Meeting Minutes - Draft

June 20, 2019

1.A Approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2019.

Approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Minutes of May 16, 2019 as amended.

Commissioner Mehlinger moved and Commissioner Mehlman seconded the motion to approve the amended Bicycle and Pedestrian minutes of May 16, 2019. The amendment was made by Chair Cordes who suggested changing the design of the 2019 BPAC Utility Bill Flier insert. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 6 - Chair Cordes

Vice Chair Bremond

Commissioner Mehlinger

Commissioner Mehlman

Commissioner Swail

Commissioner Welch

No 0

Abstain 1 - Commissioner Oey

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. <u>19-0298</u> Recommend to the City Council for Adoption of the Vision Zero Plan

Alternative 1: Recommend to City Council to Adopt the Vision Zero Plan.

Steve Davis from Fehr & Peers, transportation consulting firm, gave a presentation on the Vision Zero Plan. Mr. Davis emphasized that the main goal of the citywide Vision Zero Plan is to have zero fatalities and serious injuries on the transportation network on the entirety of the city streets. Mr. Davis pointed out three main components of the Vision Zero plan which are:

- 1. To take a safety first approach. Prioritize traffic safety over other transportation considerations
- 2. Acknowledge that traffic deaths and serious injuries are preventable
- 3. Adopt a multi disciplinary approach to address these issues

Mr. Davis stated that the Vision Zero Plan includes specific actions to implement. These actions fall into four categories:

- 1. Vison Zero Plan initiatives and evaluation
- 2. Street design & operation
- 3. Behavioral change
- 4. Vulnerable road users

Commissioner Oey recommended having a continuous data driven mechanism to improve the police reports. Mr. Oey commented on the Vision Zero Plan toolkit lane reduction and how it would be beneficial.

Commissioner Welch asked how will the Vision Zero Plan be executed if it is approved.

Mr. Davis stated that the plan would be executed by applying the vision and improvements into city projects.

Commissioner Mehlinger emphasized the importance of safety first. Mr. Mehlinger asked how does the Vision Zero Plan interact with all the other plans currently in progress and does this plan address protected intersections.

Mr. Davis stated there's a lot of interplay with all the plans and the Vision Zero Plan is more safety focus across the City for all users.

Chair Cordes made the following comments:

- Prioritize safety strategies
- Would like to come to a motion to recommend to City Council that items A.1 and A.2 be among the top priorities

Alejandro Marti, member of the public, commented on certain aspects of the Vision Zero Plan and asked that the City build protected bike lanes this year.

James Keller, member of the public, commented on how education is important to resolve various issues within the Vision Zero Plan.

David Simons, member of the public, seconded the idea that there should be more effort for education on Bicycle and Pedestrian safety.

Commissioner Oey moved and commissioner Mehlinger seconded the motion for alternative 2: recommend to City Council to adopt the Vision Zero Plan with modifications. The modifications are to prioritize the following Vision Zero Program

Initiatives identified in the report:

- A.1 Vision Zero Task Force Convene an interdisciplinary Vision Zero Task Force to oversee plan implementation and coordinate projects and programs across City departments.
- A.2 Dedicated Funding Identify a permanent, dedicated funding source for Vision Zero implementation and coordination.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 - Chair Cordes

Vice Chair Bremond

Commissioner Mehlinger

Commissioner Mehlman

Commissioner Oey

Commissioner Swail

Commissioner Welch

No 0

3. 19-0688 Report and Discussion of Recent VTA BPAC Meeting

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

- The June meeting was cancelled.
- Project prioritizations.

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

4. 19-0682 Update to Study Issues Process

Lillian Tsang, Principal Transportation Engineer/Planner, gave a presentation on the new process for Study Issues. Key elements are:

- Study Issues proposed to City Council need to be within BPAC's purview
- Study Issues should be related to policies not operational issues
- Every January BPAC would rank all the sponsored study issues and provide the ranking to City Council

Ms. Tsang stated the 3 phases of the Study Issue process: