

**Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) was called to order at 6:16 p.m. by Chairperson Walton in Conference Room B-104, VTA, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

**1. ROLL CALL**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Bruce Entin	Town of Los Gatos	Present
Aaron Faupell	City of Milpitas	Present
Chris Fernandez	County of Santa Clara	Absent
Carl Hagenmaier	City of Los Altos	Present
Nancy Ginzton	Town of Los Altos Hills	Present
Jerri-Ann Meyer	City of Mountain View	Present
Thomas Muniz	City of Gilroy	Present
Richard Ruh	City of Monte Sereno	Present
Marian Sacco	City of Morgan Hill	Absent
David Simons	City of Sunnyvale	Present
Jim Stallman, Vice Chairperson	City of Saratoga	Present
John Sullivan	City of Santa Clara	Present
Richard Swent	City of Palo Alto	Present
Herman Wadler	City of Campbell	Present
Joseph Walton, Chairperson	City of Cupertino	Present
Jana Zavala	City of San Jose	Absent
Corinne Winter	SVBC	NA
Paul Goldstein	Alt Ex-Officio, SVBC	Present

A quorum was present.

**2. ORDERS OF THE DAY**

There were no Orders of the Day.

**3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

There were no Public Presentations.

#### 4. Committee Staff Report

Stephen Flynn, Senior Management Analyst and Advisory Committee Enhancement (ACE) Task Force Members Simons and Wadler reported on ACE Task Force recommendations. The recommendations will be forwarded to the Administration and Finance (A&F) Committee in December 2009 and will be considered by the Board in January 2010.

Members of the Committee expressed concern regarding how the working group will relate to Brown Act and requested a statement from Legal Counsel regarding Brown Act provisions for working groups.

Ying Smith, Transportation Planning Manager and Staff Liaison, reported the upcoming Board ratification of new BPAC appointments. Members Muniz and Wadler noted they have been reappointed by their respective cities.

Aiko Cuenco, Transportation Planner, reviewed the results of the River Oaks Bridge Counts held in September 2009.

Tamiko Percell, Student Intern, provided a presentation on VTA Bike Element Geographic Information System (GIS) layers and showed the Committee how to access the information through Google Earth.

Members of the Committee noted there should be city by city comparison of bike miles and bike plan implementation. Members of the Committee commended staff for their effort and work on putting the bike facilities, routes, and plans on GIS. They recommended staff to conduct a press release regarding this GIS project to inform the public of this positive accomplishment and solicit information that can be added to the database.

- Capital Program Update

There was no Capital Program Update.

- Conditions of Approval Update

There was no Conditions of Approval Update.

- County Report

Dan Collen, Deputy Director, Santa Clara County Roads and Airports Department reported the following: 1) VTA Board approved the funding program for the expressways at its November 5, 2009 meeting; 2) County Roads and Airports are currently using reserves and is waiting for the State of California to repay the diverted gas tax revenues.

**On order of Chairperson Walton** and there being no objection, the Committee Staff Report was received.

**5. Chairperson's Report**

Members of the Committee suggested adding a "mail to" or "contact us" link on the BPAC roster or BPAC main page of the VTA website so that interested citizens can forward comments to BPAC Chairperson.

Members of the Committee called for more safety or accident prevention efforts at areas where there high number of bicycle/pedestrian accidents occur.

- Nominating Subcommittee Report

The Nominating Subcommittee reported nomination of Member Simons as BPAC Chairperson and Member Meyer as BPAC Vice Chairperson for calendar year 2010.

Ms. Smith reported the current steps VTA is taking to address the financial crisis. She advised the Board will be discussing budget strategies at their December 2010 meeting.

**6. BPAC Subcommittee Reports**

The Special Event Ordinance Subcommittee reported they have sent their recommended revisions of the ordinance to Santa Clara County staff. The subcommittee further reported they will meet with Santa Clara County staff again to discuss results of the community meeting the County conducted.

**On order of Chairperson Walton** and there being no objection, the BPAC Subcommittee Reports were received.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**7. Minutes of October 7, 2009**

M/S/C (Stallman/Wadler) to approve the Minutes of October 7, 2009. Member Ginzton abstained.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**The Agenda was taken out of order.**

**9. Bike Share Program Update**

Ms. Cuenco provided an overview of staff report. Members of the Committee inquired about existing bike share program technologies. Ms. Cuenco briefly discussed the comparison of six Bike Sharing Systems including system technologies, models, and liability.

**On order of Chairperson Walton** and there being no objection, the Bike Share Program Update was received.

**NOTE:** M/S/C MEANS MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED AND, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**10. Central Expressway Auxiliary Lane (County Item)**

Paul Pascoal, Project Engineer, provided an overview of staff report.

Members of the Committee expressed safety concerns for bicyclist, noting lack of signage informing motorists about oncoming bicyclists; suggested implementing bike lane sensors which will cause flashing signals to motorists when bicyclists are present; and expressed interest in reviewing the striping plan for this project.

**On order of Chairperson Walton** and there being no objection, the Santa Clara County Roads and Airports Department's Report on the Central Expressway Auxiliary Lane project was received.

**8. Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for July-September 2009**

Ms. Smith provided an overview of staff report.

**On order of Chairperson Walton** and there being no objection, the BPAC the Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for July-September 2009 was received.

**OTHER**

**11. Local Jurisdiction Project Review Report**

There was no Local Jurisdiction Project Review Report.

**12. BPAC Work Plan**

Members of the Committee suggested staff inform the Committee regarding the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Regional Bicycle Network and its implications to the bicycle/pedestrian project funding and suggested including Pedestrian Program in the work plan for discussion at a future meeting.

**On order of Chairperson Walton** and there being no objection, the BPAC Work Plan was reviewed.

Vice Chairperson Stallman left the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

**13. Elect BPAC Chair/Vice Chair for 2010**

**M/S/C (Wadler/Entin)** to close the nominations and elect Member Simons as Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Chairperson for calendar year 2010 to complete the election process.

**M/S/C (Wadler/Simons)** to close the nominations and elect Member Meyer as Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Vice Chairperson for calendar year 2010 to complete the election process.

## 14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Collen reported the County successfully completed a pedestrian adaptive crossing signal demonstration project on Bascom Avenue and Renova Drive in San Jose, California. Mr. Collen explained the signal had a microwave detection system capable of extending the crosswalk time if it senses that the pedestrian has not completed crossing the intersection. The County is now reporting the results to Office of Traffic Safety and is pursuing to implement a permanent installation.

Alternate Ex-Officio Goldstein announced the City of Palo Alto is working to implement another bike boulevard.

Member Wadler reported the City of Campbell obtained funding for countdown stop lights for pedestrians. He added Campbell has a new member in its Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC).

Member Meyer reported the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC) will have a gala event on November 18, 2009. The City of Mountain View also has a new member in its Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The City of San Jose has a new Bike Plan.

Member Simons thanked Chairperson Walton for all his work and contribution to the BPAC.

Member Swent reported the Palo Alto City Council approved staff recommendation for the Oregon Expressway Update Plan, which will result in bicycle/pedestrian safety improvements.

Member Sullivan announced the City of Santa Clara found funding for sidewalks in San Tomas Expressway.

The Committee determined the December 2009 BPAC meeting will be cancelled.

## 15. ADJOURNMENT

**On order of Chairperson Walton** and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Office of the Board Secretary