

**MASTER WORK PLAN
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS CALENDAR**

Board or Commission	BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
Calendar Year	2009
List all significant agenda items below. Include all pertinent items from the Council Study Issues Calendar.	
MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM/ISSUE
January 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2009 BPAC Calendar - Update on VTA BPAC's Efforts and Ongoing Regional Projects - Annual Review of the Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials, Draft RTC for consideration by City Council on February 3rd, 2009 - Update on Ongoing City Efforts in Applying for Grant Funds for Bicycle and Pedestrian Related Policies and Projects - Brochure on "Distractions in Everyday Driving" Produced by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety (for information) - BPAC E-mail Messages and/or Letters (for information) - BPAC Active Items List
February 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated 2009 BPAC Calendar - Bike to Work Day Planning - Utility Bill Stuffer Concepts - Update on the Earth Week and Health and Safety Fair Events (for information) - Brochure on Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety for Parents and Youth (for information) - FY 2009/10 Curb Ramp Installation List (for information) - FY 2009/10 Road Resurfacing List (for information) - BPAC E-mail Messages and/or Letters (for information) - BPAC Active Items List Update
March 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated 2009 BPAC Calendar - Review Ordinance 2871-08 of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code Amending Section 10.16.030 of Chapter 16 (Parking Regulations) of Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) - High Speed Rail Project – Council Study Session on March 24, 2009 (for information) - Annual Volunteer Recognition and Boards and Commission Reception (for information) - City Staff Training on Environmental Sustainability – Commute Solutions Workshop (for information) - BPAC E-mail Messages and/or Letters (for information) - BPAC Active Items List Update

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM/ISSUE
April 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated 2009 BPAC Calendar - Discussion with a Representative of the Water District Regarding the East and West Channels within Sunnyvale, and the Planned City Trails - Draft RTC - Annual Transportation Development Act Allocation (for a sidewalk construction project abutting Cupertino Middle School) and a Bicycle Expenditure Plan Allocation (for bike lanes design study on Mary Avenue south of Evelyn Avenue) - Draft RTC - Ordinance Amending Sections of Chapter 10.56 of the Municipal Code Pertaining to Bicycles in Order to Conform to the California's Vehicle Code - Draft Utility Bill Stuffer - Grand Opening Ceremony of the Borregas Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridges - Bike to Work Day Update - BPAC E-mail Messages and/or Letters - BPAC Active Items List Update
May 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated 2009 BPAC Calendar - Draft RTC - Ordinance Amending Sections of Chapter 10.56 of the Municipal Code Pertaining to Bicycles in Order to Conform to the California's Vehicle Code - Review of the Detailed Two-Year Capital Budget - BPAC E-mail Messages and/or Letters - BPAC Active Items List Update
June 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated 2009 BPAC Calendar - Review Ordinance 2871-08 of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code Amending Section 10.16.030 of Chapter 16 (Parking Regulations) of Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) - BPAC E-mail Messages and/or Letters - BPAC Active Items List Update
July 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated 2009 BPAC Calendar - Election of Officers - Annual Review of the Boards and Commissions Council Policy - Study and Budget Issues Development - Spare the Air Fair - BPAC E-mail Messages and/or Letters - BPAC Active Items List Update
August 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated 2009 BPAC Calendar - BPAC E-mail Messages and/or Letters - BPAC Active Items List Update
September 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated 2009 BPAC Calendar - Study and Budget Issues Finalization - BPAC E-mail Messages and/or Letters - BPAC Active Items List Update
October 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated 2009 BPAC Calendar - Study and Budget Issues Ranking - BPAC E-mail Messages and/or Letters - BPAC Active Items List

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM/ISSUE
November 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated 2009 BPAC Calendar - Ranking of Study Issues and Review of Budget Issues - BPAC E-mail Messages and/or Letters - BPAC Active Items List
December 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated 2009 BPAC Calendar - 2010 Work Plan - BPAC E-mail Messages and/or Letters - BPAC Active Items List

**Review of Ordinance 2871-08 of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code
Amending Section 10.16.030 of Chapter 16 (Parking Regulations)
of Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic)**

This matter was considered by Sunnyvale City Council on April 29, 2008 with the Resolution approved by Council on May 6, 2008. The Resolution amended Section 10.16.030 "Emergency and special event parking signs; signs indicating street repairs or cleaning" of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code.

The Code amendment allowed the City Traffic Engineer some flexibility in terms of establishing temporary stopping or parking prohibition during special events when traffic congestion is likely to occur. The amendment also allowed the Traffic Engineer to suspend or revise existing parking limitations when needed.

Council directed staff to add this matter on the 2009 BPAC Work Plan to "Review and revise the language of Ordinance No. 2871-08 after adoption, and review removing the special event issue from the emergency issue". The matter was discussed by the BPAC members during the March 19 meeting with further clarifications during the April 16 BPAC meeting. This public hearing item is being brought back for further discussion, and a representative of the Public Safety Department will be present at the upcoming June 18 meeting to provide feedback information and respond to questions.

