

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
March 2, 2015**

**1. Roll Call (Chair), Introductions:**

Present: Tom Modic, Chair, Laura McCamy, Ken Bukowski, Celeste Burrows, members; Maurice Kaufman, Mike Roberts, Nancy Humphrey, Marcy Greenhut, Public Works; Robert Prinz, Bike East Bay. Absent: Brian Donahue, David Kritzberg. Member Betsy Cooley has resigned.

**2. Public Comment about items not on the Agenda: None**

**3. Discussion/Action Items:**

- a. **Approval of Minutes for Feb. 2, 2015:** Accepted with following changes: add comma after benches, in Item 3. C. for benches, then shelters where feasible; and Bukowski comment that advertising would allow City to afford more benches & shelters.
- b. **Traffic Count on 45<sup>th</sup> St.** East of San Pablo: Staff Kaufman report about traffic counts on 45<sup>th</sup> east of San Pablo, he had been mistaken that the counts exceeded the threshold, and they do not, according to counts from 2008. The report covered 43<sup>rd</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup> & 47<sup>th</sup> Streets between San Pablo and Adeline. Experimental diverters were installed, but didn't necessarily help and residents rejected this installation. Current traffic calming installed instead, and counts, according to Kaufman, are likely around 1500. No counts have been done since 2008, and no general neighborhood complaints have been heard. Member Donahue, who requested this item be placed on the agenda, was not present.
- c. **Bike to Work Day:** Staff Greenhut reviewed updated plans for this year, donations, bag stuffing, etc.. Member McCamy asked whether an energizer station at Frontage & Powell was worth it, given the low numbers for the last couple years; staff Greenhut reported that support exists for maintaining this station, at least this and maybe next year, with the newly-remodeled Shell Station and upgrade of Bay Trail, and bike amenities at that corner. Also plans are in place for car-free BTWD again this year, and many commitments for donations and volunteers have been received.
- d. **Review of anticipated paving projects:** Staff Roberts reviewed projects. Only one paving project coming up, so he also reviewed other projects that could impact traffic. Annual sewer project (replacing pipes) is under way & just completed Christie St. In 2 weeks, will open center of Powell St. from Vallejo, west to Horton; then in May Christie Ave. Bay Trail extension cycletrack will begin, taking out a lane; later this summer, Hollis St. reconstruction, from Powell north, 2 blocks at a time till complete, for a month or so; and will include a portion of 65<sup>th</sup> St. and Ocean. The increase in Measure B/B funding, will double our allocation and help with repaving. Laura reported that the "Love our Neighborhood" event will take place again this year, but will not include Emeryville; Mike requested info if any traffic re-routing is going through COE. The event will take place May 30th.
- e. **Pedestrian crossing of Bay Trail on Christie at Powell St.:** BPAC member Burrows used the projected overhead map of Christie and Powell St. to explain her concerns about pedestrian crossing of Christie, across Powell St. Eastbound vehicles, turning right from Powell onto Christie have a free right turn, and never stop (right turn is allowed during red phase) and motorists aren't expecting a pedestrian or a bicyclist to step/ride off the curb at the Bay Trail heading west across Powell St. When walking from the east, she waits at the median to complete her crossing; the median will be removed for the cycletrack project on Christie this summer. Walk signal and right turning vehicles happen simultaneously. Celeste suggests no turn on red, and that walk signal doesn't come on during green phase, emphasizing lives are at stake. Staff Kaufman reported that in mid 2000s, UC Berkeley Traffic Safety Center studied this intersection, along with Shellmound and Christie, frontage and Powell St. & others in the area. \$500,000 worth of improvements were made. A flashing beacon was installed, with a pedestrian sign above, warning motorists that a pedestrian is crossing; walk-push-button signal allows walk signal to lead before motorist. An all pedestrian signal phase or a squared-off corner as suggested during this meeting, would have a regional impact, the study found. The City

