



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Thursday, May 16, 2019

6:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cordes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Cordes led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Chair John Cordes
Vice Chair Susan Bremond
Commissioner Richard Mehlinger
Commissioner Leia Mehlman
Commissioner Scott Swail
Commissioner Kyle Welch
Absent 1 - Commissioner Timothy Oey

Status of an absence: Commissioner Oey (excused)
Council Liaison Member Glenn Hendricks (present)

PRESENTATION

[19-0567](#) Annual reporting on collisions involving pedestrians and cyclists

Lieutenant Tracy Hern, supervisor of the Division of the Traffic Safety Unit at the City of Sunnyvale Public Safety Department, gave a presentation on 1st quarter results from collisions and trends report for the last 5 years.

Commissioner Mehlinger asked for clarification on what vehicles can stop in bike lanes.

Lieutenant Hern noted that only emergency vehicles, US Postal Service vehicles, garbage trucks and tow trucks may block the bike lane.

Commissioner Mehlman inquired about whether Lyft and Uber drivers are getting cited for being in the bike lanes.

Vice Chair Bremond asked if there was any data on jay walking and whether they are caused by a lack of nearby crosswalks. Vice Chair Bremond asked if there are any education programs available for drivers or senior pedestrians.

Commissioner Mehlinger asked if the numbers from enforcement actions get relayed to Department of Public Works. Lieutenant Hern stated that the Traffic Safety Unit works closely with Department of Public Works.

Chair Cordes inquired about the following:

- The Department of Public Safety's involvement with the Vision Zero Plan
- The Safe Routes to School Program
- Primary Collision Factors(PCF)
- School speed limit change to 15mph
- Construction traffic diversion

[19-0568](#) Using Social Media and other Citywide Channels to Promote BPAC

Jennifer Garnett, Communications Officer with the City of Sunnyvale, gave a presentation on Citywide communications as it relates to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission(BPAC). Ms. Garnett spoke about the Communications Division's role and responsibilities.

Commissioner Mehlman asked about the following topics:

- Encouraging more participation at the BPAC meetings
- Using different languages for public outreach materials
- Outreach to underserved populations

Commissioner Mehlinger asked what can the City do to increase public feedback on projects. Commissioner Mehlinger suggested a quarterly bicycle ride through the city.

Commissioner Welch suggested that the BPAC submit articles on a regular basis in the City's publication of the Horizon Newsletter. Commissioner Welch asked if the City has considered digital signage in high traffic areas to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety and awareness.

Chair Cordes asked about the following:

- New content on Sunnyvale's Community television channel KMVT
- Using social media to notify the public about BPAC meetings
- Use the event calendar on the City website to inform residents about the upcoming BPAC meetings

Commissioner Mehlinger asked for a recess at 8:00 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

[19-0569](#) City of Sunnyvale Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction Strategies

Chip Taylor, Director of Department of Public Works at the City of Sunnyvale, gave a presentation on Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reduction strategies and how to reduce automobile trips on the City's roadways.

Commissioner Mehlinger inquired about dockless bikes, incorporating Complete Streets Policy and VMT reduction. Commissioner Mehlinger asked about CAP 2.0 goals.

Commissioner Mehlerman asked the following questions:

- How is VMT data obtained.
- Do you solicit Waze or Google to get data.
- What are we doing now to change the infrastructure for electric vehicles.

Chair Cordes asked about the following:

- Where do the TDM Reduction Goals come from
- How many TDM programs or agreements does the City have and how many developments have failed to meet their targets
- Is there going to be any coordination between the Bicycle Master Plan and the Annual Slurry Seal project; Bike lanes should be installed according to the 2006 Bicycle Master Plan
- How is the Vision Zero Plan related to the Bicycle Master Plan, Pedestrian Master Plan and the Safe Routes to School Plan
- Traffic Impact Fees

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Alejandro Marti, member of the public, discussed police escorts at the Hands of the Arts event and asked the following questions:

- Are there any plans to put Police Officers on bikes.
- Can the City have protected bike lanes.

- Can the City add more bike racks in downtown Sunnyvale.