Please find attached for reference:

- A copy of the April 29, 2008 RTC;
- A copy of the Ordinance Amendment approved on May 6, 2008; and,
- Relevant sections of the minutes listing comments made by the BPAC members during the meetings held on March 19 and April 16 of 2009.



Council Meeting: April 29, 2008

SUBJECT: Options for Suspension of Timed Parking Enforcement During Special Events [Study Issue]

REPORT IN BRIEF

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to amend the City of Sunnyvale Municipal Code to allow the suspension of parking enforcement in posted time restricted parking lots and streets during designated special events. This change will encourage attendance of community oriented events and may reduce the potential negative impact on surrounding neighborhoods during these events.

The recommended changes to the Municipal Code will add an additional element to the review of special event applications and potentially provide a cost recovery mechanism for city services related to the suspension of timed parking.

Staff recommends that Council approve a change to the Municipal Code to allow city staff the discretion to suspend enforcement in time restricted parking lots during designated special events as long as the applicant can demonstrate the suspension will reduce the negative impact on surrounding neighborhoods, enhance community attendance and improve traffic flow and safety in the area of the event.

BACKGROUND

In June of 2007 Council asked staff to consider the feasibility of changing the Municipal Code to waive timed parking during certain special events that are open to the public, Downtown Special Events, and private events whether open to the public or not (Attachment A, Study Issue Paper DPS-01). Staff was asked to prepare a report that provided the following information:

- Which restrictions should be considered for exemption in any change to the Municipal Code?
- The impact to neighborhoods and businesses created by the Special Event exemptions.
- The costs related to parking enforcement and the impact on City revenues should the Municipal Code be amended.

The City of Sunnyvale has implemented timed parking restrictions in several of the downtown parking lots by Municipal Code Ordinance to ensure customer

access to business in the downtown area. The timed parking lots and timed street parking encourage a constant flow of patrons for a successful downtown, while discouraging all day parking for other purposes, such as distance commuting. The posted parking signs notify all community members that utilize the parking lots of the restrictions and create a mechanism for public safety to enforce the restrictions.

The timed restricted parking lots and streets serve the businesses and the community well on a day-to-day basis; however, they do limit the community's ability to stay and enjoy a special event in the downtown area due to the time limit imposed by the restricted parking. Events such as the Art and Wine Festival, St. Patrick's Day Festival, Farmers Market and Summer Concert Series are good examples. People want to enjoy a day long event, but with the parking restrictions they are forced to park in the surrounding residential areas which places them at risk to be cited for exceeding the 3 to 4 hour time limit and negatively impacts the surrounding neighborhood. One day of parking enforcement during last years Art & Wine Festival resulted in 85 citations being issued. Enforcement of the timed parking restrictions also places an unnecessary burden on the Department of Public Safety and limits officer's availability to respond to emergencies.

EXISTING POLICY

Land Use and Transportation Sub-Element

C1.1: Recognize that the City is composed of residential, industrial and commercial neighborhoods, each with its own individual character; and allow change consistent with reinforcing positive neighborhood values.

Action Statement: C1.1.1 Prepare and update land use and transportation policies, design guidelines, regulations and engineering specifications to reflect community and neighborhood values.

Action Statement: C1.2.1 Promote downtown as a unique place that is interesting and accessible to the whole City and the region.

Community Design Sub-Element

Policy D.2 Maintain beautiful and comfortable outdoor public places which provide a shared sense of ownership and belonging for Sunnyvale residents, business owners and visitors.

Action Statements:

D.2k. Continue to encourage pedestrian and commercial activity on the sidewalks of the historic 100 block of Murphy Avenue.

D.2m. Support the parking assessment district downtown.

D.2n. Encourage below grade parking downtown and avoid parking structures which hide important buildings and districts or block the view into the downtown from major roadways.

Policy B.3 Community Organizations - Support local and neighborhood organizations and strengthen contacts between the City and community groups.

Action Statement: B.3a. Identify and strengthen contacts between the City and community organizations.

Public Safety Sub-Element: Law Enforcement

Policy A.5 Facilitate the safe movement of pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles.

Action Statement: A.5f Maintain liaison with the Traffic Engineering Department in studying and solving traffic problems

Goal D: Conduct planning and administration that incorporates interaction with other city departments as well as other agencies, both public and private, where mutual concerns exist which could have impact on the delivery of law enforcement services.

DISCUSSION

In February of this year, Council adopted a Special Event Permit process for public and private special events, to encourage and ensure safe and successful community events. An integral part of the Special Event Application process is the development of a traffic and a parking plan that addresses potential concerns including the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists, the safe movement of vehicle traffic in and around the event and ensures that an adequate number of parking spaces will be available for the event. The application process allows for the applicant to request that the City waive the timed parking restrictions or the City may choose to waive timed parking restrictions for an appropriate number of parking lots and/or streets to encourage attendance and reduce the impact on surrounding neighborhoods.

Staff believes that continued enforcement during special events may force special event patrons to park in the surrounding neighborhoods in an effort to adhere to the posted parking limits and avoid a citation. Doing so creates traffic and parking problems in those effected neighborhoods and discourages neighborhood support of downtown community events.

During the Special Event Application process staff could consider the regional and local appeal of the event and the estimated attendance in determining the number of parking spaces needed to encourage and support the event. Estimated attendance will be an important factor regardless of whether the event is public or private when determining the need for waiving timed parking

restrictions. It is important to understand that waiving timed parking restrictions is an effort to reduce potential safety hazards such as obstructing bike lanes and driveways, blocking city hydrants and the impact of parking in neighborhoods. Staff will not normally consider waiving or suspending enforcement of other types of signage such as "No Parking Any Time" signs because they are often related specifically to safety concerns due to a variety of factors such as width of the street, bike lane access, visibility and traffic flow.

There are several timed restricted parking lots and timed restricted parking streets in the downtown area available for staff and the applicant to consider waiving the parking restrictions in an effort to ensure a safe and successful event (Attachment C).

Staff is recommending a change to Municipal Code Section 10.16.030(a), as shown in italics.

10.16.030. Emergency parking signs—Signs indicating street repairs or cleaning.

(a) Whenever the traffic engineer shall determine that any *emergency* traffic congestion is likely to result from the holding of public or private assemblages, gatherings or functions, or for other reasons, the traffic engineer shall have power and authority to order temporary signs to be erected or posted indicating that the operation, parking or standing of vehicles is prohibited on such streets and alleys as the traffic engineer shall direct during the time such temporary signs are in place. *The traffic engineer shall also have power and authority to suspend or modify existing parking limitations by erecting temporary signs or modifying existing signs for the duration of the event.* Signs shall remain in place only during the existence of the emergency and the traffic engineer shall cause such signs to be removed promptly thereafter.

The flexibility to waive parking restrictions during special events will assist the City of Sunnyvale and the sponsor of the event in creating a safe and successful event. Access to convenient long-term parking for an all day event such as the Art and Wine Festival is vital for community participation and support. It will allow patrons of the event to stay and enjoy all the event has to offer and encourage parking in designated lots thereby reducing the traffic and parking congestion in surrounding neighborhoods.

Amending the Municipal Code will not only allow the City to waive the timed parking restrictions if appropriate but potentially recover the cost associated with staff time spent to mitigate the current signage if a change is approved through the Special Events Application Process.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Council choose to make the recommended change to the Municipal Code to include the suspension of timed parking for Special Events, staff will purchase covers for timed street parking signs and purchase Special Event Parking Signs to be placed at the entrance/exit routes of all timed parking areas during the special events using existing funds. The on-going costs associated with the placement of the signs and/or covers for the event(s) will be recovered through the Special Event Permit fee process.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, in the Council Chambers lobby, in the Office of the City Clerk, at the Library, Senior Center, Community Center, and Department of Public Safety; posting the agenda and report on the City's Web site; and making the report available at the Library and the Office of the City Clerk

ALTERNATIVES

1. Adopt the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 10.16., allowing for the temporary suspension of timed parking for special events.
2. Do not adopt the ordinance.
3. Direct staff to do further study.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Alternative #1, adopt the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 10.16., allowing for the temporary suspension of timed parking for special events.

Reviewed by:

Don Johnson, Director, Public Safety
Prepared by: Kelly Fitzgerald, Captain

Approved by:

Amy Chan
City Manager

Attachments

- A. Study Issue Paper 2008 DPS-01
- B. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Sunnyvale amending Section 10.16.030 of Chapter 16 (Parking Regulations) of Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code
- C. List of Timed Parking Lots and Time Street Parking Areas

Proposed New Council Study Issue

Number DPS-01
 Status Above the line
 Calendar Year 2008
 New or Previous New
 Title Exemptions for Special Event Parking
 Lead Department Public Safety
 Element or SubElement Land Use and Transportation Sub-Element

1. What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated it?

At the June 5, 2007 City Council Meeting, Vice Mayor Spitaleri and Councilmember Swegles proposed a New Council Study Issue to be considered at the 2007 Council Study Issues Workshop. This Study Issue would consider the feasibility of changing the Municipal Code to waive timed parking restrictions during certain Special Events due to limited parking availability. Staff would evaluate the types of "Special Events," including City sponsored events that are open to the public, Downtown Special Events, and private events whether open to the public or not; and which restrictions should be considered for exemption in any change to the Municipal Code. Finally, staff would evaluate impacts to neighborhoods and businesses created by Special Event exemptions, costs related to parking enforcement, and the impact on City revenues should Municipal Code changes be adopted.

