

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Meyer in the Conference Room B104, VTA, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Jim Bell	City of San Jose	Present
Ray Cosyn	City of Saratoga	Present
Aaron Faupell	City of Milpitas	Present
Chris Fernandez	County of Santa Clara	Absent
Nancy Ginzton	Town of Los Altos Hills	Absent
Carl Hagenmaier	City of Los Altos	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	Absent
John Sullivan	City of Santa Clara	Present
Richard Swent	City of Palo Alto	Absent
Herman Wadler	City of Campbell	Present
James Wiant	City of Cupertino	Present
Erik Wilhelmsen	Town of Los Gatos	Absent
Corinne Winter	SVBC	Present
Paul Goldstein	Alt Ex-Officio, SVBC	Absent

A quorum was not present and a Committee of the Whole was declared.

The Agenda was taken out of order.

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

There were no Public Presentations.

Member Hagenmaier took his seat at 6:06 and a quorum was declared.

2. **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Vice Chairperson Meyer noted County staff request to consider Agenda Item #17., Special Events on County Roads Ordinance before the staff and chairperson's report. She requested the following Agenda Items be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda: Item #7, Minutes of March 10, 2010; Item #10 – Bicycle Detention Loops on Lawrence Expressway; and Item #12 – Bicycle Improvements on San Tomas Expressway at Curtner Avenue.

M/S/C (Muniz/Bell) to accept Orders of the Day.

17. **Special Events on County Roads Ordinance**

Mr. Collen introduced Elizabeth Pianca, Santa Clara County Counsel and Sylvia Gallegos, Deputy County Executive / Acting Director, Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System (SCVHHS).

Ms. Gallegos thanked the BPAC and the subcommittee for their work on the Special Events Ordinance. Ms. Gallegos requested delaying action to work on the comments received and obtain the full endorsement from the BPAC. She noted a suggestion that the proposed ordinance be a “pilot ordinance” and will be reviewed in one year. She stated the goal of the ordinance is to reduce tension and be able to share the road between motorists and bicyclists and pedestrians.

Ms. DeRobertis noted for the record the e-mails received regarding the Special Ordinance, including (*actual e-mail text available upon request*):

- a. From Member Wadler dated May 12, 2010
- b. From Kevin Jackson dated May 11, 2010 (also includes comments for Agenda Items #10 and 12)
- c. From Elizabeth Pianca dated May 10, 2010
- d. From Vice Chairperson Meyer dated may 7, 2010
- e. From Member Swent dated May 7, 2010
- f. From former BPAC Member Joe Walton dated May 12, 2010
- g. From Alan Wachtel dated May 12, 2010

Ms. Pianca distributed the latest version of the Special Events ordinance and addressed the comments from Kevin Jackson. Ms. Pianca clarified the ordinance applies to county roads and unincorporated county and does not apply to county expressways. Ms. Gallegos added the ordinance's goal is to regulate special events and not necessarily the vehicle code.

The Committee expressed concern regarding the following: 1) the ordinance should not call out a particular community (San Antonio); 2) HULET should not take action on the special ordinance until the BPAC has endorsed it; 3) definition of minor special events; and 4) categories within the ordinance should be deleted to make it easier to understand.

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

Ms. Gallegos explained categories were included in the ordinance because it attempts to address all types of events, each with different impacts. The County staff created the administrative guidelines to help people understand it better. Ms. Gallegos assured the Committee that the County staff will work with the BPAC subcommittee to work out the issues, come to an agreement and bring back the item to the BPAC for action. County staff will present to the HULET BPAC's discussion and will request the HULET committee to defer action. She further assured the Special Events Ordinance will not go forward for final action without endorsement from the BPAC.

On order of Vice Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the Special Events on County Roads Ordinance was reviewed.

4. Committee Staff Report

Michelle DeRobertis, Senior Transportation Planner, reported the following: 1) VTA launched a Facebook page; 2) VTA will have an energizer station in Milpitas; and 3) VTA's website was updated to highlight where bike e-lockers are located.

