

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Jan. 4, 2016

Present: Members: Tom Modic, Laura McCamy, David Kritzberg, Celeste Burrows, Ken Bukowski, Miguel Guerrero and new member Kate Sargent Richards. Staff: Nancy Humphrey, Mike Roberts, Marcy Greenhut, Public Works. Robert Prinz, Public. Scott Donohue, Council.

1. Roll Call: Kate Sargent Richards introduced herself, as a resident at Vue 46, this being her first BPAC meeting.

2. Public Comment For Items Not On The Agenda

Robert Prinz commented that in See Click Fix responses regarding “non”-maintenance issues, commenters are told to attend BPAC or another committee. He asked if staff are tracking the issues to avoid liability issues. Staff acknowledged awareness of this response, and informed the group that these non-maintenance bike issues will be handled differently going forward, by being handed off to appropriate staff.

Another comment from Robert Prinz was about the Christie Ave. Bay Trail completion status, and the bumpy surface for bicycles. Staff Roberts pointed out that the paving machine can't fit into the narrow path, so hand work results in uneven surface.

3. Approval Of 11/2/15 Minutes

Approved by acclamation.

4. Action Items

A. Sponsorship Of Bike To Work Day, May 12, 2016

Moved, McCamy 1st, Ken 2nd, passed unanimously to contribute \$3,000 to Bike East Bay, and to discuss at the March meeting on what to spend the City staff allotment of \$1,000.

B. Measuring Bicycle And Pedestrian Friendliness At Key Locations For Inclusion In The Work Plan

Staff Humphrey presented an overview of “Level of Traffic Stress” type of measure. She shared that local consultants are modifying this type of study to better match the needs of smaller cities like Emeryville (working with Berkeley now), and summarized the cost estimates of 3 consultants for providing data for Emeryville. Essentially, an LTS-type study would cost approximately 2.5 times the cost of counts alone.

McCamy moved, Guerrero 2nd, unanimous vote, to hold two special weekend BPAC meetings, during dry weather months, one a ride for cyclists and the other a walk for pedestrians, to score/rate our facilities. Possible details to be discussed at a future meeting.

Modic moved, Guerrero 2nd, unanimous vote for traffic counts to be conducted for those bike facilities on which traffic counts haven't been done for 3 or more years. Funding for this would be requested in the upcoming budget cycle update.

BPAC members agreed to wait until 2-3 years in advance of renewal of the Ped-Bike Plan to embark on more detailed and costly study such as the Level of Traffic Stress as discussed in this meeting.

C. Greenway Crossing Study

Staff Humphrey reviewed the study conducted through UC Berkeley Institute of Transportation Studies by Kittleson (a consultant firm), of the 65th, 66th and 67th Street crossings of the Emeryville Greenway, which includes recommendations for improving safety at those locations.

Much discussion about using the Greenway and various safety measures took place.

Staff Humphrey recommends waiting for Berkeley's upcoming installation of flashing lights at the Folger crossing of the Greenway before making recommendations for the Emeryville section. She also points out that the BPAC will have an opportunity later to comment on the specifics of potential changes.

There was detailed discussion of a variety of potential signage and measures to take to make it clear that the trail users have priority and improve safety at these Greenway crossings.

Modic moved, Kritzberg 2nded to request red yield signs be installed at each crossing (for traffic on 65th, 66th, 67th). 6 in favor, 0 against, one (Sargent Richards) abstention.

Member McCamy requested that BPAC members be sent by email the Greenway study again when it returns to the BPAC for specifics, at a later meeting (TBD).

Staff Humphrey and Roberts updated the BPAC on the Safe Routes to Schools project to be completed on San Pablo Ave. Member Kritzberg pointed out that the Greenway study notes that "not enough" is being done on Safe Routes to Schools; Staff Humphrey noted that this was an error in the report that had been called to the authors' attention but not fixed.

D. Scheduling "Special Meeting" In Feb. :

A special meeting has been requested by staff for a consultant presentation of Horton St. Traffic Calming measures proposed by the City's consultant, in February. Moved by McCamy, 2nded by Modic, unanimous vote to hold a special BPAC mtg. in February.

5. Information items

A. Police Department Statistics (GIS map) and Other Report(s): No information for this item, as Police Department representative was not present.

B. Planning Department update: No information presented, Planning Staff absent due to injury.

C. Public Works project status update: Sidewalk project nearly completed; Christie Ave. Bay Trail extension also nearly complete; Safe Routes to School project on San Pablo Ave. to begin soon; Bay St. bike lockers have been put off due to Bay St. decision to turn down the grant offer; AMTRAK lockers will be installed after the City gives up the grant, and Capitol Corridor applies for and accepts the grant; full ownership and maintenance responsibilities would go to Capitol Corridor, with the City contributing the same amount it had initially promised.

6. Future Agenda Items

1. Bicycling Level of Stress study review (no date)
2. March: Bike to Work Day expenditure discussion (30 min.)
3. March Discussion item: Bay St. on-street bike parking installed (30 min.)
4. March: Stanford Health Center (30 min.)

5. Robert Prinz suggested and the BPAC agreed to put the following on a future agenda:
6. Info item: Class 4 bike ways, Cal Trans just released guidelines for “cycle-track” style bike ways. Robert would send document to staff and bring this info. 15-20 minutes.
7. Offering traffic school to defer bike-related traffic tickets: Consider whether City of Emeryville should permit this?
8. March: making it legal to use any street pole for bikes to lock up (20 min.)
9. Bicyclists treating stop signs as yield signs: Consider a “Do Not Enforce” policy.

7. Announcements/Member Comments: (7 min.)

A large crevice on Powell St. was reported by member Bukowski, and noted by Staff Roberts.

Member Guerrero reports long-standing broken glass in bike lane eastbound on 40th St. bridge, front of IKEA, causing bikes to veer into traffic lane. Staff informed Miguel of “See Click Fix” for reporting issues such as these.

AC Transit workshop to discuss changes to lines F and J announced by Guerrero, for bus F. See AC Transit website <http://www.actransit.org/2015/12/23/provide-input-on-proposed-changes-to-lines-f-and-j/> for details.

Adjournment: 7:35 p.m.