2. How does this relate to the General Plan or existing City Policy?

Goal C3 Attain a Transportation System that is effective, safe, pleasant, and convenient.

■ Action Statement

C3.4.6 Manage on-street parking to assure safe, efficient traffic flow.

3. Origin of issue

Council Member(s) Swegles and Spitaleri
 General Plan
 City Staff
 Public
 Board or Commission none

4. Multiple Year Project? No Planned Completion Year 2008

5. Expected participation Involved in the study issue process?

Does Council need to approve a work plan? No
 Does this issue require review by a Board/Commission? No
 If so, which?
 Is a Council Study Session anticipated? No
 What is the public participation process?
 N/A

6. Cost of Study

Operating Budget Program covering costs
 Project Budget covering costs
 481 Police Services
 Budget modification \$ amount needed for study
 \$0
 Explain below what the additional funding will be used for

7. Potential fiscal impact to implement recommendations in the Study approved by Council

Capital expenditure range None
 Operating expenditure range None
 New revenues/savings range None
 Explain impact briefly

8. Staff Recommendation

Staff Recommendation For Study

If 'For Study' or 'Against Study', explain
 In keeping with the philosophy of encouraging attendance at Community Events, Staff believes Council should consider waiving timed parking restrictions during certain Special Events.

9. Estimated consultant hours for completion of the study issue

0

Managers	Role	Manager	Hours			
	Lead	Fitzgerald, Kelly	Mgr CY1:	10	Mgr CY2:	0
			Staff CY1:	0	Staff CY2:	0
	Support	D'alba, Ron	Mgr CY1:	10	Mgr CY2:	0
			Staff CY1:	0	Staff CY2:	0
	Interdep	Kahn, David	Mgr CY1:	5	Mgr CY2:	0
			Staff CY1:	0	Staff CY2:	0
	Interdep	Verceles, Connie	Mgr CY1:	4	Mgr CY2:	0
			Staff CY1:	0	Staff CY2:	0
	Interdep	Witfhaus, Jack				

Addendum

A. Board / Commission Recommendation

Issue Created Too Late for B/C Ranking

Board or Commission	Rank	Rank 1 year ago	Rank 2 years ago
Arts Commission			
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee			
Board of Building Code Appeals			
Board of Library Trustees			
Child Care Advisory Board			
Heritage Preservation Commission			
Housing and Human Services Commission			
Parks and Recreation Commission			
Personnel Board			
Planning Commission			
Board or Commission ranking comments			

B. Council

Council Rank 1
 Work Plan Review Date (blank)
 Study Session Date (blank)
 RTC Date 4/29/2008
 Actual Complete Date (blank)
 Staff Contact

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE AMENDING SECTION 10.16.030 OF CHAPTER 16 (PARKING REGULATIONS) OF TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE SUNNYVALE MUNICIPAL CODE

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. SECTION 10.16.030 AMENDED. Sections 10.16.030 of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code is hereby amended to read, as follows:

10.16.030. ~~Emergency parking signs—Signs indicating street repairs or cleaning and special event parking signs; signs indicating street repairs or cleaning.~~

(a) Whenever the traffic engineer shall determine that any emergency-traffic congestion is likely to result from the holding of public or private assemblages, special events, gatherings or functions, or for other reasons, the traffic engineer shall have power and authority to order temporary signs to be erected or posted indicating that the operation, parking or standing of vehicles is prohibited on such streets and alleys as the traffic engineer shall direct during the time such temporary signs are in place. The traffic engineer shall also have power and authority to suspend or modify existing parking limitations by erecting temporary signs or modifying existing signs for the duration of the event. Signs shall remain in place only during the existence of the emergency and the traffic engineer shall cause such signs to be removed promptly thereafter.

(b) [text unchanged]

(c) [text unchanged]

SECTION 2. CONSTITUTIONALITY; SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

SECTION 3. CEQA - EXEMPTION. The City Council finds, pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15061(b)(1), that this ordinance is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in

that it is not a Project which has the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after the date of its adoption.

SECTION 5. POSTING AND PUBLICATION. The City Clerk is directed to cause copies of this ordinance to be posted in three (3) prominent places in the City of Sunnyvale and to cause publication of a notice once in The Sun, the official newspaper for publication of legal notices of the City of Sunnyvale, setting forth the date of adoption, the title of this ordinance, and a list of places where copies of this ordinance are posted, within fifteen (15) days after adoption of this ordinance.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on _____, 2008, and adopted as an ordinance of the City of Sunnyvale at a regular meeting of the City Council held on _____, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk
(SEAL)

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

David E. Kahn, City Attorney

Downtown Timed Parking

Timed Parking Lots

200 W. Washington (Macy's Lot)

4hr Time Limit

For all vehicles north of the solid yellow line across the parking lot

Frances/Evelyn Lot

3hr Time Limit

Sunnyvale/Evelyn Lot

3hr Time Limit

200 W. Evelyn (Underground parking)

3hr Time Limit

Taaffe/Capella (Post Office)

15 Minute Time Limit

Cal-trans Lot (Frances/Evelyn)

Spaces 1-62

Are reserved for employees of Murphy's Square

Timed Street Parking

Carroll Ave.

