

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 7, 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 6:06 p.m. by Chairperson Meyer in the Conference Room B104, VTA, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Lisa Aragon	City of Morgan Hill	Absent
Jim Bell	City of San Jose	Present
Ray Cosyn	City of Saratoga	Absent
Aaron Faupell	City of Milpitas	Absent
Paul Goldstein, Vice Chairperson	Ex-Officio, SVBC	Absent
Carl Hagenmaier	City of Los Altos	Absent
Melanie Hanssen	Town of Los Gatos	Absent
Breene Kerr	Town of Los Altos Hills	Absent
Steven Levin	County of Santa Clara	Present
Jerri-Ann Meyer, Chairperson	City of Mountain View	Present
Thomas Muniz	City of Gilroy	Present
Richard Ruh	City of Monte Sereno	Present
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	Absent
James Wiant	City of Cupertino	Absent
Corinne Winter	Alt Ex-Officio, SVBC	Absent

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

2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

Chairperson Meyer noted staff's request to consider **Agenda Item #12.**, Santa Clara Caltrain Pedestrian Tunnel Extension, after **Agenda Item #10.**, Bike & Pedestrian Injury Analysis for the Alum Rock Corridor.

On order of Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole accepted the Orders of the Day.

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no Public Presentations.

4. Committee Staff Report

Michelle DeRobertis, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a brief report, highlighting the inclusion of bicycle projects in the Transportation Systems Monitoring Program (TSMP) Report and the planned bicycle path in the Whisman Road Transit Oriented Development Project in Mountain View.

Member Levin suggested changing the room setup, adding an extra table along the front for better visibility of presentations.

Capital Program Update

There was no Capital Program Update.

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

5. Chairperson's Report

There was no Report from the Chairperson

6. BPAC Subcommittee Reports

Member Bell requested the Bylaws Subcommittee receive an update from staff before the item is brought to the Committee.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Deferred to the October 12, 2011 Meeting

Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2011.

8. Deferred to the October 12, 2011 Meeting

Receive the Semi-Annual Report for the 2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program through June 2011.

9. Deferred to the October 12, 2011 Meeting

Accept the findings from the 2011 Transportation System Monitoring Program report.

REGULAR AGENDA

10. Bike & Pedestrian Injury Analysis

Chris Lepe, Community Planner, Transform, provided a presentation entitled, "Alum Rock Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Corridor Bicycle and Pedestrian Injury Analysis",

highlighting: 1) Alum Rock Corridor Support for Multimodalism, 2) Transform's Alum Rock BRT Corridor Bicycle/Pedestrian Injury Analysis, 3) Findings, 4) Observations of Top Three BRT Station Injury Locations, 5) Alum Rock BRT Planned Bicycle and Pedestrian Designed Elements, and 6) Recommendations.

Member Levin requested color copies of reports if there are things that need to be distinguished.

The Committee of the Whole questioned the absence of a bike lane and expressed concern that the opportunity was not taken to make the corridor a complete street.

Mr. Lepe encouraged members to address the City of San Jose and the Downtown East Valley Policy Advisory Board to suggest improvements to the bicycle and pedestrian orientation of the project.

Member Muniz took his seat at 6:37 p.m.

On order of Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received a presentation from Transform on the Bike & Pedestrian Injury Analysis for the Alum Rock Corridor.

The Agenda was taken out of order.

12. Santa Clara Caltrain Pedestrian Tunnel Extension

Mohammed Basma, Program Manager, provided a presentation entitled, "Santa Clara Caltrain Station Pedestrian Undercrossing Extension", highlighting: 1) Project Location, 2) Tunnel and Ramp Design, 3) Funding, 4) Cost, and 5) Schedule.

On order of Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received a presentation on the Santa Clara Caltrain Pedestrian Tunnel Extension.

11. Bicycle Expenditure Program Projects

Ms. DeRobertis provided an overview of the staff report.

On order of Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received a report on the status of the Bicycle Expenditure Program Projects.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BPAC AGENDA

13. County Staff Report

Dan Collen, Santa Clara County Roads and Airports Department, provided a brief report, highlighting bicycle traffic safety at Pagemill Road and Moody Road in Palo Alto and Buena Vista Drive in Los Altos Hills. He noted County staff is working to provide a solution including, improved signage or stop signs.

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

14. Santa Clara County Special Events Ordinance

Mr. Collen provided a brief overview of the staff report highlighting several proposed changes to the Santa Clara County Special Events Ordinance.

Chairperson Meyer provided an update from the Special Events Ordinance Subcommittee including; 1) Support of the proposed ordinance changes, 2) Research of successful public education programs and outreach to increase awareness, and 3) The positive benefits of special events.

The Committee of the Whole noted their support of the ordinance modifications.

On order of Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the Committee received the Ordinance modifications proposed by Santa Clara County Roads and Airports Department.

15. Almaden Expressway Bicycle Signal Detection Project

Jamil Salas, Santa Clara County Roads and Airports Department, provided a brief overview of the project and the staff report.

Member Levin expressed concern with possible abuse of the signal detection system by pedestrians.

On order of Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the Committee received a report from County staff regarding project design review of the Almaden Expressway Bicycle Signal Detection Project.

OTHER

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

There was no Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) Report.

17. Local Jurisdiction Project Review Section

Member Bell indicated the City of San Jose BPAC will be meeting to discuss the Alum Rock BRT.

Chairperson Meyer indicated the Mountain View BPAC had a special meeting to discuss the bike and pedestrian facilities for the San Antonio Shopping Center development and their recommendations will be forwarded to the Council Transportation Committee.

Ying Smith, Transportation Planning Manager and Staff Liaison, provided an update on Envision San Jose 2040 and noted the Task Force would be conducting its final meeting. She announced a public scoping meeting was being held for the new Apple Inc. development in Santa Clara and encouraged members to stay informed.

On order of Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received the report on the Local Jurisdiction Project Review Section.

18. BPAC Work Plan

Ms. Smith distributed a detailed work plan and discussed several items being presented within the coming months.

On order of Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole reviewed the BPAC work plan.

19. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Levin expressed concern with a lack of a quorum and suggested meetings be cancelled if there are not enough positive responses to polling.

20. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the Committee meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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