Ying Smith, Transportation Planning Manager, distributed copies of the staff report regarding the FY 2010/11 Countywide Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Program project priorities. Ms. Smith briefly discussed the list of submittal of Countywide Coordinated claim to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the Allocation of the FY 2010/11 funds to Santa Clara County Claimants. The Committee expressed support for the project priorities.

- Capital Program Update

There was no Capital Program Update.

- County Report

Dan Collen, County Roads and Airports Deputy Director, reported Supervisor Yeager's office will be hosting a table outside 70 West Hedding for Bike to Work Day.

On order of Vice Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the Committee Staff Reports were received.

5. Chairperson's Report

Vice Chairperson Meyer noted Bike to Work Day is tomorrow and the Over and Under Tour will be on Saturday, May 22, 2010. She noted the newspapers that mentioned the Over and Under Tour.

6. BPAC Subcommittee Reports

Vice Chairperson Meyer and Member Ruh reported about the Over and Under Tour including the following: 1) Over and Under Tour Website; 2) Volunteers are needed to manage the stations; 3) incentive programs; and 4) tour outreach activities.

Vice Chairperson Meyer noted the need to re-energize the Bylaws subcommittee to review the term limits, criteria for city appointments, policies and procedures for working sessions. Members of the Bylaws subcommittee are: Members Wadler, Bell, Chairperson Simons. Ms. Meyer noted former BPAC Member Joe Walton will provide comments to the subcommittee.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

7. (Removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.)

Approve the Minutes of March 10, 2010.

8. Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for January through March 2010

M/S/C (Hagenmaier/Bell) to receive a presentation on the Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for January through March 2010.

9. Church Creek Bridge Widening on Center Avenue (County Item)

M/S/C (Hagenmaier/Bell) to receive presentation from County staff on the Church Creek Bridge Widening on Center Avenue (County Item).

10. (Removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.)

Receive presentation on the BEP project # B93-Bicycle Detection Loops at Lawrence Expressway (County Item).

11. Operational Improvements to Hicks, Quimby and Sierra Roads (County Item)

M/S/C (Hagenmaier/Bell) to receive presentation on the project status of operational improvements to Hicks, Quimby and Sierra Roads (County Item).

12. (Removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.)

Receive presentation on the Bike Improvements at San Tomas Expressway and Curtner Avenue (County Item).

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Minutes of March 10, 2010

Vice Chairperson Meyer noted spelling correction to reflect Meyer instead of Meyers on Page 3, Item #6 of the Minutes.

M/S/C (Hagenmaier/Muniz) to approve the Minutes of March 10, 2010 as amended.

10. Bicycle Detection Loops on Lawrence Expressway (County Item)

Vice Chairperson Meyer noted the item is pulled from the Consent Agenda because there were e-mailed comments from Kevin Jackson regarding the bicycle detection loops on expressway shoulders and adaptive signal timing for bicycles. Member Sullivan expressed concern regarding the wait time to cross the expressway.

Mr. Collen noted their website; www.countyroads.org has a video about bicycle treatments on expressways, which shows how the traffic safety grant was used to develop this technology. Mr. Collen explained the adaptive treatments provide sufficient time to allow cyclists to cross the expressway. The advanced detection is not included in the current project and could be part of a future project. Mr. Collen added changing the cycle lights can be tricky because it throws off the coordination and the software is only being developed at this time.

Member Faupell expressed support for Mr. Jackson's comments in his e-mail.

On order of Vice Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the presentation on the BEP project # B93-Bicycle Detection Loops at Lawrence Expressway was received.

Member Wadler took his seat at 7:11 p.m.

12. Bicycle Improvements on San Tomas Expressway at Curtner Avenue (County Item)

Vice Chairperson Meyer noted in Mr. Jackson's email, he expressed concern regarding the map and noted that the transition zone for cyclists is not shown.

Mr. Collen responded the Roads and Airports Department collaborated with Caltrans District 4 for the design of the project. The design is consistent with the Bicycle Accommodation Guideline. Mr. Collen explained the details of the map.