3 hr Time Limit

W. Washington between Sunnyvale Ave. and Mathilda

3 hr. Time Limit

Murphy Ave. North of W. Washington

1 hr. Time Limit

ORDINANCE NO. 2871-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE AMENDING SECTION 10.16.030 OF CHAPTER 16 (PARKING REGULATIONS) OF TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE SUNNYVALE MUNICIPAL CODE

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. SECTION 10.16.030 AMENDED. Section 10.16.030 of Chapter 16 (Parking Regulations) of Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code is hereby amended to read, as follows:

10.16.030. Emergency and special event parking signs; signs indicating street repairs or cleaning.

(a) Whenever the traffic engineer shall determine that any traffic congestion is likely to result from the holding of public or private assemblages, special events, gatherings or functions, or for other reasons, the traffic engineer shall have power and authority to order temporary signs to be erected or posted indicating that the operation, parking or standing of vehicles is prohibited on such streets and alleys as the traffic engineer shall direct during the time such temporary signs are in place. The traffic engineer shall also have power and authority to suspend or modify existing parking limitations, consistent with applicable traffic safety considerations, by erecting temporary signs or modifying existing signs for the duration of the event. In the event of an emergency, signs shall remain in place only during the existence of the emergency and the traffic engineer shall cause such signs to be removed promptly thereafter.

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AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk
(SEAL)

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

David E. Kahn, City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. ACTION: Review of Ordinance 2871-08 of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code Amending Section 10.16.030 of Chapter 16 (Parking Regulations) of Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic)

Commissioner Walz – Indicated that there should be bicycle parking provided during special events. Also noted that the environmental assessment conducted in Town Center required removal of the bicycle parking near Murphy Avenue. However, a number of months passed and the bicycle parking has not yet been reinstated.

Commissioner Durham – Also noted the need for bicycle parking during special events. In addition, noted the need for developing a traffic control plan associated with the individual events, which could adjust the vehicular traffic directions in the event's area rather than eliminating parking. Such traffic control plans should also provide for better pedestrian and bicycle movement and access, which could be separated/barricaded from the vehicular traffic. Indicated that vendors typically arrive early and in some cases utilize the parking spaces. Commissioner Durham is concerned about vehicles circulating through the event's area looking for parking, and suggested investigating the possibility of having volunteers or personnel paid by the event applicant to provide a valet parking service. Noted that changes to the traffic flow, provision of valet parking, or any other change should be properly advertised prior to the events. In addition, noted the importance of enforcing parking violations that could cause safety hazards, such as vehicular parking in the bike lanes. Also suggested posting signs designating accessible parking spaces near event locations, and used Frances Street as an example for some of the events that take place in Downtown Sunnyvale.

Chair Jackson – Requested revising Section 10.16.030 of Ordinance No. 2871-08, which was approved on May 6, 2008 to read "..... The traffic engineer shall also have power and authority to suspend or modify existing parking to limited durations to promote parking turn-over limitations, consistent with applicable traffic safety considerations," Chair Jackson clarified that parking duration could either express length of time during which vehicles could remain parked, or time of day when parking is permitted (the latter for example could be by applying a parking prohibition during the peak hours when traffic volumes are heaviest and safety concerns are raised). The recommended revision of limited duration is intended to express a limited/short time period of permitted parking in order to encourage high turn-over of vehicular parking. Vehicles parked beyond the allowed duration could be cited.

In addition, Chair Jackson noted that the provision of vehicular parking in close proximity to event locations may not only encourage attendance, but will also encourage driving. Believes that parking spaces located close to events would be better utilized as accessible parking. Also, indicated that dispersing vehicular parking could be a safer parking management approach, especially if event patrons arrive and/or leave at the same time. Believes that the RTC overemphasizes residents' concerns about parking in neighborhoods. Indicated that the increase in parking demand caused by special events is typically for only a few days a year, and that there should be more tolerance for using City owned parking within neighborhoods including curb-side parking on the public streets. Added that the City should assert ownership of the public parking within neighborhoods which is paid for by all Sunnyvale residents. Indicated that preventing event related parking from taking place in neighborhoods, increases the overall need for street space dedicated for parking. Requested that parking enforcement be focused on safety related violations such as parking in front of fire hydrants and on sidewalks.

Arthur Schwartz – Emphasized the need for designating areas for accessible parking during special events. Also indicated that it is important to differentiate between the time of parking restriction versus timed parking.

