Option 1

Andy Yang, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Supports Option 1

Ari Feinsmith, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Supports Option 1

Julia Liu, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Supports Option 1

Brian Rice, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Supports Option 1

Kevin Jackson, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Supports Option 1

Cyndi Hayes-Rupp, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Lack of safe biking infrastructure on Hollenbeck Avenue

Daniel Karpelevitch, member of the public, commented on the following:

- His lack of concern regarding street parking
- Bike lanes creating smoother traffic flow

Anna Lu, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Does not support installation of bike lanes and loss of on-street parking
- Bicyclists can choose alternative routes

Lauren Lu, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Cited research that states increase of traffic speeds with removal of on-street parking

Angela, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Supports Option 1

Kristel Wickham, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Supports Option 1

Mark Hlady, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Supports Option 1

Jen, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Does not support removal of on-street parking on Hollenbeck Avenue

Vivid, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Supports Option 2

Bjorn Grubelich, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Supports Option 1

Kinsey Kwan-Liu, member of the public, gave a presentation and commented on the

following:

- Supports Option 1

Public Comment closed at 9:13 p.m.

Vice Chair Beagle commented on the following:

- Recent incident where Council Member Mehlinger was hit by a car when taking the full lane
- Reasoning from staff behind Option 2B
- Reminder that on-street parking is public property

Commissioner Mehlman commented on the following:

- Streets are for transportation, not vehicle storage
- Lack of bicycle traffic on Hollenbeck Avenue due to the lack of sense of safety
- Better line of sight when exiting driveways with removal of on-street parking
- Reduced vehicle speeds with installation of bike lanes

Chair Wilson commented on the following:

- The need to install bike lanes before injury or death of a rider

Commissioner Bonne commented on the following:

- Benefits of on-street parking removal and installation of bike lanes

Commissioner Gollakota commented on the following:

- The different needs and stages of life of every resident
- Challenges some residents would face with removal of on-street parking

Vice Chair Beagle made a motion to recommend to City Council to approve Option 1. Commissioner Hafeman seconded the motion. Vice Chair Beagle stated that Option 1 is the only option in alignment with City policy and will improve the overall safety and accessibility of the Hollenbeck Avenue corridor for the public.

Commissioner Bonne stated that willing to change will make the City better for everyone.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 5 - Chair Wilson
Vice Chair Beagle
Commissioner Bonne
Commissioner Mehlman
Commissioner Zhu

No 1 - Commissioner Gollakota

Absent 1 - Commissioner Hafeman

3 [25-1011](#) Report and Discussion of Recent Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting

Commissioner Mehlman gave the meeting summary report regarding the following topics:

- Week without Driving Event took place Sept. 29 to Oct. 5
- VTA Better Bus Stops Program update
- Committee Staff report from BOD Meeting
- Santa Clara County Staff Report
- STIP Program Allocation Change

Commissioner Zhu asked about the following:

- What it would look like to sponsor the Week without Driving Event in 2026

Commissioner Mehlman responded.

Public Comment opened at 10:17 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 10:17 p.m.

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Mehlman commented on the following:

- Halloween Crow Ride on Saturday, Oct. 25 at Plaza del Sol

-Staff Comments

Thinh Le, Transportation Engineer, commented on the following:

- East Channel Trail Project updates
 - New community survey has been launched for the second phase of the project
 - Interactive web map for the public to explore the trail area
 - Staff hosting a trail workshop on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Joint session with the Sustainability Commission on Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.
- Sunnyvale Caltrain Station Pedestrian-Bicycle Study going to BPAC for public hearing at November meeting
- Community meeting regarding Bernardo-Brookfield Traffic Study on Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. in the Redwood Room at City Hall

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

[25-1012](#) BPAC 2025 Annual Work Plan

[25-1013](#) Active Items List October 2025

[25-1014](#) 2025 Deferred Study Issues

[25-1015](#) 2026 Proposed Study Issues

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 10:21 p.m.