



# City of Sunnyvale

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

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Thursday, November 18, 2021

6:30 PM

Telepresence Meeting: City Web Stream

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to Government Code Subdivision 54953(e), the meeting was conducted telephonically; pursuant to state law, the City Council made the necessary findings by adopting Resolution No. 1089-21, reaffirmed on November 16, 2021.

Chair Mehlinger called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. via teleconference.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present 7 -** Chair Richard Mehlinger  
Vice Chair Leia Mehlman  
Commissioner Alex Bonne  
Commissioner Arwen Davé  
Commissioner Dan Hafeman  
Commissioner Timothy Oey  
Commissioner Mihir Paradkar

Dennis Ng, Transportation and Traffic Manager, Lillian Tsang, Principal Transportation Engineer and Nabilah Deen, Transportation Engineer attended via teleconference.

Council Liaison Klein (present).

#### **PRESENTATION**

**A**      [21-1080](#)      Climate Action Playbook Progress Update

Nupur Hiremath, Environmental Programs Manager, and Madeline Willett, Environmental Engineering Coordinator provided an update on the Climate Action Playbook Annual Progress. Highlighting the following:

- Sunnyvale's Adopted Targets

- 2020 Annual Greenhouse Gas Inventory
- Sunnyvale Scoreboard
- Total Emission by Year and Sector
- Transportation, Electricity Sector, Natural Gas Sector Emission Trends
- CAP Implementation Progress Update
- Progress Updates for Scheduled Moves
- More information can be found at [SunnyvaleClimateAction.org](https://SunnyvaleClimateAction.org)

Commissioner Oey asked about the following:

- Direct way of measuring VMT
- Cause of the natural gas going down between 2008 - 2014 for residential use
- Are electrified motor vehicles used for CAP Metric #8
- Mode shift measurements

Commissioner Davé asked about the following:

- Do hybrids count as electric vehicles in the survey
- Providing data on emissions in our area

Commissioner Hafeman asked about the following:

- Silicon Valley Clean Energy CO2 more than doubled per mega watt hour between 2019 - 2020
- Emission Factors
- Whether the amount of gasoline sold in Sunnyvale can be used as a direct way to measure VMT

Commissioner Bonne asked about the following:

- Breakdown of subgroups responsible for the 18% emission for residential gas
- Requirement to improve R value in insulation in construction
- Emissions by Solid Waste, methane or transportation related
- If VMT accounts for people per vehicle per trip
- Real data versus simulation data options for VMT analysis
- Incentives for Electric Vehicles for Sunnyvale residents

Vice Chair Mehlman asked about the following:

- Actual data versus modeled data and validation
- PG&E offset output with carbon credits

Chair Mehlinger asked about the following:

- PG&E numbers under old calculation

- City considering Electric Bicycle seminars
- Long term impact from work from home
- City's Environmental Department and Climate Action Playbook goals interacting with upcoming housing development
- Programs for redevelopment of older buildings

Ms. Tsang, Ms. Willett, Mr. Ng and Ms. Nupur addressed the questions.

Chair Mehlinger opened for Public Comment.

Chair Mehlinger closed for Public Comment.

Commissioner Oey commented on the following:

- Measuring fuel consumption in Sunnyvale
- Miles traveled per pound of weight
- Percentage of electric vehicles
- Gas vehicle counts vs. zero emission counts vs. population

Vice Chair Mehلمان commented on the following:

- Congestion pricing and reducing VMT

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Mehlinger opened for Public Comment.

Chair Mehlinger closed for Public Comment.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1.A**      [21-1043](#)      Approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2021.

Chair Mehlinger opened for Public Comment.

Chair Mehlinger closed for Public Comment.

Approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2021 as submitted.

The motion carried the following vote:

**Yes 7 -** Chair Mehlinger  
Vice Chair Mehلمان  
Commissioner Bonne  
Commissioner Davé  
Commissioner Hafeman  
Commissioner Oey  
Commissioner Paradkar

**No 0**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

Chair Mehlinger called for a recess at 8:01 p.m. Chair Mehlinger reconvened the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

**2**      [21-1081](#)      Review and Approve Draft BPAC 2022 Master Work Plan

Nabilah Deen, Transportation Engineer, gave a staff report on the BPAC 2022 Master Work Plan and commented on the following:

- Included items that City staff is working on next year
- Items not completed in 2021 are included in Annual Work Plan for 2022

Chair Mehlinger opened for Public Comment.