Commissioner Walz - Moved a motion seconded by Commissioner Durham to accept changes to Ordinance No. 2871-08 and to forward BPAC comments to the City Council. Motion was passed 5-0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.A) Approval of Draft Minutes of the March 19, 2009 Meeting
- 1.B) Approval of Agenda of the April 16, 2009 Meeting
- 1.C) Approval of the 2009 BPAC Calendar Update

Commissioner Ralph Durham moved a motion seconded by Chair Kevin Jackson to approve Consent Calendar items 1.B) and 1.C). Motion was passed 6-0.

Commissioner Durham - Requested to add a clarification to the first paragraph on Page 3 as follows: ".....Commissioner Durham is concerned about vehicles circulating through the event's are looking for parking. In addition, suggested investigating the possibility of having volunteers or personnel paid by the event applicant to provide a valet parking service for bicycles, or offer secured bicycle parking...."

Chair Jackson – Believes that the March 19 meeting minutes do not fully reflect his thoughts with regards to the revisions of Section 10.16.030 of Ordinance No. 2871-08 and requested revising the third paragraph on Page 3 of the minutes by stating the following:

The staff report repeatedly mentions giving the traffic engineer discretion over "timed parking restrictions" which are designed to promote turnover. But the ordinance language specifies that the traffic engineer can suspend or modify "existing parking limitations" (which can mean anything, including those necessary for safety). It is also important to distinguish between two types of timed parking restrictions. The first is related to turnover, which we refer to as "duration" limits (e.g., "3 hour parking limit"). The other type we call "time-of-day" limits (e.g., "No parking 7am to 6pm"), which are implemented for safety reasons. The BPAC recommendation to the Council is to change the ordinance so the traffic engineer only has discretion over that subset of timed parking restrictions related to turnover (i.e., duration limits). But full-time and time-of-day restrictions that are instituted for safety reasons should not be subject to administrative suspension.

A few other points that were raised:

- The staff report says more, closer parking encourages event attendance. True, but it also promotes driving there. Consider the drawbacks as well as the benefits.
- Walking and biking to events is increasingly popular. If anything, even greater concern for non-motorist safety is warranted at these times. Events attract large numbers of casual riders, including families with children.

- Dispersing vehicle parking over a wider area is safer, especially for events where most people arrive and/or leave at the same time.
- The top priority for close-in parking should be to accommodate handicapped attendees. Everyone else can presumably walk a block or two without undue hardship.
- Parking enforcement efforts should be focused on safety-related violations (blocking fire hydrants, bike lanes, sidewalks); and, though not strictly safety-related, blocking driveways.

Chair Kevin Jackson moved a motion seconded by Commissioner Patrick Walz to approve Consent Calendar item 1.A) as amended. Motion was passed 6-0.

BPAC E-mail Messages and/or Letters

All E-mail messages and/or letters received after circulation of the May 21 agenda packet are enclosed. Staff update will be provided during the June 18 meeting and become part of the meeting minutes for public access.

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Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Sunnyvale City Hall
P.O. Box 3707
Sunnyvale, CA 94088-3707

18 May 2009

Dear people,

One of my favorite hobbies is to collect information about diamond-shaped warning signs on roadways. I have a website

<http://www-cs-faculty.stanford.edu/~knuth/diamondsigns/>
that has photos and GPS coordinates of nearly 1000 different signs. This site is apparently enjoyed by lots of people, based on user statistics.

Last month I happened to be driving on Bittern Drive in Sunnyvale and saw the wonderful sign "Speeding tickets available ahead." Then Google led me to page 32 of your "PedSOS" report from November 2007, which mentioned several more creative warning signs, and said that Sunnyvale has approximately 36 --- "which are periodically moved to new locations to prevent drivers from becoming accustomed to (and then ignoring) the signs."

Wow! I couldn't resist going back to your fair city and hunting for more. So far I've found not only the one about tickets, mentioned above (which is number N92 in my collection, if you want to check it out), but also "Speeding kills -- slow down" (N17a); "Speeding costs ..." (N92a); "Speeding = \$87 fine + Traffic school" (not yet posted, but will be N92b); "Friends don't let friends speed" (will be N92c).

But I'm still missing some of those mentioned in your report: "Speeders are losers"; "Traffic school is boring"; "Mr Speeder meet Mr Traffic Cop". And probably there are others as well.

It occurs to me that I could perhaps save a lot of time by writing to you directly. Can you give me any clues about where I might go to find the signs I was unable to locate? (This will not only save me gas and spare the environment, it will also reduce traffic slightly in Sunnyvale if I don't have to exhaustively browse all of your streets. Of course I don't speed when I'm looking for these signs.)

