

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011, AT 7:00 P.M. AT HILLVIEW COMMUNITY CENTER, ROOM 18, 97 HILLVIEW AVENUE, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Bill Crook, Suzanne Ambiel (Chair), Jim Fenton, Chris Hlavk, Karl Danz, and Adam Porter – City Staff

GUESTS: Mike Gallagher – Traffic Commission:, Larry Lind - City Staff, and Bill Sheppard

ABSENT: Carl Hagenmaier (Vice-Chair), Kathy Small - City Staff Liaison

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill and Larry commented that the current draft of the Bicycle Transportation Plan (BTP) looked like a good plan.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Committee Member Bill, seconded by Committee Member Chris and passed unanimously, the following items were approved:

1. Committee Minutes
Approval of minutes – regular meeting of March 16, 2011 – Passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. BTP Update
Committee members had a number of comments regarding the current draft BTP:
 - Chris had done some analysis of the collision-related statistics and was concerned that they are over-stating the percentage of the time that the bicyclist was at fault
 - Jim had a number of detailed comments which were provided to Adam via a marked-up copy of the draft BTP
 - Suzanne indicated general concern regarding the accuracy of information in the current draft
 - Bill noted that the current draft represented a big improvement since February and suggested that we ask Alta to fix the gross errors and data displays, within one month's time (Motion by Committee member Crook & second by Committee Member Hlavka. Approved 5-0)
3. Bike to Work Day (BTWD)
 - BTWD will be Thursday, May 12th
 - SVBC is going to charge \$3/bag – we will get what we get
 - Suzanne will work on obtaining coffee & water (will ask Hobee's to provide coffee cake)
 - Karl will bring oranges from his tree & water bottles (if he can obtain them)

- Chris will bring the BPAC sign, plus knife & cutting board
- 4. Safe Routes to School (SR2S)
 - Jim Gustafson a copy to city staff, who responded with one of “\$”, “\$\$” or “\$\$\$”
 - Caltrans put out proposal for federal grants (\$42 for the state, over two years) – due July 15th
- 5. Homestead Road Improvement (65% review)
 - Committee members had a number of comments and suggestions, which were noted by Adam Porter
- 6. Traffic Commission Update

Mike provided an update on the last Traffic Commission meeting. Bill has been elected Chair.
- 7. VTA Update

(None provided as Carl was absent)
- 8. CIP Updates

Adam provided the following updates:

 - First Street, San Antonio & SR2S have all gone out to bid
 - Summerhill is completed, except for striping the crosswalk. Committee Members asked about striping of bike lanes on El Monte – Adam will check.
 - Rosita Park is proceeding at “full steam”
 - Downtown intersections progressing – some merchants are not happy
- 9. Five-year Accomplishments

Bill handed out a draft. Comments are due before next meeting. (Motion: post current version on the BPAC website, and update once we’ve reviewed it. Passed 5-0.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Suzanne Ambiel called for the next meeting to be held Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. BTP [we noted a number of errors in current draft - need to decide next steps]
2. BTWD Debrief
3. Five-year Accomplishments
4. Bike Boulevards – a member of the public [associated with Blach] wants to do a 10- to 15-minute presentation
5. Bike Boulevard applicability in Los Altos
6. Traffic Commission Update
7. VTA Update
8. CIP Update

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ambiel adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.