

**Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee**  
**“Special” Meeting Minutes**  
**Nov. 7, 2016**

**Present:** Members: Tom Modic, Laura McCamy, David Kritzberg, Celeste Burrows, Kate Sargent Richards, Miguel Guerrerro, Ken Bukowski. Public Works Staff: Mike Roberts, Marcy Greenhut, Nancy Humphrey. Planning staff: Navarre Oaks (formerly Sara Billing).

Guests: Cynthia Armour and Robert Prinz, Bike East Bay; Amir Abad, Yahya Rouhani, Fatemeh Malcklor, relatives of pedestrian fatally injured in crash at Powell St. & Christie on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Others were present, but not identified.

1. Roll Call taken, round of introductions conducted.
2. Public Comment: Cynthia Armour of Bike East Bay announced the upcoming Biketopia event on Thurs. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>; she commented on the recent pedestrian fatality crash @ Powell/Christie and commented that much of the Powell St. Urban Design Plan has not been implemented and should be discussed. One other public comment related to the fatal crash and the Urban Design Plan.
3. Minutes of September 12, 2016 meeting were reviewed by BPAC. Approved m/s/p by Modic/Kritzberg/6-0-1 w/ Bukowski abstention having been absent for the Sept. meeting.

4. Action Items:

4.1: Discussion of BPAC Field Trip: A proposed field trip described by member McCamy, to include bike and pedestrian locations of significance for BPAC was discussed by BPAC members. A date close to Bike to Work Day was proposed to piggyback on heightened interest. Bike to Work Day will be Thursday May 11, 2017. Proposed m/s/p McCamy/Bukowski/unanimous “to schedule a “Special” BPAC meeting Community Bike Ride and Walk to look at spots where we can improve our ped and bike infrastructure on Sat. May 13<sup>th</sup>, rain date of Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 11:00 a.m. beginning with the Bike segment, then meet up with pedestrians at Powell St. & Christie; and for this item to be added to a proposed February BPAC meeting agenda for discussion.”

Suggested locations for the field trip:

- Powell St. I-80 off-ramp
- Powell @ Christie
- 40<sup>th</sup> and San Pablo
- Shellmound St. adjacent to Powell St. Bridge for F bus stop
- Powell @ Doyle St. (signal installation scheduled in 6 months)
- Horton St. traffic calming
- 40<sup>th</sup> St. entrance into Target parking lot (@ Hubbard)
- Christie @ 63<sup>rd</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup> Streets
- San Pablo @ MacArthur pinchpoint (this location may be the meeting place)
- Shellmound by Bay Street
- Shellmound & Christie @ new Hyatt Place

4.2. Discussion of more frequent meetings: M/s/p, McCamy/Bukowski/unanimous, that BPAC meetings take place monthly, 10 months of the year, excluding August and December.

4.3. Election of Vice Chair: Miguel Guerrero nominated by member Bukowski and elected by unanimous vote.

5. Information items

5.1. Traffic Collision Statistics: Captain Dante Diotalevi distributed materials for BPAC review and provided preliminary info on the pedestrian fatality crash that took place Tues. Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, since the full police report has not been approved for release: The pedestrian was walking across Powell St., in a southerly direction, from the north west corner to the southwest corner, when she was struck from behind by a tractor trailer truck in the #2 lane. Capt. Diotalevi apologized to the family members present, of pedestrian who was killed. Much discussion took place, of potential safety improvements.

Cynthia Armour of Bike East Bay reported back from Caltrans' Sergio Ruiz about decisions made after the previous BPAC meeting, at which the I-80 off-ramp ped/bike crossing was discussed. The advance stop line ahead of the crosswalk and new, brighter pedestrian and bicycle warning signs will be installed; no timeframe was given. The idea of a white/green alternating-stripe crosswalk was denied by Caltrans. Two items are still in consideration by Caltrans: 1) the proposed "no right turn on red" sign activated by the crossing push-button, and 2) the proposed barrier to prevent through traffic from the off-ramp to the on-ramp across Powell. Member Burrows pointed out that if there was a barrier to prevent those through movements, there could be a phase in which all signals in all directions are red, allowing safe pedestrian crossing.

Cynthia suggested Police Dept. conduct what police call "directed patrol", and Captain Diotalevi suggested a patrol car park there which he's requested. Burrows pointed out that green ball light in addition to the green right and left arrows, isn't necessary and suggests to motorists that driving straight through to the on-ramp is permissible. Member Kritzberg inquired whether we can find out if "Waze" directs drivers to this off-and-on-again ramp movement and to ask them not to. Robert Prinz offered to check this out. Staff Humphrey asked that Capt. Diotalevi find out if placing barrier between off and on-ramp is a problem for emergency vehicles.

Sgt. Hannon, who was not present, produced statistical reports which were distributed by Capt. Diotalevi, for 2015 and 2016. Capt. Diotalevi deciphered the reports for the group. Discussion of statistics and potential solutions for problem areas.

Cynthia Armour inquired with Captain Diotalevi regarding discrepant data about Christie and Powell intersection. Capt. Diotalevi said he would check with the Chief and provide info to Joel Hannon for follow up.

