

CITY OF SAN JOSÉ
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

6:00 P.M., February 9, 2009
City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara St, 8th Fl, Room T847
San José, CA 95113

MINUTES

- (a) **Call To Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Members Present

Lawrence DeSantis, Chair
Jim Bell, Vice Chair
Yolanda Reynolds
Marylou Avanzino
Jana Zavala
Jill Escher
Arye Green (for Bob Halem)
Don Barnett

City Staff

Pierluigi Oliverio, City Council Liaison
Melrose Cacal, Council District 6 Office
Winnie Pagan, DOT
Hossein Rahnema, DOT
Lily Lim-Tsao, DOT
John Brazil, DOT

Members Absent

Charlie Payne
Amy King

Guests

Carlos Babcock
Chad Brower
Rich Silva
Joie Pascual
Mary Gottschalk
Rose Bedard
Corrin Reynolds
Stacy Gleixner
Judy Hucko
Les Battersby

- (b) **Approve Order of Business** – It was agreed that agenda items (f)(1) and (f)(2) would be heard directly after item (d).

- (c) **Oral Petitions** – None.

- (d) **Approve Minutes of January 12, 2009**

Motion: Bell moved approval; Barnett seconded. The motion passed 7-0-1 (Avanzino abstained).

- (f) **New Business**

(1) Public Hearing: Proposed Crosswalk Removal: Park Ave. at Singletary Ave.

The committee received a report from Department of Transportation staff persons Winnie Pagan and Hossein Rahnema. The report summarized the history, traffic analysis, and public outreach behind the staff recommendation to remove the Park Avenue marked

crosswalk at Singletary Avenue. **Motion:** Avanzino moved and Escher seconded: BPAC recommends and requests: (i) the crosswalk be maintained (not removed) and changed from yellow to white striping to discourage usage by school-age pedestrians; (ii) the city increase the level of pedestrian safety education and outreach in this geographic area and citywide; and (iii) the city seek additional methods to reduce motorist speed and improve motorists yielding to pedestrians. BPAC staff and chair will send the Director of the Department of Transportation a letter that states this recommendation and requests a response. The motion passed 8-0-0.

(2) Red Light Video Camera Proposal – Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio provided background information and history on a proposal for the City of San Jose to use red light video cameras to detect red-light-running motorists and improve safety. This proposal will be considered by the city’s Transportation & Environment Committee (T&E) in the next few months. **Motion:** Escher moved and Avanzino seconded: BPAC recommends and requests that: (i) T&E forward this item to City Council for consideration; and (ii) the city implement a Pilot Program to determine the effectiveness of Red Light Video Cameras. BPAC staff and chair will send the Director of the Department of Transportation and the members of T&E a letter that states this recommendation and requests a response. The motion passed 8-0-0.

(e) Old Business – Mr. Brazil provided updates on the following items.

(1) Airport Area Bike/Ped Accommodation – The committee request this item remain on the agenda for next month.

(2) 2009 Bike to Work Day Planning – Deferred to next meeting.

(3) FY08-09 Committee Priorities

(i) San Fernando Colored Crosstown Priority Bikeway

(ii) Ciclovía

(iii) Coordination of Bike Lane Implementation and Pavement Maintenance

(f) New Business

(3) Committee Priorities for Fiscal Year 2009-10 – Deferred to next meeting.

(4) Pedestrian Facility Maintenance

(g) Receive Staff Report – Mr. Brazil reported on staffing reductions due to city budget deficits; the Amgen Tour of California Stage 3 start in San Jose; the San Jose Cycling Classic week of events; and new bike lanes installed on 7th Street and Commercial Street.

(h) Receive Committee Member Comments – Committee members Reynolds and Escher requested a report on Highway 280-880-Stevens Creek project. Member Escher requested that San Jose Police Department provide the committee a report on reckless driving and countermeasures.

(i) Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Next Meeting Date: Tentatively Scheduled for March 9, 2009.