



## BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

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7:00 p.m., Wednesday 7:00 p.m., Wednesday October 18, 2006  
Hillview Community Center-Room 2  
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Roll Call:** present were Curt Riffle (Chairperson), Scott Chan, Bill Crook, Carl Hagenmaier, Chris Hlavka, Randy Rhody and Larry Lind (city staff)  
Absent was Henry Pastorelli

### Public Comments:

No public comments for non-agenda items

### Discussion:

1. Approval of September 20, 2006 BPAC meeting minutes (Curt) (Decide)  
Moved, seconded, and approved as amended.
2. Discussion on Pedestrians on Foothill Expressway (Santa Clara County, All) (Discuss)  
Presentation by county roads Dan Collen dept dir Cty Airport and Roads, Mahsoud Akbarzadeh, Dawn Cameron, Consulting Transportation Planner

2003 County adopted Expressway planning study (on web page) including the Pedestrian Element.

Randy noted that Lawrence and Central show continuous ped on both sides, Foothill only one side. Dan noted Los Altos has landscaping

They measured shoulders as wide or narrow. Foothill shoulder has lots of bicycles, which might conflict with pedestrians. Dan says Palo Alto designated Foothill as a bike lane and it is marked with signs and paint. Dan said they tried to make the shoulders look like bike lanes even if they weren't designated as such.

His question what do we think about the county continuing to post pedestrian prohibitions and what do we think of the safety of walking on Foothill.

Scott asked if they have traffic count. They don't have.

Conflicting information about whether there are no ped signs on Palo Alto Foothill.

Claims they are reviewing because CVC changed.

Akos Szoboszlay, pres. Modern Transit Society

Claims county roads is trying to expand ped prohibitions. Believes ped prohibitions should be removed from Foothill. Claims Foothill and San Thomas are the only arterials in the state that prohibit pedestrians. Asked that we vote to remove the ped prohibitions.

Ralph Durham, Sunnyvale resident

Suggested that occasional pedestrian use should be okay, but better to use adjacent facilities if available.

Bill noted council did not designate Foothill as bike lane because that would encourage kids to use it. Many more crossings in Los Altos. Problem from Boulder Rd to Foothill would benefit from sidewalks.

Carl said more important to address the expressways as barriers to pedestrians. Don't worry about prohibiting peds on the expressway.

Randy said he thought Foothill was safe for pedestrians. Foothill creates a gulf that separates the town. We should make it more pedestrian friendly. Suggested all signs be taken down and put up more signs for free right turn etc.

Scott worries that pedestrians would conflict with bikes. Suggested that we should make the "holes" in the fences official and provide facilities for their users.

Chris suggested that landscaping does not have to be an obstacle to providing ped paths: e.g., fences could have vines instead of bushes. Questioned whether children would use the expressway if the prohibition were removed.

3. Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility Study (Randy, Henry) (Discuss)

The Stevens Creek Trail in Los Altos Feasibility Study Task Force will convene on Wednesday, 11/1 at 7:00 pm in Room 2 at Grant Park.

Larry says agreement has been executed. A "Scope of work" has been released. So far one request for the RFP. Deadline for proposals is 11/16.

4. VTA BPAC update (Carl) (Inform)

Light rail bike storage was the main topic. Michelle asking for comments on first section of new county bike plan.

5. Traffic Commission update (Bill) (Inform)

Next council meeting they will try to prioritize proposals for a safe-routes-to-school submission. TC meeting Nov for council in early Dec for submission in Jan.

6. Adobe Creek Bridge replacement project (Larry) (Inform)

Sept 26 CC approved the concept. Consultant approved to 65% level, expected mid November. Still need funds for construction.

7. Bike racks grant update (Larry) (Inform)

Oct 3 sent agreement back to VTA. We have 2 years to install the racks. Was given a 3 or 4 rating. Looks like 4.5 or higher will get worked on.

8. Garden House ADA (Larry) (Discuss)

Have a 65% submittal in. Chris sent a email Terry Greiner. Chris felt most of the issues were addressed. We will request a review of the plans with Terry Greiner. Chris will follow up on this. (priority 4)

9. Update on Council priorities (All) (Inform/Discuss)

Bill provided highlights of council priority session #4.

15 5-priority: school pedestrian SRTS award, SA road flashing lights, AC bridge, SC trail feasibility study, Springer/Fremont ADA, north Clark traffic calming, traffic calming on collectors (e.g, El Monte/Hawthorne)

15 4.5-priority: city-wide bicycle route improvements, swim center (with ped improvements), Univ Av/Millerton, Casita/Portland traffic calming

4's might get work: bike parking, Summerhill hazard elimination, Los Altos Av hazard elimination, Garden House, ADA pushbuttons.

3 and below probably won't get any attention

Next meeting Nov 13 (staff response)

10. Prioritization of ADA projects (Chris) (Discuss)

Chris provided a summary. Bill suggested we should provide something to traffic commission by January. Split Rancho projects. Youth Center? Remove Garden House. Chris will prioritize for next meeting with Bill's help.

11. Schedule next meeting and Agenda items for next meeting (Curt) (Decide)

Next meeting will be 11/15

VTa update

Traffic Commission update

Stevens Creek update

Adobe Creek bridge update

Update of council priorities

Garden House update

Prioritization of ADA projects (Action) Vote on Chris's recommendation.

Which 07 projects do we want to review?

Parking in bike lanes.

**Adjournment**

Submitted by Carl Hagenmaier