



City of Sunnyvale

Excerpt 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.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Vice Chair Bryce Beagle
Commissioner Alex Bonne
Commissioner Geeta Gollakota
Commissioner Dan Hafeman
Commissioner Leia Mehlman
Chair 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.

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 - Vice Chair Beagle
Commissioner Bonne
Commissioner Gollakota
Commissioner Hafeman
Commissioner Mehlman
Chair Wilson

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