

## **BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

### **MINUTES**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Meyer in the Auditorium, VTA, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

#### **1. ROLL CALL**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Lisa Aragon	City of Morgan Hill	Present
Jim Bell	City of San Jose	Present
Ray Cosyn	City of Saratoga	Present
Aaron Faupell	City of Milpitas	Present
Carl Hagenmaier	City of Los Altos	Present
Melanie Hanssen	Town of Los Gatos	Present
Breene Kerr	Town of Los Altos Hills	Absent
Steven Levin	County of Santa Clara	Present
Jerri-Ann Meyer	City of Mountain View	Present
Thomas Muniz	City of Gilroy	Present
Richard Ruh	City of Monte Sereno	Present
David Simons	City of Sunnyvale	Present
John Sullivan	City of Santa Clara	Present
Richard Swent	City of Palo Alto	Present
Herman Wadler	City of Campbell	Present
James Wiant	City of Cupertino	Present
Corinne Winter	Alt. Ex-Officio, SVBC	N/A
Paul Goldstein	Ex-Officio, SVBC	Present

A quorum was present.

#### **2. ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Vice Chairperson Meyer noted that Agenda Item 10, Traffic Control Plan for Capitol Expressway at Berryessa, will be taken before Agenda Item 9, County Staff Report.

**On order of Vice Chairperson Meyer** and there being no objections, the Committee received the Orders of the Day.

Chairperson Simons took his seat at 6:09 p.m.,  
Vice Chairperson Meyer relinquished her seat as Chairperson  
and Chairperson Simons presided over the meeting.

**3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Jim Stallman, Interested Citizen, provided staff with a handout and requested staff to look into the Bay Trail project.

Member Hagenmaier took his seat at 6:11 p.m.

**4. Committee Staff Report**

Michelle DeRobertis, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a brief update about the following: 1) BPAC 2011 meeting schedule; 2) status of Bicycle Expenditure Program (BEP) projects; 3) staff's comments on the Complete Streets General Plan Guidelines sent to the Office of Planning and Research (OPR); and, 4) Bike Share program.

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

**5. Chairperson's Report**

There was no report from Chairperson Simons.

**6. BPAC Subcommittee Reports**

Vice Chairperson Meyer provided a report on the Santa Clara County Special Ordinance Subcommittee, noting that the Subcommittee will be working with County staff to provide information to bike groups. She added the Subcommittee will continue to monitor the effect of the ordinance.

Chairperson Simons expressed the importance to continue the work of the Bylaws Policy and Procedure Subcommittee.

Member Muniz took his seat at 6:17 p.m.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**7. Regular Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2010**

Member Levin referenced a typo on page 1 of 7, second paragraph under Orders of the Day, and suggested replacing the word direction to directed.

Ex-Officio Member Goldstein recommended adding "and requested that future staff reports include this information" on the third paragraph under Agenda Item 9.

Ex-Officio Member Goldstein requested to add a disclaimer on the minutes stating that this is a draft version and check the minutes of the next meeting for any corrections or amendments.

**M/S/C (Hagenmaier/Wadler)** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2010 as amended. Member Aragon abstained.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **8. Elect BPAC Chair and Vice-Chair for 2011**

Chairperson Simons noted Jerri-Ann Meyer's nomination for BPAC Chairperson for 2011.

**M/S/C (Wadler/Muniz)** to close nominations and elect Jerri-Ann Meyer as Chairperson for 2011.

Chairperson Simons relinquished his seat as Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Meyer presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Chairperson Meyer expressed appreciation for the leadership shown by Member Simons. She noted that she is currently in discussion with staff on the following: 1) to have an efficient agenda; 2) improve the Committee's awareness about ongoing projects; and, 3) increase knowledge on bike and pedestrian access.

The Nominating Committee noted the nomination of Paul Goldstein as BPAC Vice Chairperson for 2011.

**M/S/C (Wiant/Wadler)** on a Roll Call Vote of 13 Ayes, to 1 No, to 1 Abstention to elect Paul Goldstein as Vice Chairperson for 2011. Member Levin opposed. Member Hanssen abstained.

Vice Chairperson Goldstein expressed appreciation to the committee and staff. He stressed the importance of communication and opportunity to comment on ongoing projects.

## **SANTA CLARA COUNTY BPAC AGENDA**

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

### **10. Traffic Control Plan for Capitol Expressway at Berryessa**

Dan Collen, County Staff, noted that the Traffic Control Plan is for Capitol Expressway at Silver Creek. He reported that the following will take place during construction: 1) elimination of shoulder; 2) advance signing; and, 3) detour bicyclists to the adjacent road, Capitol Avenue.

