

Report to Sunnyvale BPAC Regarding VTA BPAC November 10, 2020 Meeting

VTA BPAC member: Tim Oey

No decisions were needed at this meeting, all items were informational.

For full details and copies of the presentations see:

<http://santaclaravta.iqm2.com/Citizens/Board/1007-Bicycle--Pedestrian-Advisory-Committee>

The most interesting report for Sunnyvale was the VTA Staff Report which is appended below. In particular, VTA is finally going to fund an ongoing adult bicycle education program.

The County Staff Report covered the Central Bikeway / Bike Superhighway initiative.

The Information item about the 10-year Expenditure Outlook had staff presentation. This was mainly a heads up on the beginning of the 10 year Expenditure Outlook analysis.

The Information item about Downtown San Jose Light Rail Safety & Speed Pilot was an interesting presentation about their progress. They are trying to get Light Rail to go faster in that section while also reducing injuries. It is hard because it has been an open pedestrian mall and people can suddenly step onto the tracks from many different directions. Putting up some fences looks like it will help. See presentation to see more.

The BPAC Nomination Subcommittee recommended 2 people for chair and 4 people for vice chair including me. Voting will occur at the December meeting.

The December meeting will be interesting as it will be a workshop about the Bike Superhighway / Central Bikeway which approaches but does not enter Sunnyvale at this time.

VTA Advisory Committees Committee Staff Liaison Report November 2020

- **Board meeting highlights**

The Board of Directors met last week on November 5th and:

- They approved the extension of the Memorandum of Understanding between Council of San Benito County Governments & VTA to continue the Mobility Partnership to provide direction on mobility improvements in the southern Santa Clara and northern San Benito county area, including the development of the SR 152 Trade Corridor.
- They also approved modifications to modify bicycle set-asides for Transportation Development Act Article 3 and Transportation Fund for Clean Air Act Programs.
 - The approved modifications included a change specifically recommended by the BPAC that the \$150,000 County set-aside for pedestrian projects along Expressways continue, but expand eligible projects to include both bicycle and pedestrian projects along Expressways.
- The Board adjourned its meeting in memory of VTA Operator Audrey Lopez.

- **Local election results on Measure RR**

- Voters in Santa Clara, San Mateo and San Francisco counties approved this 1/8 cent sales tax with more than 70 percent of voters across the three counties supporting the measure. Revenues generated by Measure RR will support Caltrain operations and maintenance, replacing annual contributions from VTA to these activities.

- **Bicycle Superhighway Implementation Plan Workshop**

- We are on track to hold a workshop on the Bike Superhighway Implementation Plan map in December. This was requested at August BPAC meeting.

- **2016 Measure B Countywide Education/Encouragement Program**

- VTA will be issuing a Request for Proposals in November/December seeking teams to deliver Adult Bicycle Education
- Safety Campaign efforts moving forward.
 - VTA is working with San Jose to identify opportunities for VTA's Countywide Bike/Ped Safety Campaign and the City's Vision Zero Campaign to complement and support each other.
 - Epidemiologists at the County Public Health Department are now reviewing historic bike/ped crash, injury, and fatality data. Their assessment will help define the target audience and messages we include in our countywide campaign.

- **Regional Bike/Ped Planning Efforts Underway**

- Caltrans District 4 Bay Area Bicycle Superhighway Concept Study held kickoff meeting with Technical Advisory Committee last week. Lola Torney is representing VTA on the TAC.

- Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian Plan – Lauren Ledbetter is representing VTA on the Working Group. Caltrans will be launching an online public survey and draft plan for review in 2021.
- MTC will be developing an Active Transportation Plan and updating their Complete Streets Policy. VTA Bike/Ped program will look for opportunities to be involved in both efforts.