

# Minutes

## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

11.2.15

1. **Roll Call Present:** Chair Tom Modic, members David Kritzberg, Miguel Guerrero, Laura McCamy, Celeste Burrows. (Bukowski notified in advance of absence). Others present: Staff Maurice Kaufman, Nancy Humphrey, Mike Roberts, Public Works; Sara Billing, Planning. Robert Prinz, Bike East Bay; Brandon Matthews, Motivate.
2. **Public Comment** on items not on agenda: None
3. **Approval of Sept. 14, 2015 minutes** with one change (correct time for Laura's arrival 5:40), by acclamation.
4. **Agenda items:**
  - A. **Discussion On Monitoring Of Bicycle Boulevard Goals And Metrics:** Discussion lead by Maurice Kaufman  
Kaufman introduced this item, brought by request from Brian and Scott Donahue, asking how the BPAC wants to move forward with monitoring of traffic, accidents and safety on Bicycle Boulevards. A document, summarizing the Ped Bike Plan sections on monitoring metrics was distributed to those present and reviewed. Kaufman also reviewed how speed limits are set, using a speed survey. Kaufman reports the City is getting ready to conduct speed surveys on a lot of streets in the City, and that traffic (auto and bicycle) counts were recently provided by the Sherwin Williams project as part of their EIR. Kaufman distributed a map of locations where traffic counts could be done, and asked whether these counts, which could cost \$10,000 for the noted locations, should be done every 2 years, as stated in Ped Bike Plan, and, further, what should be done once counts are complete. Kaufman reports that vehicle counts are right at the recommended limits outlined in the bicycle plan on:
    - Horton at the Amtrak station (threshold 3,000 vehicles per day)
    - Horton south of Amtrak (threshold 3,000)
    - 45<sup>th</sup> Street in the Triangle neighborhood (threshold 1,500).Counts are known to be above the recommended threshold (1,500) on: 45<sup>th</sup> Street between Hollis and San Pablo.  
  
Currently the thresholds are 3,000 vehicles per day on streets west of Hollis and 1,500 vehicles per day east of Hollis. Kaufman suggested that the Ped Bike Plan be altered to move that dividing line from Hollis east to San Pablo. With large new developments, City staff requires developers to complete vehicle counts. Staff Humphrey mentioned a new type of metrics, called "level of stress," measuring other factors gauging bicyclists' comfort, to be researched further. Member Guerrero reported on his experience with a Berkeley bike tour of various locations for cyclist comfort level. The idea of a City website survey for "stress" on streets was mentioned. Chair Modic made a motion (seconded by Burrows) which s/he later withdrew. Kaufman suggests it would be best to know what the BPAC is recommending in terms of type and frequency of counts/stress studies by Feb. 2016 to include this in the next two year budget cycle. Member McCamy made this motion seconded by member Guerrero: that the Committee work to create an (a new) assessment or measurement of bicycle and pedestrian friendliness at key locations, as part of the work plan (where that is and how to do it to be discussed at a later time). Passed by unanimous vote.
  - B. **Planning Dept. Update:** Planning Staff Sara Billing reports Stanford Medical Center project will come to BPAC soon.

- C. **Police Dept. Statistics:** Sergeant Joel Hannon distributed reports and led discussion of crash statistics for calendar year 2015 through Oct. 31, 2015. Kaufman requested crash/incident GIS mapping and Sgt. Hannon promised that for the next meeting.
- D. **Bike Share Program** proposed for the East Bay and the greater Bay Area, including Emeryville, presented by staff of Motivate (the proposed service provider) Brandon Matthews (an Emeryville resident). Emily Stapleton of Bike Share will make presentations at the upcoming Public Work/Transportation Committee meeting and at City Council on December 1.
- E. **Public Works Project Tracking:** Nancy Humphrey: Staff distributed a list and reviewed status of various projects around town.

5. **Future Agenda Items:**

- A. Jan. 2016: M/S/P by unanimous vote: Measuring bicycle and pedestrian friendliness at key locations (per BPAC vote at this meeting), for inclusion in Work Plan.
- B. Greenway crossing study, after modifications complete by consultant.
- C. Jan. 2016: Voted at previous meeting: Modified stop sign law for bicyclists (review SF proposal language)

6. **Announcements/Member Comments:** (Moved up by Chair)

- A. Laura McCamy appreciates new striping on Hollis south of 40<sup>th</sup> St.;
- B. McCamy asked about Stanford re-opening to two-way traffic; Mike Roberts reported it would happen within days.
- C. McCamy reports that Love Our Neighborhood Day committee has set the next LOND Day for June 4<sup>th</sup>, and holiday party coming, they will send info out.