

**CITY OF SAN JOSÉ
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

6:00 P.M., Monday, September 10, 2007
City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara St, 8th Fl, Room T847
San José, CA 95113

MINUTES

- 1. Call To Order/Roll Call** - Chair Payne called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Present

Charlie Payne, Chair
Jill Escher
Yolanda Reynolds
Aria Green (for Bob Halem)
Lawrence DeSantis
Lane Parker
Marylou Avanzino
Don Barnett (arrived at 6.20pm)
Jim Bell

Staff

Jim Helmer, Director, DOT
Manuel Pineda, DOT
John Brazil, DOT

Absent

Corinne Winter
Luis Mendez

Council Liaison

Councilmember Oliverio

Guests

Nicolas Rice Sanchez
Brett Hondorp
Lauren Buckland
John Graff

- 2. Approve Order of Business** – Approved.
- 3. Oral Petitions** – None.
- 4. Approve Minutes of July 9, 2007 and August 13, 2007** – Three corrections were noted. Payne moved approval of the July 9, 2007 minutes, Reynolds seconded. The motion passed 9-0-0. Burnett moved approval of the August 13, 2007 minutes, Avanzino seconded. The motion passed 9-0-0.
- 5. New Business**
- a. Introduce New Committee Members** – Mr. Brazil introduced and welcomed the following three new members: Marylou Avanzino, Jill Escher, and Jim Bell.
- b. Receive Department Director's Comments** - Mr. Brazil introduced Jim Helmer, Transportation Department Director, City of San José. Mr. Helmer welcomed the new members and thanked all members for their effort improving San José for walking and bicycling. He also shared some of the City's accomplishments including closing sidewalk gaps, completing bike lanes, installing bike racks, constructing curb ramps, implementing pedestrian countdown signals, and many

other achievements. Mr. Helmer also described some of the Department of Transportation's related programs including Traffic Calming, Street Trees, Safe Routes to School, and the Strong Neighborhood Initiatives. He noted a common theme through all programs and projects is Green Mobility.

Chairperson Payne asked what it would take to make San José a great bicycling city. Councilmember Oliverio asked what are the biggest impediments to accomplishing that goal. Mr. Helmer described opportunities and challenges with the increasing volume and size of new private development, as well as with level of service models that would support non-motorized travel.

c. Recommend San José Representative to VTA BPAC – Mr. Brazil reminded committee members that the Valley Transportation Authority's countywide BPAC includes a representative from each city. Bart Thielges, who had represented San José on VTA's BPAC for several years, has been termed out of his San José BPAC seat. Therefore he is no longer eligible to represent San José on VTA BPAC, and this committee must recommend another representative. After discussion, Barnett moved, and Avanzino seconded to recommend Corinne Winter to represent San José, contingent upon her acceptance. The motion passed 9-0-0.

6. Old Business

Mr. Brazil reported that the two Shared Roadway Bicycle Marking (Sharrow) pilot projects have been completed: (1) San Fernando Street (Hwy 87 to Cahill); and (2) Park Avenue (Race to Sunol). These projects close gaps on existing bike lane corridors and provide guidance to motorists and bicyclists to avoid door zone collisions. Mr. Brazil noted he would provide updates on three other pilot projects at the next committee meeting: (1) Wrong-Way Signs; (2) Crosstown Bikeway Signs; and (3) Bicycle Friendly Signal Detection.

7. Staff Report – The next committee meeting is scheduled to include a report from the San José International Airport on accommodating pedestrians and bicyclists in its master plan and improvement projects.

8. Committee Member Comments – The committee received no additional comments.

9. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM to a public workshop on the Pedestrian & ADA Sidewalk Transition Plan updates.

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