

## Commission Meeting of August 21, 2014

Vice Chair Jackson moved and Commissioner Kolber seconded the motion to approve the draft minutes of August 21, 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes 5 -** Vice Chair Jackson  
Commissioner Cordes  
Commissioner Jones  
Commissioner Kolber  
Commissioner Rausch

**No 0**

**Absent 1 -** Commissioner Welch

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ralph Durham, Private Citizen, stated that in the future he would like to see the BPAC propose a Study Issue to maintain any bicycle lanes that are on the road during periods of construction. He noted several issues and gave examples of cities that have done this.

Chair Jones stated that VTA had bicycle accommodations for construction zones and guidelines. He asked staff to follow-up with VTA to see if the accommodations were still available. Mr. Pineda stated that staff would contact VTA and ask for a copy of the guidelines.

Vice Chair Jackson asked if the Temporary Control Guidelines were available on the City's Website. Mr. Pineda responded that staff would double check to make sure the guidelines were on the City's Website.

Mr. Durham referred to the Homestead project and traffic control was discussed.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

**2.      [14-0702](#)      Implementation of a Bike Share Program (Study Issue)**

Chair Jones asked for a staff report.

Carla Ochoa, Traffic Engineer, presented the staff report.

Commissioner Kolber asked if the bike share study considered where optimal places within Sunnyvale would be to place stations. Ms. Ochoa responded that typically you would see them in the downtown area and as the system grows next to the Caltrain corridor and El Camino Real. She noted that it would become

challenging to get the half mile space between the stations between El Camino and the Caltrain station.

Mr. Pineda spoke about various opportunities throughout the City where you could place stations. Some areas included Peery Park, Moffett Park, Downtown, and the El Camino corridor. He added that as Peery Park and Moffett Park develop, density will be added and it could make the program more successful.

Vice Chair Jackson commended staff for writing a very thorough report. He then noted that the only item he disagreed with was the placement of on-street stations and removal of on-street parking. He suggested changing the language in the report to make it clear that parking is being added but not car parking. He then added that in addition to monitoring Bay Area Bike Share staff should also monitor other programs around the country because some of them operate differently. He asked that staff make sure the Bay Area Bike Share coordinators know we are monitoring them but also actively engaged with them and very interested in joining them when conditions warrant that.

Chair Jones shared that he reviewed the July VTA BPAC meeting agenda which included an update on the Bike Share Program. He commented on the report and stated that he felt staff was right on point with the recommendation and is looking forward to having destinations at Peery Park once that plan is developed better. Chair Jones then stated that the VTA presentation made mention of carbon offsets and asked staff if the City will get to capitalize on that if the City is paying a fraction of the infrastructure cost. He added that the City should try to get the carbon credits back.

Commissioner Cordes stated that it could be very beneficial to Sunnyvale to start exposing residents to the idea that the Bike Share Program is coming. He noted that a lot of cities start with two stations and suggested placing a station at the Caltrain station and another station at the library. He noted that having a demo station would trigger people to start using the bicycles to get from one place to the other. He asked the BPAC what they thought about having a starter program with a couple of stations.

Vice Chair Jackson stated that he did see the attraction in that suggestion however, he noted that administrative costs tend to go up per station when you have fewer of them. Ms. Ochoa gave an estimate of the cost per station per year. Vice Chair Jackson stated it might be a good idea to do a survey for the residents and ask them if they would consider using them for any trips if bicycles were available. He added it would be an easy way to get feedback without having to spend any money.

Mr. Durham, commented that with the size of Peery Park and future density with houses and townhomes positioning of the stations will be key.

Commissioner Kolber agreed with Vice Chair Jackson's comments about looking at other operations outside of the bike share program in the Bay Area and also added that it would be a good idea to start looking at where the best places would be to place the bike share stations as part of a study.

Mr. Pineda stated that at the moment staff is not proposing to do a study but to monitor the existing program and when there is an opportunity to expand a determination will be made. Mr. Pineda then stated that staff did take a look at possible locations where the bike stations could be located. He mentioned that six locations were looked at which included Caltrain, Downtown, Peery Park, Civic Center, Moffett Light Rail Area, El Camino Real and possibly the Community Center.

Chair Jones asked for a motion.

Vice Chair Jackson moved and Commissioner Cordes seconded the motion to approve Alternative 2: Monitor the Bay Area Bike Share Pilot Program for resolution of ongoing funding issues at a regional level before re-evaluating the future of a bike share program in Sunnyvale.

Vice Chair Jackson added to take all reasonable steps to keep the BPAC informed as conditions change and let the BPAC know how that affects the suitability and if we are moving towards a condition where implementation would be reasonable. He noted that the program is very desirable and that even though it seems we are not ready now for the program that we try to move to that point as rapidly as possible.

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**3. [14-0918](#) Study and Budget Issues Finalization**