



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Thursday, August 21, 2025

6:30 PM

Online and Redwood Conference Room,
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 Beagle called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Beagle led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Chair Bryce Beagle
Commissioner Alex Bonne
Commissioner Geeta Gollakota
Commissioner Dan Hafeman
Commissioner Leia Mehlman
Commissioner Jonathan Wilson

Council Liaison Mehlinger (present)

Staff requested to hear Agenda Item A, 25-0876, Active Transportation Plan Progress Update before Agenda Item 1, 25-0128, Recommend to City Council to approve the Design Alternative 1 to remove one southbound travel lane and install a Class IIB Buffered Bicycle Lane on southbound Mathilda Avenue between Ahwanee Avenue/Almanor Avenue and Maude Avenue, Find that the action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15301(c), and Direct staff to include the proposed improvements as a future unfunded project

The meeting proceeded with hearing Agenda Item A with no objections from the

Commission.

STUDY SESSION

A [25-0876](#) Active Transportation Plan Progress Update

Chip Taylor, Director of Public Works and Jose Palma, Active Transportation Planner, gave a presentation. Highlighting the following:

- New City Staff - Jose Palma, Active Transportation Planner
- Goals for the BPAC Study Session
- Active Transportation Plan Background
- Bicycle Improvement Projects
- Active Transportation Plan Bikeway Mileage
- Pedestrian Improvement Projects
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Improvement Projects
- Next Steps
- Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Application and Online Survey
- Sunnyvale Active Transportation Plan Progress Update

Commissioner Mehlman asked about the following:

- What reapplying for BFC certification does for the City

Mr. Palma responded.

Commissioner Hafeman asked about the following:

- Where the 5.3 miles of new bike lane infrastructure were located

Lillian Tsang, Principal Transportation Engineer, responded.

Commissioner Gollakota asked about the following:

- Whether the City has considered going digital for surveys instead of mailing out postcards
- How locations for raised pedestrian crosswalks are determined

Ms. Tsang responded.

Commissioner Bonne asked about the following:

- How long the City expects it'll take to reach the ATP bike lane goal of 160 miles and what the top steps are to achieve that goal

Ms. Tsang responded.

Chair Beagle asked about the following:

- What the day to day responsibilities look like for the Active Transportation Planner
- The goal of the Active Transportation Planner
- Where funding came from for the Moffett Park Drive and Intuitive Surgical completed projects
- The per class breakdown of miles that remain to full buildout of ATP bicycle infrastructure implementation
- Whether the SNAIL Neighborhood SRTS Improvements at Columbia Middle School & San Miguel Elementary School were listed in the ATP
- What is required to reach the higher BFC certification levels and the difference between each level
- The purpose of the BFC Online Survey

Mr. Palma and Ms. Tsang responded.

Commissioner Hafeman asked about the following:

- What BFC certification level City of San Francisco is on

Mr. Palma and Ms. Tsang responded.

Public Comment opened at 7:22 p.m.

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

- The implementation of Class IIIB bike boulevards in Sunnyvale
- The City getting a dashboard of all the projects in the ATP and their statuses
- Desire to improve Sunnyvale's Safe Routes to School program
- Would like the City to prioritize working on infrastructure over encouragement activities

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

- Layout of City website
- Added to Ms. Liu's comment regarding the City getting a dashboard of all the projects in the ATP and their statuses, but would like an interactive map view

Public Comment closed at 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Mehlman commented on the following:

- Agreed with Karpelevitch's idea of an interactive map on the City website of all ATP projects and their statuses
- Lack of bike/ped infrastructure in north Sunnyvale aside from the Moffett Park area which was mostly private funded

Commissioner Gollakota commented on the following:

- Lack of bike/ped infrastructure in north Sunnyvale and its effects on children and students in the area

Commissioner Hafeman commented on the following:

- Lack of clarity on the Class IIIB design guidelines

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1 [25-0128](#) Recommend to City Council to approve the Design Alternative 1 to remove one southbound travel lane and install a Class IIB Buffered Bicycle Lane on southbound Mathilda Avenue between Ahwanee Avenue/Almanor Avenue and Maude Avenue, Find that the action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15301(c), and Direct staff to include the proposed improvements as a future unfunded project

Alternative 1: Recommend to City Council to approve the Design Alternative 1 to remove one southbound travel lane and install a Class IIB Buffered Bicycle Lane on southbound Mathilda Avenue between Ahwanee Avenue/Almanor Avenue and Maude Avenue, find that the action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15301(c), and direct staff to include the proposed improvements as a future unfunded project.

