

Oct 13, 2021 VTA BPAC report to Sunnyvale BPAC

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Highlights for Sunnyvale:

4. Receive Committee Staff Report. (Verbal Report) (Ledbetter)

Bicycle Superhighway Implementation Plan published in September. See:

<https://www.vta.org/sites/default/files/2021-09/Bike%20superhighway%20Implementation%20plan%28print%29.pdf>

Includes significant sections/possibilities in Sunnyvale including Bay Trail, El Camino Real, and East Channel Trail.

Slightly updated VTA Bike Map published and more will be printed soon. Next major revision of this map is scheduled to be published in 2024 (every 4 years).

Oct 26-28 the California Active Transportation Resource Center (sponsored by Caltrans) will have a free symposium from 8:30am to 12:30pm each day. Registration and information at <https://caatpresources.org/1524>. This is a high value online event if you are able to attend.

10. Election Process for 2022 Advisory Committee Leadership: Appoint Nomination Subcommittee

I am now one of 3 members on this nomination subcommittee.

11. Update on Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Education/Encouragement Efforts

It is worth looking at the presentation to see what is happening in this area.

Lots of discussion of Safe Routes to School. Many would like to see bicycle education included as a standard part of school's PE curriculum. Looks like the California State PE standards need to be updated to make this happen.

Would be great to get a Traffic Garden in Santa Clara County.

An Adult Education program funded by Measure B finally has a signed contract -- Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition will be running and delivering this program.

12. [Bicycle Parking Chapter Update – Bicycle Technical Guidelines](#)

Lots of details here that most cities follow as minimums. VTA BPAC and Gilroy Council Member Zach Hilton wanted more than just minimums -- also include more ambitious goals because we have a climate emergency -- so VTA is likely to change their guidelines to express a range so developers and cities can so more than just meet the minimums and be encouraged to go further.

Updates to this chapter may be a better way to encourage businesses to let bikes roll inside (vs Sunnyvale needing a study issue).

It is well worth reviewing this new draft and the presentation and emailing comments to VTA before the end of October. This is a critical document to improve and will affect all cities in our county including Sunnyvale.

13. Receive Reports from BPAC subcommittees. (Verbal Report)

A wayfinding subcommittee has formed to research and recommend wayfinding standards. This will likely end up as a new chapter for the VTA Bicycle Technical Guidelines that cities in Santa Clara County use. Having consistent wayfinding across cities would be very helpful.

I am also now on this new subcommittee.