Thanks in advance for any help you can offer.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Heba El-Guendy - Web BPAC Request - Street: N Mathilda Ave/W Moffett Park Drive

From: emailer <emailer@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>
To: "Web - Heba" <helguendy@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>
Date: 5/19/2009 2:27 PM
Subject: Web BPAC Request - Street: N Mathilda Ave/W Moffett Park Drive

Name [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]
Street N Mathilda Ave/W Moffett Park Drive
Between Street and Street
Landmarks the intersection

Suggestion Hello It would help enormously to have a biker activated green light switch for crossing N Mathilda Ave while biking east on W Moffett Park Drive. This would improve both the riding time and safety. Currently the light is only activated when traffic goes straight across Mathilda (or a pedestrian crosses from the other side) and that does not happen very often at all (I was waiting through 5 light changes today, before I could cross, and it was not the first time it happened...). There is no way to activate the light from this direction, as there is no pedestrian crossing on this side of Mathilda. One would have to illegally cross Moffett Park in order to get to the pedestrian activated light switch. In addition the green light, when activated by cars, is too short. Traffic is often backed up at this intersection, specifically in the afternoon. Cars turning from W Moffett Park, onto Mathilda going South (specifically trying to get to 237/101), block the entry to the intersection for bikers and cars. With the very short light, bikers often ride through the still moving cars or end up on the intersection after the light already turns red. Adding a biker activated green light, that would be longer, would solve both problems: 1. being able to cross the intersection relatively shortly after arriving and 2. the safety of crossing, even with the backed up traffic. There are at least a dozen riders on this route every day, from my estimate. Regards
Lidia Marchioni

Heba El-Guendy - Web BPAC Request - Street: Java

From:emailer <emailer@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>
To:"Web - Heba" <helguendy@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>
Date:5/21/2009 8:59 AM
Subject:Web BPAC Request - Street: Java

Name [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

Street Java

Between Street Geneva

and Street

Landmarks

Suggestion There are two overgrown trees forcing pedestrians off the sidewalk on the E side of Java past Geneva towards Lockheed. Is there something that can be done about this? Also my hme email is: [REDACTED] even though your system could not find it.

Heba El-Guendy - Web BPAC Request - Street: Crossman/Java

From: emailer <emailer@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>
To: "Web - Heba" <helguendy@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>
Date: 5/22/2009 1:55 PM
Subject: Web BPAC Request - Street: Crossman/Java

Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Street

Crossman/Java

**Between
Street**

Crossman

and Street

Java

Landmarks

Suggestion

There is no way for a bicycle to actuate a traffic light road sensor at this intersection when on Crossman making a left turn lane onto Java. This is an prime bike commute route (coming off of Moffet Park) and a busy large intersection to traverse. The alternate route to the Sunnyvale Lockheed campus on Caribbean has bike lanes that are in bad shape East-bound and the heavy traffic is notorious for averaging over the posted 45 MPH speed limit.

Heba El-Guendy - Web BPAC Request - Street: Hendy Ave.

From: emailer <emailer@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>
To: "Web - Heba" <helguendy@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>
Date: 5/23/2009 8:43 PM
Subject: Web BPAC Request - Street: Hendy Ave.

Name [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

Street Hendy Ave.

Between Street Kifer Rd.

and Street Sunnyvale Ave.

Landmarks train tracks

Suggestion There are train tracks that cross Hendy Ave. that are unused and a potential danger to cyclists because they cross the road at an angle which may catch a tire. Perhaps in the future, the city can partially fill the tracks or cover them completely. Thank you.

Heba El-Guendy - Web BPAC Request - Street: Mary

From:emailer <emailer@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>
To:"Web - Heba" <helguendy@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>
Date:5/27/2009 12:54 PM
Subject:Web BPAC Request - Street: Mary

Name



Email



Street Mary

Between Street Evelyn

and Street Maude

Landmarks

Suggestion I understand the section of Mary south of Evelyn is already being investigated for potential restriping, which is excellent. The section of Mary north of Evelyn, is a cycling bottleneck, as its one of the few places to cross the train tracks, so cyclists coming up Mary, or up Bernardo, or along Evelyn, all need to cross here. The lane widths and striping are very tricky through here for cyclists. Especially in the northbound direction, the right-most lane changes widths several times, squeezing cyclists each time. Southbound is very tricky at the tracks, as the right lane is a right-turn lane, but there is no designated place for bikes to ride. No easy solution here, but a critical piece of making the commute safe.

BPAC Active Items List Update

The Commission's active items list is attached for your reference. Concerns regarding signal operations and bicycle detection are not individually listed, but will be regularly reported on during the BPAC meetings.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Active Items List