Thinh Le, Transportation Engineer, and Nikita Petrov, Associate Engineer with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., gave a presentation. Highlighting the following:

- Project Overview
- Project Objectives
- Project Background
- Project Timeline
- Existing Geometric Conditions
- Proposed Concept Overview
- Alternative 1: Class IIB Buffered Bicycle Lane

- 5-Year Collision Analysis (January 2019 - January 2024)
- Vehicular Travel Time Comparison
- Community Engagement to Date
- Online Survey Findings
- Cost Estimates
- Recommendation to City Council

Commissioner Gollakota asked about the following:

- Objective of the online survey

Mr. Le, Ms. Tsang and Mr. Petrov responded.

Commissioner Mehlman asked about the following:

- Clarification on what constitutes a road diet
- Why higher standards aren't being applied to the bicycle infrastructure being installed
- Survey question associated with 63 respondents

Ms. Tsang responded.

Commissioner Hafeman asked about the following:

- Width of the drain pan on Mathilda Avenue
- Clarification on lane widths on Mathilda Avenue

Ms. Tsang and Mr. Petrov responded.

Chair Beagle asked about the following:

- What it would take to modify the ATP and what that would involve
- Where the project boundaries end on the southern end near the Maude and Mathilda Avenues intersection
- Whether there is currently a bike lane on the southbound side south of Maude Avenue
- Whether travel time on slide 11 of the presentation is referring to average or worst case
- "No right turn on red" removals
- CEQA exemption

Ms. Tsang, Council Liaison Mehlinger, Mr. Petrov, and Mr. Le responded.

Commissioner Wilson asked about the following:

- How the southbound bicycle lane will help bicycle connectivity

Mr. Petrov responded.

Public Comment opened at 8:28 p.m.

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

- Opportunity to implement a protected bike lane
- Delaying paving project until design was ready so work could be done concurrently
- Bus and travel lane width

Public Comment closed at 8:32 p.m.

Commissioner Gollakota commented on the following:

- Opportunity for Class IIB bike lanes to be installed if funding is obtained
- Whether surveys can be run by the BPAC

Commissioner Mehlman commented on the following:

- Proposed a comment be added to recommendation that Class IIB lanes should be physically separated if funding can be found

Council Liaison Mehlinger responded.

Chair Beagle commented on the following:

- Responded to Commissioner Gollakota's comment regarding BPAC running the surveys
- Small increase in travel time

Commissioner Wilson commented on the following:

- Whether there is data on travel times going northbound

Commissioner Hafeman made a motion to approve Alternative 1, with no comments on CEQA, and to recommend consideration of upgrading to Class IV facilities during the design phase. Commissioner Hafeman noted that the configuration would improve safety and roadway symmetry without negatively impacting traffic operations. Commissioner Mehlman seconded the motion, emphasizing that physical protection such as bollards would provide greater safety than painted

buffers.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 6 - Chair Beagle
Commissioner Bonne
Commissioner Gollakota
Commissioner Hafeman
Commissioner Mehlman
Commissioner Wilson

No 0

STUDY SESSION

B [25-0878](#) VTA Measure B Education and Encouragement Potential
Projects

Chair Beagle called for a recess at 8:55 p.m. Chair Beagle reconvened the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Commissioner Gollakota left the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Angela Wong, Transportation Engineer, and Mr. Palma gave a presentation.

Highlighting the following:

- Background
- Progress Update on FY 24/25 Projects
- Proposed FY 25/25 Projects
- Goal for Tonight's BPAC Study Session

Commissioner Bonne asked about the following:

- If the bike rodeo is conducted once per year and whether it's once per school or once in the district

Ms. Wong and Mr. Palma responded.

Chair Beagle asked about the following:

- Whether the City has examples of proposals made to VTA by the City that were rejected

Ms. Tsang, Ms. Wong, and Mr. Palma responded.