used what was in toolbox at the time. Kaufman reported that with the new Bay Trail extension, a stop sign for cyclists at the intersection is proposed, and that reduced lane width will result from cycletrack installation. Suggestion by BPAC member Bukowski to move crosswalk further south. This was discussed. Kaufman reported that the project did move the crosswalk a car-length from the intersection during early 2000's, but if moved any further south, cars would be moving too fast by the time they'd reach crosswalk, increasing risk of collision with pedestrians. Suggestion to add 2 more crosswalks at other legs of intersection was discussed, but Maurice reports they were deemed to be even more dangerous than the other 2 existing sides. Cyclists proceeding straight through the intersection was discussed; rather than position themselves to the right of vehicular traffic as normally is the case, they are required, legally, to move to the 3<sup>rd</sup> lane from right, with straight-pointing arrow, which is less safe. No solution was offered for this problem. Robert Prinz suggests aligning curb cuts with crosswalk and moving crosswalk back from the intersection, so the curb cut and the crosswalk meet at a right angle. No action taken.

- f. **40<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge approach recommendations for re-doing pavement markings:** All (members and staff) agreed to freshen the markings, and ceramic white raised dome markers.

#### 4. Communications and Reports:

##### a. City Staff Communications and Reports:

- i. **Planning Dept.:** Staff Billing was absent due to illness.
  - ii. **Bike Share update:** Staff Humphrey says Emeryville isn't part of the project with the first round, in which Cities of Oakland and Berkeley will participate. Emeryville will learn from the 1<sup>st</sup> round and participate in the 2nd round, or find alternative funding, potentially with private corporations. Nancy reported positively on the tour she took of the SF Bike Share program. Member McCamy reported that in France with their installation, many more people used bikes than expected, including those who owned & rode their own.
  - iii. **Public Works staff update:** Bike Rack report: still working on remaining 11 racks as part of the BAAQMD grant from which 57 were already installed. Greenhut reports a couple new bike repair stations, on 59<sup>th</sup> St. west of Hollis St., and next to Ruby's on Hollis St. and mentioned the included bike wheel trough to keep bike standing during tire pumping. Robert Prinz reports making a map with bike racks and fixit stations which will be distributed via Bike East Bay. Staff Humphrey and others reported how well fixit stations are used where they are located, in response to Kaufman's remark that they require a lot of maintenance. The ped-bike project update document was forgotten for this meeting, but will be brought and used to update BPAC in April.
- b. **Committee member announcements:** Member Bukowski reports MTC approved bike path on Richmond Bridge; a minimum wage task force meeting 3/16 @ Hawley School (61<sup>st</sup> St.). Member McCamy reports signal at Beaudry heading across Powell St. signal only works on one side, when bicycle is there. Staff Kaufman reports they can change it.

#### 5. New Business for Next Regular BPAC meeting April 6th, 2015:

- a. Bike to Work Day, City Bike Ride (annual?); project status review to return next month.

#### 6. Adjournment @ 6:55 p.m.

#### Suggested FUTURE Agenda Items for the BPAC

Date added

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8/27/14

- "What is an appropriate speed limit on a bicycle boulevard?" (Modic)

7/7/14

- 40<sup>th</sup> St. bridge approach for bikes and vehicles (McCamy);

- Bike parking in the Marina (Bukowski);
  - City Bike ride (Bukowski)
- 6/2/14
- Bay Trail crossing of Christie Ave.
  - Walkability scoring- Laura McCamy offered to lead discussion.
- 5/8/14
- Parking Day: agenda for June 2015
  - Modifying Bike To Work Day for 2015: Bags per station; Frontage Rd. Station; How to get it all ready and to the Energizer Stations on time (by 7:00 a.m.) (by subcommittee)
- 10/25/13
- Lighter Colored Pavements: revisit
  - Sidewalk Bike Riding Ordinance
  - Modification of 61st Street Between Doyle and Vallejo Streets – One way to two way
  - Saving the Bike Ped Bridge (Bukowski)
  - Height of vegetation in streetscapes where vision may be obstructed – Rodegard
  - 65th Street Bay Bridge Take off
  - Art Bike Tour
- Use of green paint to increase safety at intersections, as in Oakland (Robert Prinz)
  - Green Bike Pavement markings at Hazard Locations (Prinz)
- 11/4/2013
- Staff provide notices to BPAC of anticipated repaving (for discussion)
  - Appending the Ped/Bike Plan: how to do it, is it necessary? (McCamy)
- 2/3/13
- See Click Fix: implementation is under way for City to join
  - Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations during construction (McCamy)