Item #	Item	OPR	Due Date (Approx)	Status	Last Updated
1	Borregas Avenue Bike Corridor	Fakih	2009	Grand opening ceremony of the Borregas ped/bike bridges overcrossing US 101 and SR 237 took place on April 22nd at 10:30 a.m. at the northerly bridge landing at Moffett Park Drive.	6/12/2009
2	Bernardo Caltrain Under-crossing	Witthaus	Preliminary engineering by 2005	Feasibility Study accepted by the City Council. Funds for 20% local matching funds must be identified before further project initiation. BEP Tier 1 update submitted. VTA will program 80% funds out to 2016 to allow for time to secure matching funds. Project update submitted for Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2035 consideration.	4/9/2009
3	Code of Ethics and Conduct	EI-Guendy	1/15/2009	The BPAC members provided their comments on the revised Code during the meeting of January 15, 2009.	2/13/2009
4	Utility Bill Stuffer	EI-Guendy	May-09	The BPAC members discussed ideas on the Utility Bill Stuffer on February 19, 2009, a Draft was provided for BPAC review on April 16, 2009 and the final stuffer is now in circulation.	6/12/2009
5	Bike to Work Day	EI-Guendy	5/14/2009	The event took place on May 14, 2009. The Energizer Stations were set at the Wolfe/EI Camino Real intersection, Mary/Maude intersection, Baylands Park, Nasa light rail station, and Caltrain station.	6/12/2009
6	Earth Day	EI-Guendy	4/18/2009	A number of events took place during Earth Week with update provided to the BPAC members.	6/12/2009
7	Health and Safety Fair	EI-Guendy	5/30/2009	Event took place at the Columbia Middle School on May 30, 2009. Update to be provided during the June 18 BPAC meeting.	6/12/2009
8	Overlay, Reconstruction, Slurry & Chip Schedule	T. Pineda	FY 2009-10	Information only item - Was provided to BPAC during the meeting of February 19, 2009.	3/13/2009
9	Signage request - Entrance of Baylands Park	EI-Guendy	5/31/2009	A site meeting took place with staff of the City's Department of Parks and Recreation who are planning to install improved signage and pavement markings.	4/9/2009

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10	Operational/Enforcement request - Caltrain Station	EI-Guendy	8/21/2008	Prevent parking violation of a motorcycle which restrict access to the E-lockers. Also enforce the use of the free lockers at the Station to encourage cycling and use of transit. SamTrans has been notified on several occasions.	8/14/2008
11	Maintenance request - Lynn Way/Mulberry Lane	EI-Guendy	8/21/2008	Re-establish the raised markers and faded double yellow lines at the Lynn Way/Mulberry Lane area. A double ship seal is planned for this area on August 28th, 2008. Following this work, a double centerline will be established. The road will be slurry sealed in April/May of 2009. Following the latter work, the raised markers will be installed.	8/14/2008
O-1	VTA Bicycle Expenditure Program (BEP)	Withaus	Annual	Prepared application is for conducting the design study associated with the establishment of bike lanes on Mary Avenue south of Evelyn Avenue.	4/9/2009
O-2	Bicycle Capital Improvement Program	EI-Guendy	Ongoing		7/12/2007
O-3	TFCA grants	EI-Guendy	Annual	Application to establish bicycle facility between the two Borregas bridges was submitted on January 16, 2009	2/13/2009
O-4	Bike Parking Incentive Program	EI-Guendy	Ongoing		5/11/2007
O-5	Construction Zone Safety Complaints received	EI-Guendy	Ongoing	Responses are provided via phone or e-mail communications. In some cases, the responses are provided verbally during the BPAC meetings and documented as part of the meetings minutes.	2/19/2008
O-6	Policy on Street Space Allocation	Withaus	Ongoing	Request to coordinate between the approved policy on street space allocation and relevant roadway resurfacing/construction projects. CEQA clearance and General Plan amendment pending.	4/9/2009
O-7	Bicycle Detection Complaints received	EI-Guendy	Ongoing	Responses are provided via phone or e-mail communications. In some cases, the responses are provided verbally during the BPAC meetings and documented as part of the meetings minutes.	9/11/2008
O-8	2009/2010 Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA)	EI-Guendy	Annual	The East Channel Trail Project is eligible for this fund, and a grant application was submitted to complete the design and implement the pedestrian/bike trail.	1/8/2009

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O-9	2009 Community Design and Transportation (CDT)	El-Guendy	Annual	Applications were submitted in January 2009 to develop the El Camino Real Multi-Modal Design Guidelines with City request to consider providing bike lanes, and to redevelop the Lawrence Station Area with improvements to bicycle and pedestrian connections within one half mile radius of the Station.	3/13/2009
O-10	2009/10 Caltrans Planning Grants	Bose	Annual	A grant application was submitted by April 1, 2009 to seek additional funds needed for the redevelopment of the Lawrence Station area.	4/9/2009
O-11	2009 State Safe Routes to Schools	El-Guendy	Annual	A grant application was submitted by April 15, 2009 to add safety and operational improvements in school areas Citywide.	6/18/2009
O-12	State Transportation Enhancements (TE) funds	Witthaus	Ongoing	Application submitted for establishment of the Murphy Avenue streetscape project.	4/9/2009
O-13	Stimulus Package	Witthaus		Application for the Green Infrastructure Funding Grant was submitted to complete the design and implement the East Channel Trail.	4/9/2009