- 5.2. Planning Department report: Staff Oaks, introduced herself with new name (no longer Sara Billing): reported on Railvolution Tour in Emeryville; staff worked with Alameda County Transportation Commission 2018 Comprehensive Plan investment applications to identify potential projects and worked with AC Transit on 40<sup>th</sup> St and San Pablo area transit, pedestrian and bicycle improvements design to submit for funding; and Sherwin Williams PUD (Planning Unit Development) was approved.
- 5.3. Public Works Project Update: Staff Humphrey distributed a project status report, reviewed for BPAC. (*attached* to minutes) Projects included: Bicyclist way-finding signage making progress on Bike Blvds. to complete shortly. McCamy requested street signs on Greenway crossings stating cross street; Greenway crossings grant ATP grant proposal denied, but the CalTrans Sustainability Grant app for same improvements was completed by staff; staff also applied for Bay Trail improvements along the Frontage Rd. segment; the section of Greenway Powell to Stanford construction to begin in Spring 2017; Horton St. Traffic Calming to be completed this month; Safe Routes to School complete; Shellmound in front of Hyatt House, complete July 2017; South Bayfront Bridge in progress, maybe begin fall of 2017, delayed due to building code changes. Video traffic signal enhancement to move quicker when hiring of additional engineers is complete. BPAC motions from last meeting regarding the I-80 off-ramp will go to next Transportation Committee. Members expressed interest in reviewing the Powell St. Urban Design Plan of 2011 as part of broader discussion of Christie/Powell St./On-off-ramp area.

BPAC member Questions: New traffic signals going in when at 40<sup>th</sup> @ Harlan and Doyle @ Powell St.?

BPAC member comment: Street lights have been out on the pedestrian crossing bridge on the Powell Street overpass.

Staff will check on both and report back.

## 6. Future Agenda Items:

### 6.1 Members and attendees discussion of potential items:

- Staff Greenhut distributed list from January of proposed agenda items for discussion. See *attached* for revised list.
- Level of Stress item, proposed by Guerrero, deleted from list
- Suggested there be an ongoing-items list carried forward till addressed or deleted
- Items to keep:
  1. Traffic School to defer bicyclist traffic tickets (keep)
  2. Stop sign: modify law for bicycles, as SF & Idaho did? (keep)
  3. Powell St. from Frontage to Christie, including Urban Design Plan (Jan.)
  4. (Robert Prinz suggestion) Caltrans guidelines for “Cycle-trak” style bikeways
  5. Bike Parking @ Bay Street, can someone attend in Feb or March? Staff to inquire after the holidays
  6. (Robert Prinz suggestion) Paving contract, to address striping plan, before paving begins (March?)
  7. McCamy: Amend design guidelines for future bike/ped greenways to eliminate this design feature
  8. Bukowski: Remove the Green (planting) Strip (between decomposed granite (DG) foot-path and bike/ped shared paved path on the Greenway, to make it easier for pedestrians to move out of the way of bicyclists.

Various dates were proposed for a “Special Meeting” in Dec., for discussion about the Powell/Christie to Frontage Rd. area, and Urban Design Plan but availability of BPAC members wasn’t possible for Dec. Instead, the Powell St. item was proposed as the only agenda item for January mtg. moved to Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, as the 2<sup>nd</sup> is a City holiday. M/S /P McCamy, Bukowski, unanimous.

M/s/p Bukowski/McCamy/unanimous, that a “Special” BPAC meeting be held on Monday “ Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> with some of the above agenda items including the planned field trip as discussed earlier.

#### 7. Announcements/Member Comments:

Member Modic reported about his trip to Paris and Barcelona. Paris was easy and open to tourists, whereas in Barcelona, it was limited to residents only, to limit rentals to bike tour companies. Bike lanes in Barcelona are far superior, shared with pedestrians and buffered by landscaping.

Member McCamy expressed sorrow at the loss of the pedestrian and hopes to make changes and to see community members who were present for this item, to return in Jan. when it’s on the agenda. Bukowski suggested a moment of silence, which was observed.

Adjournment at 7:30.

## 2016 BPAC Project Tracking List

| Name   | Staff Action | Status Info/Comments   |
|--|--------------|--|
| Bike Boulevard Signage Installation  | In progress  | This project is moving. Target completion early 2017.  |
| Bike Share   | In progress  | First three sites permitted - schedule slipping region-wide. First stations expected to be in place by late spring 2017, with full rollout within a year of that date. Outreach/equity planning efforts underway now.  |
| Greenway Crossings   | In planning  | We did not receive the California DOT Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant for this project but have applied for a Caltrans Sustainable Communities grant. Rapid flashing beacons, bike sensors, push buttons, signage, bike share station, bike counter. |
| Bay Trail improvements   | In planning  | We applied for a Caltrans Sustainable Communities grant to upgrade wayfinding between Powell and Shorebird Park, and add plantings in the area in front of 2100 Powell.  |
| Greenway Stanford to Powell  | In progress  | Construction to begin Spring 2017.   |
| Horton Street Traffic Calming  | In progress  | Construction expected shortly. To be completed in November 2016.   |
| Safe Routes to School  | Complete     | City Council to accept as complete in January  |
| Shellmound St/Way Improvements   | In progress  | These improvements may be tied to Marketplace development, so project is on hold until the design of that project and the conditions of approval are completed. Anticipated movement Summer 2015.  |
| South Bayfront Bridge  | In design    | This project has the go-ahead and is in redesign for current conditions.   |
| Video Detection Traffic Signal Enhancement   | In progress  | Developer has installed cameras at Powell/Hollis and Stanford/Hollis. City has installed cameras at Powell/Christie, Shellmound/Christie, and Hollis/65th. Awaiting staff availability to complete additional locations.                                       |
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| Motions from September, 2016 BPAC meeting scheduled for discussion at Transportation Committee, then to Council. |              |  |

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