

Minutes of the October 21 BPAC meeting

Roll call:

- Present: C Hagenmaier, S Chan, B Crook, J Fenton, C Hlavka, H Pastorelli, K Small
- Absent: R Rhody

Public comments:

- Norma Schroder:
 - o Request BPAC link to www.bikely.com/justpaths
 - o BPAC members add suggested routes (example: from south Los Altos to downtown)
- Maddy McBirney (representing GreenTown): request to schedule 45 minutes on a future agenda for GreenTown to present its vision for Los Altos downtown triangle

1. Minutes of Sept.15 BPAC meeting approved.
2. City Manager's perspective - Los Altos is a bike friendly town. He is interested in hearing from BPAC members why that may not be the case. Carl to arrange a brown bag lunch with members of BPAC and City Manager to exchange view points. Carl to verify how many may be present without Brown Act implications, arrange a date with City Manager, and pick BPAC members to participate.
3. Bicycle Friendly City. Jon Simms was not present to augment his 9/23 email to BPAC members. Bill will attempt to size staff's involvement and have data to share with City Manager at brown bag lunch.
4. Traffic Commission Ped Project Scoring Rubric.
 - General consensus was that rubric produced similar results to BPAC's May 2009 analysis.
 - Concern that some accident free intersections may lend themselves to greater potential for accidents than is reflected in crash data. Need subjective element that takes into consideration intersection layout, visibility issues, etc.
 - Concern that physical factors of an intersection impact pedestrian safety not reflected in rubric. Example: oblique angle of intersecting streets (Hawthorne @ El Monte), visibility issues (Almond @ N Gordon), lack of pedestrian space (Cuesta @ Springer).
5. Committee Project Review List
 - Henry will review Loyola Corners Streetscape Design and report back to BPAC at Dec. 9 meeting. Plans are on city web site, under News & Highlights.
 - Jim will review FY 2009-2013 Adopted CIP list and report back to BPAC at Dec. 9 meeting. Listing is on city web site, under Finance Department.
6. Traffic Commission Update – Sept. 23 meeting
 - 2100 Woods Lane Use Permit
 - NTMP Revisions
 - Intersection Ped Safety Prioritization
7. VTA BPAC – no report

8. CIPs

- SR2S 2009 project at 35% design complete. Scott, Jim and Bill will review plans and provide feedback directly to Kathy.
- Signage progress ... hopefully signs will be installed in November. Discussion over Grant Road bike lane being a Class II versus Class III. Recommendation was for Class II on both sides. Kathy to investigate why one side is designated as a Class III.
- El Monte @ Summerhill signal pole in bicycle lane is in design (with signal cabinet upgrade).
- Los Altos Avenue bicycle lane is in construction.

9. Bicycle Transportation Plan

- Received updates to one page draft vision.
- Public meeting will be scheduled for week of Nov. 16. Kathy to provide room availability to Carl. Carl to decide on date/room.
- Bill to "tweak" cover letter.
- Cover letter will be emailed to multitudes no later than Oct. 28.
- Public meeting will be a one agenda item meeting. Vision will be presented. Public attendees will be asked to comment. The expectation is for a discussion similar to the Sept. Downtown Opportunity Discussion. Concern is that email list was top heavy and actual residents doing the walking / biking are the ones BPAC is looking to hear from. ??? will work with Town Crier to get an article published in the Nov. 11 issue.

Agenda topics for Dec. 9 meeting:

- GreenTown Vision for downtown triangle (GreenTown)
- Follow up re City Manager and Bike Friendly City (Carl)
- Committee Project Review List (Henry & Jim)
- Capital Improvement Projects Update (Kathy)
- Norma Schroder's public comment request (see above for specifics) (all)
- Bike Transportation Plan follow up