Public Comment opened at 9:30 p.m.

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

- Supports bike valet and light distribution ideas

Public Comment closed at 9:33 p.m.

Commissioner Mehlman commented on the following:

- Proposed adult introduction to cycling classes
- Proposed a high school program to reacquaint youth on bicycle safety rules

Chair Beagle commented on the following:

- Support for bike valet
- Doesn't see value in training videos unless they're Sunnyvale specific
- Asked whether bike buses have been considered

Commissioner Bonne commented on the following:

- Supports the intention to double the number of bike rodeos
- Would like walk-to-school days increase in frequency throughout the year

Commissioner Wilson commented on the following:

- Agrees that programming targeted at high schoolers would be beneficial

Commissioner Hafeman commented on the following:

- Proposed a booth at City events on how to get to school without driving

Commissioner Mehlman commented on the following:

- Setting up a contest at each school where a prize is awarded to whoever bikes the most in a certain period

Commissioner Wilson commented on the following:

- Defensive bicycle riding education

Commissioner Mehlman commented on the following:

- Proposed developing a game that deals with bicycle safety

Chair Beagle commented on the following:

- Proposed a training on how to bring your bike onto public transportation

Public Comment opened at 9:53 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 9:53 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

CONSENT CALENDAR

2.A [25-0879](#) Approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2025.

Approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2025 as submitted.

Public Comment opened at 9:53 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 9:54 p.m.

Commissioner Hafeman moved and Commissioner Mehlman seconded the motion to approve item 2.A.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 5 - Chair Beagle
 Commissioner Bonne
 Commissioner Hafeman
 Commissioner Mehlman
 Commissioner Wilson

No 0

Absent 1 - Commissioner Gollakota

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

3 [25-0880](#) 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:

- Countywide Crossroads Collision Database Workshop
- County Local Roadways Safety Plan (LRSP)
 - Report will be brought to the County Roads Commissions and the Board of Supervisors in September or October
 - Grant applications will be filed for those intersections identified in the high injury network which are under county control in the next available cycle of 2026.
- Intelligent Transportation Infrastructure

Public Comment opened at 10:04 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 10:04 p.m.

- 4** [25-0881](#) Rescind July 17 Action and Selection of Chair and Vice Chair
for Fiscal Year 2025/26

Ms. Tsang explained rescinding July 17 Action.

Chair Beagle moved to rescind the action taken for RTC 25-0788, Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for FY25/26 at the July 17, 2025 BPAC Meeting.
Commissioner Mehlman seconded the motion.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 5 - Chair Beagle
 Commissioner Bonne
 Commissioner Hafeman
 Commissioner Mehlman
 Commissioner Wilson

No 0

Absent 1 - Commissioner Gollakota

Ms. Tsang explained the Selection of Chair and Vice Chair process. The term will serve from July 2025 and end in June 2026.

Public Comment opened at 10:09 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 10:10 p.m.

Chair Beagle nominated Commissioner Wilson for the Chair position. Commissioner Wilson accepts the nomination.

Commissioner Mehlman nominated Chair Beagle for the Vice Chair position. Chair Beagle accepts the nomination.

No additional nominations were made for Chair or Vice Chair seats.

Commissioner Wilson was appointed as Chair and Chair Beagle was appointed as Vice Chair, both by general consent.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

No comments.

-Staff Comments

Ms. Wong commented on the following:

- Angela Obeso is officially the new Transportation and Traffic Manager
- BPAC vacancy has been filled with a new commissioner, Diyi Zhu
- Bike valet at farmers market beginning Sept. 20, every weekend through November 8
- Study session to evaluate the City's study issue process, OCM 24-02, being held on Aug. 26 at 5:30 p.m.
- Study session to evaluate new revenue strategies to fund new and increase service demands and/or unfunded capital investments, being held on Sept. 9 at 6 p.m.
- Staff ramping up for second round of outreach for East Channel project, starting in late September, tentatively ending in November

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

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| 25-0882 | BPAC 2025 Annual Work Plan |
| 25-0883 | Active Items List August 2025 |
| 25-0884 | 2025 Deferred Study Issues |

[25-0885](#) 2026 Proposed Study Issues

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Beagle adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.