Chair Mehlinger closed for Public Comment.

Commissioner Hafeman suggested to move the Bernardo Avenue Bicycle Pedestrian Undercrossing item from the May meeting to either the April or June meeting.

Dennis Ng stated that the Bernardo Avenue Bicycle Pedestrian Undercrossing needs to stay on the May BPAC meeting agenda to meet City Council deadline and to meet Measure B and federal funding needs. Mr. Ng stated he will talk to the project manager if it can be moved to the April meeting.

Commissioner Oey asked if next year's budget discussion will be on the operating budget or capital improvement project budget. Ms. Tsang stated the budget discussion will be on the operating budget.

Commissioner Oey asked to have implementation of striping improvements from the

Active Transportation Plan on the slurry list rather than just a list of streets. Ms. Tsang stated a map listing this improvement will be provided, along with a table of the slurry list.

Vice Chair Mehlman asked if there was a final report on the Tasman corridor project from the VTA. Ms. Tsang stated the draft final report was presented to City Council in the spring. Mr. Ng stated staff will follow up with VTA to check the status.

Chair Mehlinger asked if staff could do a slurry seal presentation next year. Mr. Ng stated he will talk with the slurry seal project manager to see if there could be a presentation.

Chair Mehlinger asked if the Utility Bill concepts could be moved from February/March to January/February. Mr. Ng stated that the schedule for the Mary Avenue Grade Separation might change due to additional analysis.

Chair Mehlinger asked if we could add a presentation item in the 2022 Work Plan and invite staff from other cities to present their Slow Streets Program. Mr. Ng stated staff will research it and get back to the Commission.

Commissioner Davé asked if it is possible to start the meeting earlier in the day if it is going to be lengthy. Mr. Ng stated staff would have to work with the City Clerk's office and with the BPAC to see if commissioners are available.

Commissioner Oey asked if "restriping" could be added to the slurry seal name.

MOTION: Commissioner Oey moved and Vice Chair Mehlman seconded to adopt the Draft BPAC 2022 Master Work Plan:

The motion carried the following vote:

**Yes 7 -** Chair Mehlinger  
Vice Chair Mehlman  
Commissioner Bonne  
Commissioner Davé  
Commissioner Hafeman  
Commissioner Oey  
Commissioner Paradkar

**No 0**

**3**      [21-1082](#)      Annual Review of Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials

Nabilah Deen, Transportation Engineer, commented on the Annual Review of Code of Ethics and Conduct for elected and appointed officials. Ms. Deen stated every year each Commission gets a copy.

Chair Mehlinger stated there were a few changes made which are as follows:

- Substantial streamlining to the Code of Ethics that was discussed at the Council Subcommittee on Boards and Commissions meetings, as well as sections added on ex parte communications for commissions related to quasi-judicial agenda items

Mayor Klein stated it was simplified and made more accessible for non registered voters.

Chair Mehlinger opened for Public Comment.

Chair Mehlinger closed for Public Comment.

MOTION: Chair Mehlinger moved and Commissioner Bonne seconded to have the BPAC read the Code of Ethics by the next meeting and pledge to abide by it.

The motion carried the following vote:

**Yes 7 -**    Chair Mehlinger  
              Vice Chair Mehlman  
              Commissioner Bonne  
              Commissioner Davé  
              Commissioner Hafeman  
              Commissioner Oey  
              Commissioner Paradkar

**No 0**

**4**      [21-1083](#)      Report and Discussion of Recent Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting

Commissioner Oey, VTA BPAC Sunnyvale Representative, gave the meeting summary report regarding the following topics:

- Caltrain is looking for some new Caltrain Bicycle and Active Transportation

Advisory Committee (BATAC) representatives as 4 of them have their terms expire on Dec 31, 2021 – in particular one general public seat in Santa Clara County. See: <http://caltrain.com/batac> for more information and to apply

