



**SUNNYVALE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2012**

The Sunnyvale Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission met at 6:32 p.m. on January 19, 2012 with Commission Chair Ralph Durham presiding. The meeting was held in the West Conference Room, City Hall, 456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale.

ROLL CALL/CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCES

Members Present: Andrea Stawitcke
Angela Rausch
Cathy Switzer
David Gandrud
James Manidakos
Patrick Walz
Ralph Durham

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jack Witthaus, Transportation and Traffic Division Manager, Department of Public Works

Visitors: Kevin Jackson, Horizon 2035 Committee member
Arthur Schwartz, Sunnyvale resident
David Simons, Valley Transportation Authority Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee representative
Thanh Do, San Jose State student

SCHEDULED PRESENTATION

None.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Simons announced an update of the Valley Transportation Authority Bicycle Technical Guidelines.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.A) Approval of Draft Minutes of the October 20, 2011 Meeting
- 1.B) Approval of the 2011 BPAC Calendar Update

Commissioner Walz pulled item 1.A).
Vice-Chair Manidakos pulled item 1.B).

Items were taken out of order.

1.B) Approval of the 2012 BPAC Calendar Update

Vice-Chair Manidakos stated that the Commission had discussed considering study issues in April and June, to allow for additional time. Commissioner Walz inquired about Commission hearings on the Land Use and Transportation Element and Climate Action Plan, for which there is currently not a schedule.

Commissioner Stawitke moved and Commissioner Switzer seconded the motion to approve Consent Calendar item 1.B as amended.

Motion passed: 7-0.

1.A) Approval of Draft Minutes of the November 17, 2011 Meeting

Commissioner Walz noted that under item 3, votes on study issue rankings were not presented. On order of the Chair, consideration of the minutes was deferred to the February, 2012 meeting to allow staff to research the voting record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Than Do, a San Jose State Graduate Student, stated that she was working on a Safe Routes to School research project and invited Commission members to participate in a survey.

Kevin Jackson, resident, noted that a Valley Transportation Authority Bicycle Technical Guidelines update would present alternatives to installation of bollards at bike path entrances. He encouraged the Commission to support removal of bollards from City pathways. He inquired about the scope of a recently funded Safe Routes to School project. He inquired about items removed from the Active Items list.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION: Annual Review of the Code of Ethics and Conduct

The Commission accepted the item as presented, with no discussion.

2. DISCUSSION: Elimination of Free Right Turns

Jack Witthaus gave the staff report. He noted that staff's operating policy supports the removal of free right turns, and that a new project will be pursued to remove free right turns at the Homestead/Hollenbeck intersection. He presented information on how removals of free right turns had been funded in the past. He suggested that an appropriate action for the Commission to consider might be to suggest a budget issue to create a capital project to remove free right turns.

The public hearing was opened. Arthur Schwartz, resident, testified that the intersection of El Camino Real and Sunyvale Avenue was particularly hazardous.

Kevin Jackson, resident, expressed concern that the volume of right turning vehicles should not drive decision making on whether to remove free right turn lanes.

The public hearing was closed.

The Commission discussed how removal of free right turns was assessed from a design perspective.

3. DISCUSSION: Cyclists Allowed Use of Full Lane Signs

Jack Witthaus gave the staff report. The public hearing was opened.

Kevin Jackson stated that he likes the signs and that placement where Share the Road signs currently are posted would be appropriate. He suggested use of Transportation Development Act funds.

David Simons, VTA BPAC representative, stated his support for sign installation.

The public hearing was closed.

The Chair indicated that he supports installation of the signs.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

• COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMENTS

Commissioner Gandrud expressed appreciation for the pending implementation of the National Bike Registry by the Department of Public Safety. He inquired about enforcement of code provisions for vision triangles. Staff suggested a presentation at a future meeting by the Neighborhood Preservation Manager. Commissioners discussed methods to increase compliance, like increased enforcement resources or a utility bill stuffer topic. Commissioner Gandrud noted that new stop signs on the Borregas Bridges were two sided.

Commissioner Walz inquired about tracking of grant-funded projects, and announced that a Council liaison would attend BPAC meetings. Staff stated that Council Member Moylan would be the BPAC liaison, and that he had sent his regrets that he could not attend the January meeting.

Commissioner Switzer observed groups of people having difficulty crossing Hollenbeck Road at Grand Coulee Drive. She asked for an update on a sight distance issue at Maude Avenue and Worley Drive.

Chair Durham presented information on motorized bicycles. He inquired about redaction of email addresses. He encouraged Commission members to begin recruiting for upcoming Commission vacancies. He stated that he may not be at the February, 2012 meeting.

• STAFF ORAL COMMENTS

Staff invited Commission members to comment on a pending Bicycle Friendly Community application to be submitted by the City.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

1. 2012 Priority Issues and Legislative Advocacy Positions
2. Bicycle Registration Update
3. School Zone Speed Limits Update

4. Back-in, Head Out Angle Parking Update
5. Safe Routes to School Grant
6. BPAC E-mail messages and/or letters since circulation of the agenda packet of the November 17, 2011 meeting.
7. BPAC Active Items List.

Accepted as submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jack Witthaus
Transportation and Traffic Manager