

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 9, 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 6:09 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Goldstein 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	Present
Aaron Faupell	City of Milpitas	Present
Paul Goldstein, Vice Chairperson	Ex-Officio, SVBC	Present
Carl Hagenmaier	City of Los Altos	Absent
Melanie Hanssen	Town of Los Gatos	Present
Breene Kerr	Town of Los Altos Hills	Present
Steven Levin	County of Santa Clara	Present
Jerri-Ann Meyer, Chairperson	City of Mountain View	Absent
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	Absent

A quorum was present.

2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

James Wightman, Interested Citizen, inquired when construction would begin on the 49'er Stadium.

Jim Stallman, Interested Citizen, expressed concern with Regional Habitat Conservation issues.

4. **Committee Staff Report**

Michelle DeRobertis, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a brief report, highlighting: VTA was awarded funds through the Community Design and Transportation (CDT) Program. She stated 3 projects have received funding through the program: 1) Campbell Hacienda Avenue project will get bike lanes and pedestrian improvements, for \$544,000; 2) The Park Avenue bikeway project received \$1.5 million, and the St. John Street Project received \$1.5 million. The St John Street project will provide pedestrian improvements between North Almaden Boulevard and North Market Street.

Ms. DeRobertis announced VTA and the Association of Environmental professionals will host a workshop on bike plans and the challenges cities face in implementing bike projects due to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) regulations. The workshop will be held November 28, 2011, at the VTA River Oaks Campus Auditorium, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95134 at 6:00 p.m.

Ying Smith, Staff Liaison, provided an overview of the staff report.

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

5. **Chairperson's Report**

Vice Chairperson Goldstein announced the dedication and renaming ceremony of the former Mary Avenue Bridge to the Don Burnett Bicycle-Pedestrian Bridge.

6. **BPAC Subcommittee Reports**

Vice Chairperson Goldstein provided an update of the BPAC Subcommittee Report.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

7. **Minutes of September 7, 2011**

M/S/C (Bell/Swent) on a vote of 10 ayes to 0 noes to 1 abstention to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2011. Member Simons abstained.

8. **Programmed Project Monitoring – Quarterly Report**

M/S/C (Bell/Swent) to receive the Programmed Project Monitoring – Quarterly Report.

REGULAR AGENDA

9. Highway 9 Bike Lane and Sidewalks Safety Project

Iveta Harvancik, City of Saratoga, introduced Natalina Bernardi, Consultant, BKF Engineering, who provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Highway 9 Bike Lane and Safety Improvement Project. She highlighted the phasing stages, construction funding, project partners, phasing schedules, and City of Saratoga, Los Gatos, and Monte Sereno website links to the project.

Members of the Committee recommended additional “share the road” signage, and improved lighting to improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians in the project area.

On Order of Vice Chairperson Goldstein and there being no object the Committee received the Highway 9 Bike Lane and Sidewalks Safety Project.

10. Election Process for 2012 Committee Leadership: Appoint Nomination Subcommittee

Stephen Flynn, Senior Management Analyst, provided an overview of the staff report. He clarified the responsibilities and duties of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Members Simons, Bell and Chairperson Meyer volunteered to serve on the BPAC Nominating Subcommittee.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor for the positions of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

M/S/C (Wadler/Muniz) to appoint a nomination subcommittee to identify Committee members interested in serving as the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2012.

Member Kerr arrived at the meeting at 6:20 p.m. and took his seat.

11. TFCA 40% - Project Selection Criteria

Bill Hough, Transportation Planner III, provided an overview of the Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) staff report. He introduced TFCA screening/scoring criteria, discussed cost effectiveness values, and the funding status report.

Committee members expressed concern and requested clarification regarding scoring and project selection criteria.

M/S/C (Levin/Muniz) to recommend that the Board of Directors review and approve the criteria used to evaluate and select projects for the Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Program manager Fund and the status of ongoing Santa Clara County TFCA projects.

12. Proposed ACE Process-Related Amendments to BPAC Bylaws

Stephen Flynn, Senior Management Analyst, provided an overview of the staff report. He stated Advisory Committee Bylaws govern the proceedings of the Committee and its meetings, and must be consistent with the VTA Administrative Code. He noted all amendments to Advisory Committee Bylaws require VTA Board of Directors approval.

Committee members expressed concern with proposed sections of the bylaws. The Committee requested VTA staff return at the next BPAC regular meeting with agreed upon changes for Committee approval.

On Order of Vice Chairperson Goldstein and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Proposed Ace Process-Related Amendments to BPAC Bylaws.

Member Hanssen arrived at the meeting at 6:40 p.m. and took her seat.

13. Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for July – September 2011

Ying Smith, provided an overview of the staff report.

James Stallman, Interested Citizen, expressed concern with the Moffett Towers Expansion project in Sunnyvale.

On order of Vice Chairperson Goldstein and there being no objection, the Committee received the Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for July – September 2011.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BPAC AGENDA

14. County Staff Report

Dan Collen, Santa Clara County Roads and Airports Department, provided a brief report.

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

15. Page Mill Road Stop Control

Mr. Collen provided a brief overview of the staff report highlighting several proposals for the safety issues regarding the Page Mill stop control.

Committee members noted the area has been a safety concern for some time. Committee members stated County staff is unwilling to install stop signs at the location. The Committee stated all options to increase safety at the site should be considered.

Some Committee members support the premise to cut into the City of Palo Alto's embankment at the site to increase corner sight distance at the location. Vice Chairperson Goldstein stated the City of Palo Alto was conducting a Feasibility Study to review the issue.

Members of the Committee expressed that a stop sign is the least favorable solution to improve safety conditions at the site.

M/S/F (Swent/Faupell) on a votes of 8 ayes, to 2 noes and 2 abstentions the report from the Santa Clara County Roads and Airports Department on the proposed Page Mill Road stop control was received. Members Bell and Kerr opposed. Members Hanssen and Levin abstained.

16. (Removed from the Agenda.)

Santa Clara County Roads and Airports Department on Responsive Signal Timing.

OTHER

17. 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.

18. Local Jurisdiction Project Review Section

Member Simons discussed proposed construction and rezoning plans for the City of Sunnyvale.

Member Hansen discussed proposed development near the Creekside Sports Complex in Los Gatos.

Member Cosyn announced the dedication in Saratoga November 17, 2011 of Joe's Trail.

Member Muniz stated in Gilroy street resurfacing is in progress.

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

19. BPAC Work Plan

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

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

20. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Announcements.

21. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Vice Chairperson Goldstein and there being no objection, the Committee meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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