- Braille Placards have been installed at 1676 bus stops so far – 49% of VTAs bus system. Installation will continue until all stops are covered
- Congestion Management Program (CMP) Document. It is a useful overview of Congestion Management for Santa Clara County and worth reviewing if you have time
- Received an update on VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Project. Very interesting presentation on this BART extension with 4 new stations – 28th Street / Little Portugal, Downtown SJ, Diridon, and Santa Clara. Each will have about 200 or more bike parking spots, 75% of which would be enclosed/secure. These new stations might be operational as soon as 2030 but this date could change
- Received the BPAC Nomination Subcommittee's report on members expressing interest in serving as either chairperson or vice chairperson for 2022

Chair Mehlinger opened for Public Comment.

Chair Mehlinger closed for Public Comment.

### **STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES**

Chair Mehlinger stated Study Issues forms should be turned into staff by July 2022 to be considered for 2023.

### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS**

#### **-Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Oey commented on the following:

- Recommended that the BPAC and staff read "The Confessions of an Engineer"
- Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition Annual Winter Party on December 4, 2021. Open house at Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition headquarters, 155 S 11th St., San Jose. More information at [bikesiliconvalley.org/party](http://bikesiliconvalley.org/party)

Chair Mehlinger commented on the following:

- Recommended that the BPAC and staff read an article from the Los Angeles Times on the impact of freeway construction in the United States
- Recommended looking at Mr. Barricade on Tick Tock who is a Traffic Engineer contractor who did a lot of the protected bicycle facilities in San Jose

Commissioner Hafeman asked about the following:

- Homestead Road Full-time Bicycle Lane Study
- Passing of AB 43

Ms. Deen and Mr. Ng addressed the questions.

Vice Chair Mehlman commented on the following:

- Recommended reading "The Confession of an Engineer"

Chair Mehlinger asked if the Caltrain Station Bike/Pedestrian Access and Tasman Study Issues could be added to the active items list. Mr. Ng stated staff will add them onto the active items list if they are not already on it.

Commissioner Oey asked if the temporary bike lane segment on Homestead Road that is east of Nightingale could be added to the study boundaries. Mr. Ng stated staff will have to look into it.

#### **-Staff Comments**

Nabilah Deen, Transportation Engineer, commented on the following:

- On November 30th, the Java Drive Road Diet and Bike Lanes project will be brought to City Council for consideration.
- On December 7th, we are bringing a Voluntary Contribution by LinkedIn to implement Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Improvements on Maude Avenue to City Council for consideration. The proposed improvements will be between the Sunnyvale/Mountain View City Limits and approximately 400 feet west of Mathilda Avenue.
- On December 14th, we are bringing a Voluntary Contribution by Google to implement Signing and Striping Improvements on Caspian Drive, Geneva Drive, Baltic Way and Orleans Drive to City Council for consideration. The project will include narrowing the travel lanes to implement buffered bicycle lanes on these streets, speed feedback signs, and other striping improvements.
- The December 16th BPAC meeting will be cancelled, as we have completed the annual work plan for this year.

Vice Chair Mehlman asked if there will be any wayfinding directional signage improvements included in the Google voluntary improvement project. Ms. Tsang stated wayfinding will be looked at in the Moffet Park Specific Plan.

Chair Mehlinger asked if wayfinding signs should be a study issue. Mr. Ng stated he would have to weigh the availability of staff and prioritize work load.

Mayor Klein commented on the following:

- December 7 - City Council will be reviewing a resolution directing the City Manager to continue to allow temporary outdoor dining on private parking lots as well as closing the 100 block of South Murphy Avenue until September 30, 2022
- Thanked the BPAC and staff for their hard work and appreciated being the City Council Liaison for the last 5 months

#### **INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS**

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| <a href="#">21-1084</a> | BPAC 2021 Annual Work Plan      |
| <a href="#">21-1085</a> | Active Items List November 2021 |
| <a href="#">21-1086</a> | 2021 Deferred Study Issues      |

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Mehlinger adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.