Sam Rupel, member of the public, made the following comments:

- Encourage BPAC members to do more outreach.
- Push to get more active on social media.
- Encourage E-bike and E-scooter share programs.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.A** [19-0550](#) Approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2019.

Commissioner Swail moved and Vice Chair Bremond seconded the motion to approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission minutes of April 18, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 6 - Chair Cordes
 Vice Chair Bremond
 Commissioner Mehlinger
 Commissioner Mehlman
 Commissioner Swail
 Commissioner Welch

No 0

Absent 1 - Commissioner Oey

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2.** [19-0570](#) Report and Discussion of Recent VTA BPAC Meeting

Dave Simons, VTA BPAC Representative, gave the meeting summary report regarding the following topics:

- Update on VTA bus route reductions.
- Update on Foothill Expressway.
- Recommend that BPAC and City Council invite Brent Pearce, a VTA representative, to give a presentation on his recent trip to Copenhagen related to bicycle facilities.
- Measure B Bike/Pedestrian Capital Projects - revisions to competitive grant criteria.

- 3.** [19-0571](#) Review Fiscal Year 19/20 Recommended Budget

Staff Report: Lillian Tsang, Principal Transportation Engineer/Planner, provided a

staff report on the agenda item.

- Went to Council on May 6
- Budget Workshop on May 23
- Public Hearing on June 11
- Adoption of budget on June 25
- Full documents can be found on the City website; Transportation and Traffic Projects start on page 512
- For FY 19/20, the recommended budget for Transportation and Traffic related projects is \$3.47 million which is a 2.3% increase from last fiscal year

Chair Cordes inquired about unfunded programs and the project list and asked the following questions:

- Will any of the money from Measure B go to bicycle infrastructure?
- Can we have more information on what the City is proposing to do on Fremont Avenue and Bernardo Avenue near SR85?
- Can we get the CIP project list for bicycle infrastructure instead of the website document?

Council member Hendricks and Ms.Tsang spoke about the unfunded programs.

Commissioner Mehlinger expressed his concerns regarding the supplement in the full packet.

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

4. [19-0574](#) BPAC 2020 Proposed Study Issues

Commissioner Mehlinger suggested an amendment to the existing proposed study issue in regards to installing a Guided Bike Route from Santa Clara to Mountain View to include two east-west class IV routes on Evelyn Avenue and El Camino Real.

Commissioner Mehlinger suggested a new study issue which would consider placing bollards or planters at street corners to protect pedestrians. There was no second motion to add the item to a future BPAC agenda.

Mr. Simons, member of the public, made comments on the Homestead Road study.

Alejandro Marti, member of the public, expressed his support for Commissioner

Mehlinger's suggestion relating to the Guided Bike Route from Santa Clara to Mountain View.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Mehlinger asked about the Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding and the Bridges proposal with ADA compliance.

Chair Cordes commented and asked a question on the Bridges proposal with ADA compliance.

Chair Cordes made the following comments:

- Viva Calle on Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 10 a.m. -3 p.m. in San Jose.
- Silicon Valley Bike Coalition Bike Summit in Mountain View at the Recreation Center on August 1, 2019.
- City of Mountain View Live on August 1, 2019 evening where part of Castro Ave. will be closed to traffic.

Chair Cordes asked about the Caltrain Grade Separation Feasibility Project update.

-Staff Comments

Ms. Tsang commented and answered questions on the following:

- Bike to Work Day was held on May 9, 2019, overall there is a 7% increase in the number of bicyclists stopping by or passing by the two Sunnyvale hosted energizer stations.
- Active Transportation Plan (ATP) - responded to Commissioner's questions from the April BPAC meeting.
- Update on Slurry Seal and Bike plan.
- Board and Commission Recognition Reception to be held on June 20, 2019 at the Senior Center at 5:15 p.m.
- Presentation at the upcoming June BPAC meeting by Ellen Talbo, Santa Clara County Roads and Airports Department, on the County Expressway Bike Guidelines.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

[19-0561](#) BPAC 2019 Annual Work Plan

[19-0563](#) Active Items List-May 2019

[19-0565](#) 2019 BPAC Utility Bill Flier

Chair Cordes suggested changing the title of the insert.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cordes adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.