

CITY OF SAN JOSÉ
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

6:15 P.M. February 25th, 2019
City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara St, 8th Fl, Room T-847
San José, CA 95113

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- (a) **Call to Order/Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 6:23 pm.

Members Present

Brandon Alvarado, Chair
Daniel Filip, Vice-Chair
Gail Seeds
Scott Broberg
George Voon
Michael Norris

Members Absent

Richard Coolman
Timm Borden

City Staff

Ryan Smith, Department of Transportation
Peter Bennett, Department of Transportation
Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, Council District 2

Members of the Public

Diane Solomon, Silicon Valley Bikes!
Andrew Boone
Vignesh Swaminathan, Crossroad Lab
David Witkowski, Silicon Valley Joint Ventures
John Cordes, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition
Marshall
Melany

- (b) **Approve Order of Business** – Approved without objection.

- (c) **Public Forum**

Member of the Public Andrew Boone expressed the need for the City to resume holding BPAC meetings on a regular basis, cited general safety concerns for walking and biking on Stockton Avenue, and advocated that the Department of Transportation begin a database of existing conditions for all of San Jose's streets.

Councilmember Sergio Jimenez of San Jose's District 2 introduced himself and his Office as the Council liaison to BPAC, mentioning that he is supportive of the recent walking and biking projects that City has completed in his district and others, and that he would like to see a broader geographic distribution of bike share in San Jose.

Marshall, a resident of the Rosegarden, would like to see a much more comprehensive bikeway network in the Rosegarden area, including on Naglee Avenue and the Alameda, and specifically cited Naglee under Interstate 880 as problematic.

David Witkowski would like to see efforts to reduce bike theft at/near schools, which he stated prevents students from wanting to ride to school. He mentioned an upcoming event with the Campbell Union School District around this issue.

Vignesh Swaminathan, a consultant from Crossroad Lab working on the City's Bike Plan update, directed Committee members and the public to the Bike Plan Update website.

John Cordes, the new Santa Clara County Advocate at the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, introduced himself and expressed the need for protected intersections on Third Street.

(d) Approve Minutes of August 13th, 2018 and October 22nd, 2018 – Item deferred to March 2019 meeting.

(e) Old Business

(1) VTA Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Update – No update. Committee discussed dropping this item from the agenda for months where there will be no update; no action was taken.

(2) Update on Better Bikeways San Jose – City staff Peter Bennett provided a construction, outreach, and schedule update for the Better Bikeways protected bikeway project. Bennett also gave an overview of the transit boarding islands being installed as part of this project.

Member Filip suggested the project connect to the new BART station. The connection to BART is currently near complete and will be ready for the November 2019 BART station opening. Filip also expressed concerns with the City's practice of not striping new bike lanes through Caltrans' right-of-way, particularly at freeway interchanges.

Member Broberg asked about measuring success with the project. The measure given by staff was before and after comparison of ridership.

Member Seeds wanted to see the final bus transit islands would look like and inquired about the temporary bus islands, including the drainage gap between the ramp and the curb.

Public comment included questions about additional streets not currently in the project (Keyes Street and Story Road); right-hook hazards on Third Street and San Fernando Street; concerns over the narrowness of the protected lanes; and the number of parked cars, manholes, potholes, water, and leaves inside the protected lanes.

(3) Update on Shared Micro-Mobility Program – City staff Ryan Smith provided an update on e-scooters and the City's new shared micro-mobility ordinance.

Committee Member Norris expressed that the speed limit requirement of 12mph is too low and will deter ridership and/or pose safety challenges for users in the roadway. Committee member Broberg expressed the need for enforcement of the new ordinance and for state law regarding scooter use, and discussed San Jose State University's recent e-scooter ban. Committee member Voon asked if the indemnification language was sufficient enough to protect the City.

Public comment included concern over the amount of resources the City has committed to e-scooter regulations as opposed to other traffic safety concerns.

(f) New Business

(1) Discussion of BPAC workplan and future agenda items – Discussion deferred to March 2019 meeting.

(g) Staff Report – No staff report.

(h) Chairperson’s Comments – Chair Alvarado encouraged BPAC members to attend the Ride of Silence on May 15th, 2019.

(i) Committee Comments – No comments.

(j) Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.