On order of Vice Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the presentation on the Bike Improvements at San Tomas Expressway and Curtner Avenue was received.

13. Bike Share Program Study Final Report

Ms. Smith provided a background and overview of the study including the partners in the working group. She introduced Aiko Cuenco, Transportation Planner.

Ms. Cuenco distributed a handout entitled, "Bike Sharing Pilot Project: Feasibility Study." Ms. Cuenco reviewed how the Bike Sharing Works and fast facts about VTA's Program. She also discussed the Feasibility Study Areas including: features and technology review; market research; and business plan. Ms. Cuenco noted the next steps and noted the possibility of launching the program by Spring 2011.

Ms. Cuenco explained after the printing of the BPAC agenda packet, it was decided that the Bike Share Program will be forwarded to the Congestion Management Program and Planning (CMPP) and the VTA Board of Directors as an information item to accept the report. Therefore, staff is requesting BPAC to accept the report only.

The Committee expressed support for the Bike Share Program. Members of the Committee expressed concerns, including: 1) Bike Share Program revenue assumptions and bike utilization; 2) financial impacts to VTA; 3) pilot program performance measures; 4) bike share locations other than transit stations; 5) number of bikes to be purchased; and 6) guarantee availability of bike for return commute through reservation. The Committee also noted the possibility of providing suggestions to the program implementation at one of its future working sessions.

M/S/F (Wadler/Muniz) on a vote of 8 ayes, 2 no, and 0 abstention to accept the Bike Share Program Study Final Report. Members Hagenmaier and Cosyn opposed.

14. Amendments to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Bylaws

Member Wadler expressed concern about the process for the amendment of the BPAC bylaws. He noted the BPAC Bylaws subcommittee should have been involved in the process.

M/S/C (Wiant/Hagenmaier) on a vote of 9 ayes, 0 no, and 1 abstention to approve amending the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) bylaws to provide for BPAC appointment of one of its members to serve as a voting member on VTA's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), as recommended by the Advisory Committee Enhancement Task Force. Member Wadler abstained.

15. Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Conditional Appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee

M/S/C (Muniz/Hagenmaier) to appoint Herman Wadler to serve as a voting member on VTA's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), subject to the appointee meeting the established CAC membership requirements and Board of Director ratification. This appointment is conditional on the Board of Directors approving establishment of the BPAC position on the CAC.

16. Complete Streets System Program

Ms. Smith provided a handout entitled "The Road to Completing our Streets." She provided an introduction VTA's Complete Streets System Program and noted the goals of the program and potential funding source. Ms. Smith reviewed the five essential elements for a Complete Streets System: Geometrics, Capacity Continuity, Technology, Connectivity and Maintenance.

The Committee expressed support for highlighting the need for maintenance. The Committee had questions about SB 83 implementation; partnership with membership agencies, and suggested creating a task force between VTA and Member Agencies. A member of the Committee noted the need for updates on individual city circulation elements to address bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

NOTE: M/S/F MEANS MOTION SECONDED AND FAILED.

OTHER

18. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) Report

Member Wadler reported the CWC held a public hearing to receive public input on the 2000 Measure A Program, program expenditures and reports, and annual independent compliance audit.

On order of Vice Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the CAC and CWC reports were received.

19. Local Jurisdiction Project Review Section

Member Bell stated there is a demonstration project along San Fernando Street in San Jose to test out bike strategies that are different from the current standards of the State (i.e. green lanes).

Ms. Smith noted the City of Santa Clara's General Plan is under review. Member Sullivan noted the possible negative effects of the proposed stadium to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Member Muniz stated the State Route 152 Improvement project includes updating six turns to improve the blind curves. The Bicycle Commission is developing a recommendation for conditions of approval that will be presented to the Planning Commission.

Member Wadler noted the work on Campbell Avenue and the plans to add treatments to the bridge.

20. BPAC Work Plan

On order of Vice Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the BPAC Work plan was reviewed.

21. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Wadler announced he is offering a bike class.

22. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Simons and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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