

Los Altos Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes of April 19, 2006 meeting

Present: Curt Riffle (Chair), Bill Crook, Chris Hlavka, Henry Pastorelli, Randy Rhody, Scott Chan (scribe), Larry Lind (Staff Liaison); John Brazil (Friends of Stevens Creek Trail).
Absent: Carl Hagenmeier

Discussion:

(Note: items were taken out of order from the agenda)

- 1) Minutes of March 15, 2006 meeting approved (motion passed 5-0)
- 2) Class I Bike Path discussion continued
Further discussion of priorities and whether to include feasibility as ranking criteria. It was noted that no north Los Altos streets were in the highest priority ranking. Raising the ranking of Los Altos Ave. and Almond Ave. were suggested, but decided to add this as a text note in memo to Traffic Commission.

Discussion of alternate funding:

Scott suggested investigating Public Improvement Assessment District instead of general bond. PIAD may require only 50% voter threshold rather than 67% for regular bonds.

VTA manages Bicycle Expenditure Program (BEP) which can fund multi-million dollar projects.

Scott discussed professional campaign poll, which would cost at least \$10,000. Poll would have many detailed questions to assess voter interest in specific proposals, and acceptable assessment/tax levels.

- 3) Chris Hlavka seated as newest member of BPAC
- 4) Traffic Commission update: Bill said that San Antonio crosswalk pedestrian counts should be available soon
- 5) Stevens Creek Trail update: Randy to finish draft memo for TC consideration at April 26 meeting, which will then forward recommendation City Council. CC has agenda item May 9 to initiate SCT Feasibility Study. Staff will submit a report to CC.

At May 9 CC meeting, Curt will make presentation. Friends of Stevens Creek Trail rep will also speak and answer questions.

- 6) Adobe Creek Bridge: Larry reports that selection of a design consultant is underway. VTA needs to provide funds before design can commence. An agreement altering maintenance responsibilities has been submitted to Palo Alto.

When design proposal is ready for review, staff would like to conduct it jointly with Palo Alto BPAC.

- 7) Bicycle Rack Prioritization: Curt summarized prioritization of locations. Larry says that VTA grant was recommended for approval, and thinks that it includes 70 single-hoop racks. Scott will confirm details with Tom Ho. Scott will contact Parks/Arts Commission and Parks director to discuss placement of racks at City parks. Scott will also contact postmasters regarding post office locations. Chris will contact Los Altos Village Association regarding downtown sidewalk locations.
- 8) Bicycle Transportation Plan Update: Scott discussed agency (VTA, MTC, and Caltrans) approval process and compared updated plan against Caltrans checklist. Major deficiencies are: Item A) expected increase in ridership; H) Public input on creation of BTP; K) Need to attach current CIP list with estimated costs as well as list of completed projects and their costs.

Updated BTP was originally referred to as an addendum to the 2002 BTP, however it seems apparent that a full agency approved revision is required.

Motion to replace the 2002 Bicycle Transportation Plan with revised BTP and submit for appropriate agency approvals (motion passes 6-0).

9) Discussion of web page was deferred.

10) Update from Bill on meeting with Liz Kniss was deferred.

Future Agenda Items:

- 1) Approval of minutes of April 19, 2006 meeting
- 2) Discussion of web page
- 3) Update on meeting with Liz Kniss (Bill)
- 4) Discussion of bond for Class I pathways along collectors
- 5) Traffic Commission update
- 6) Stevens Creek Trail update
- 7) Bike rack location (Scott, Chris)
- 8) Bike Plan Update (Scott, Bill)
- 9) Adobe Creek Bridge update (Larry)
- 10) VTA BPAC update (Carl)
- 11) Announcement and future agenda items