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

John Ryan, County Consultant, reported on the following: 1) phases of construction; 2) detour signs during construction; and, 3) construction timeline.

The Committee expressed concern about the following: 1) the Committee was not involved in the plan; 2) safety of bicyclists; 3) speed of motorists; 4) signage; and, 5) handout was difficult to read.

Mr. Collen noted that policies relating to traffic control needs to be revisited. He added that contractors will be advised to move traffic control plan early in the planning phase of the project. Mr. Ryan stated that they will add a step to involve the BPAC in future projects.

Mr. Ryan commented that there will be speed reduction and visible road signs during construction.

Chairperson Meyer suggested that contractors review the Bicycle Technical Guidelines and get information on the process of providing signs.

Ms. DeRobertis recommended providing detour maps to bicyclists and bike clubs.

**On order of Chairperson Meyer** and there being no objection, the Traffic Control Plan for Capitol Expressway at Silver Creek was received.

**9. County Staff Report**

Mr. Collen reported on the status of the Transportation Development Act (TDA) list. He invited the Committee to provide suggestions on projects qualified for TDA funding. The deadline to submit project proposal is on February 11, 2011.

Vice Chairperson Goldstein inquired about the status of the requested changes to the County Bicycle Ordinance. Mr. Collen responded that a report will be provided at a future meeting.

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

**11. Popular Bike Rides on County Roads**

Mr. Collen and Dawn Cameron, County Consultant, reported that the County is identifying popular bike routes and their needs.

Upon inquiry of Committee Members, Mr. Collen explained the goal of the program is to identify short and long-term projects, and build support.

Members of the Committee requested to receive a Complete Streets presentation and suggested staff to gather input from local agencies.

**On order of Chairperson Meyer** and there being no objection, the Popular Bike Rides and County Roads report was received.

## **OTHER**

### **12. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) Report**

Member Wadler recommended that BPAC members should receive a committee membership roster. He also reported that Aaron Morrow, Chairperson for the Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA), expressed concern that the CTA only meets quarterly.

**On order of Chairperson Meyer** and there being no objection, the Citizens Advisory Committee and 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee report was received.

### **13. Local Jurisdiction Project Review Section**

Member Simons reported that the City of Sunnyvale's Sustainability Committee is studying land-use and transportation to make mass transit more usable.

Member Muniz reported that the City of Gilroy is planning to build a parking garage and would like to get input from VTA staff. He stressed the importance of getting involved in the planned creek maintenance by the Water District and advocate to include trails.

Member Sullivan reported on the changes of the redevelopment funding in the City of Santa Clara.

Member Hagenmaier reported on the planned improvements on Homestead Road.

Member Bell reported on the status of Capitol Expressway projects.

Member Cosyn reported on Joe's Trail and street renovation in the City of Saratoga.

Member Wiant raised safety concern on the interchange of Foothill Expressway and Homestead Road.

Member Hanssen representing the Town of Los Gatos reported on the following: 1) improve funding for bicycle and pedestrian; 2) Highway 9 connector project; and, 3) planned sports complex.

Vice Chairperson Goldstein reported that the City of Palo Alto launched its Bike Plan update, and is reviewing the general plan and land use at its early stages.

Chairperson Meyer reported that the City of Mountain View plans to develop the San Antonio Shopping Center. The project will have mix use and access to other bike routes.

**On order of Chairperson Meyer** and there being no objection, the Local Jurisdiction Project Review Section was received.

### **14. BPAC Work Plan**

Ms. DeRobertis reported that the following items will be included in the BPAC work plan: 1) Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) call for projects; 2) Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2010 update; and, 3) Bike Share update.

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

**15. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Member Hagenmaier provided an update about the Los Altos BPAC, and noted that it will not be eliminated.

Member Wadler reported about the following in Campbell: 1) Campbell changed the name of its Bicycle Advisory Committee to Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee; 2) widening on Campbell Avenue; and, 4) his election as the president of the Almaden Cycle Touring Club (ACTC).

Member Hanssen reported on the completion of the Los Gatos Creek Trail.

Member Swent reported on the plans for the California Avenue Shopping District in Palo Alto.

Member Wiant reported that the City of Cupertino established a website on safe route to schools.

Chairperson Meyer reported on the status of the plan for the San Antonio Corridor on the border of Mountain View and Palo Alto. She also provided an update on the Permanente and Stevens Creek Trails.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**On order of Chairperson Meyer** and there being no objection, the Committee meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Diaresco  
VTA Office of the Board Secretary