



BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

7:00 p.m., Wednesday May 17, 2006
Hillview Community Center-Room 2
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Curt Riffle (Chairperson), Scott Chan, Bill Crook, Carl Hagenmaier, Chris Hlavka, Henry Pastorelli and Randy Rhody (All present)

Larry Lind

Public Comments:

None

Discussion:

1. Approval of April 19, 2006 BPAC meeting minutes (Curt) (Decide)
Minutes were approved.
2. VTA BPAC update (Carl) (Inform)
Comments attached
3. Traffic Commission update (Curt) (Inform)
San Antonio flashing lights: Pepper, Hawthorne, Hillview, Angela/Mt Ham; Loucks (if extra money); no signage approved.
4. Update from Bill on meeting with Liz Kness about issues with county (Bill) (Inform)
Masoud says no to installation of ped signs at free right turn lanes based on uniform code. County roads are willing to upgrade count-down signs as part of normal rework (don't hold your breath)
El Monte alignment: County roads rejected our solution; political issue now. Masoud agreed to "bike merge" sign on the free right lane.
Restore cross walk SW corner Springer/Foothill. Masoud did not agree but Liz expressed strong position that it should be replaced.
ADA access to Rancho: Masoud was reluctant; Liz is willing to add it to her list of district projects.
5. Adobe Creek Bridge replacement project (Larry) (Inform)
Next city council meeting consent items: award design, approval to submit grants for (1) bridge construction, (2) Stevens Creek Trail design (for 2007) and (3) Miramonte class I pathway.
Off agenda bridge discussion:
Still working on sharing agreement with PA on Adobe Creek Bridge.
Won't be any repair of the Permanente bridge.

6. Bond for Class I pathways along collectors (Curt) (Decide)

Moved, seconded and approved that the draft memo (as amended) be forwarded to the Traffic Commission.
7. Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility Study (Curt, Randy, Henry) (Discuss)

Discussion of what to do at the council meeting (5/23).
 What is staff recommendation?
 FOSCT extended their offer (25% of city's obligation up to \$5K) to the end of the year.
 Keep it local. Get lots of supporters, but have them stand rather than speak.
 Curt will be speaking of BPAC.
 FOSCT should speak (reaffirm the \$5K and extend offer for help).
8. Prioritizing bike racks list (Scott) (Decide)

Tom Ho applied for ~70 racks. Final decision will be made by BAAQMD, which will decide in June. Installation included. Would be installed in Autumn/Winter. We estimated 35 racks for parks. Scott asked P&Rec to give us specific locating recommendations.

Scott will contact Dave Ries to find out what the current rack standard is.
 Scott will send note to James Walgren (planning commission) reminding him that there is a city standard.
9. Bike plan update (Scott/All) (Discuss)

We appointed a working committee of Curt, Bill, Carl to finalize the plan.
10. Web page. (Randy) (Discuss)

General rules for posting: if item is approved by BPAC (e.g., minutes) can be added. Other items can be added only if the BPAC approves.
 Please email suggestions for items to include on site to BPAC list. Carl will collect them into a list and distribute it prior to the meeting. At the meeting we yes/no each item.
11. Schedule next meeting (6/21) and Agenda items for next meeting (Curt) (Decide)

Approval of minutes
 VTA BPAC update
 Traffic Commission update
 Bike to Work day update
 Stevens Creek Trail update
 Discussion of web site items.
 Adobe Creek Bridge replacement project
 Document city standard bike rack.
 Schedule next meeting and develop agenda

Submitted by Carl Hagenmaier

Attachment A

Report on VTA BPAC meeting of May 10, 2006

Carl Hagenmaier

Public Comment: one person spoke about the poor design of the bike racks on light rail cars. VTA employees responded that they are already looking at the design to see if it can be improved.

We had a report from Mike Burns (VTA General Manager). Light rail ridership is up 30%; bus up 6%.

There was a report on TDA project priorities. VTA was asking us to approve their recommendation, but since there was money for only one project, there wasn't much choice. There was also a summary of 2006/7 TDA requests. Los Altos requested no project funding from the "Guarantee Fund"; Los Altos has \$21,797 "banked". *Presumably this money could be used for the San Antonio improvements.*

Comments from the members:

Almost all cities are planning BTWD activities. PA is aiming for 1000 customers at the California Av energizer station.

Mountain View is scheduling a comprehensive bike/ped traffic survey this summer.

S.C. BPAC recommended to city council that expressways be opened to pedestrians. Recommendation went to council in April: staff opposed (too dangerous); council asked for more information.