

Borregas Avenue Bicycle Lanes

Staff is pleased to announce that initial work on the Borregas Avenue bicycle lanes project has been completed with the striping of Class II bike lanes on Borregas Avenue between Weddell Drive and Persian Drive. This completes a Class II bikeway for the entire length of Borregas Drive. Pending work that will occur over the next several months will be intersection controls, enhanced signing, and guardrails at certain locations.

Remington Drive Street Space Allocation Study

The City Council will consider the Remington Drive Street Space Allocation Study at its October 26, 2010 meeting. The BPAC's comments have been incorporated into the Report to Council, but BPAC can have a representative speak at the meeting if desired.

BPAC E-mail Messages and/or Letters

Enclosed is a copy of E-mail messages covering concerns and relevant information received after circulation of the September 16, 2010 agenda packet.

Heba El-Guendy - OPERATIONAL & POLICY--Fwd: Traffic Disruptions and Special Interests

From: Heba El-Guendy
To:
Date: 10/5/2010 10:12 AM
Subject: OPERATIONAL & POLICY--Fwd: Traffic Disruptions and Special Interests
CC: Moralez, Frances; Witthaus, Jack

Dear

Thank you for your e-mail message of September 29th. Please be advised that your comments and concerns have been forwarded to the attention of staff of the Public Safety and Public Works Departments. On behalf of the Transportation and Traffic Division of the Public Works Department, we thank you for raising your concerns and bringing them to our attention. Community input on traffic operational and safety conditions are always welcome.

Should you have any questions or need information about Division projects and/or programs, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,
Héba El-Guendy
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Please consider your environmental responsibility before printing this or any other e-mail.

On 9/29/2010 at 1:08 PM,
G'Day All,

Safety is one of the most important factors to be considered in traffic planning, but absolute safety is not possible in this world.

Bicyclists have caused serious injuries to people on the Los Gatos Creek trail, but bicyclists are still allowed. On rare occasions, a police officer will be sent to look for bicyclists who are turning the trail into a race track, but society does not ban all bicyclists.

Rarely do I see pedestrians or bicyclists on the main roads, such as Wolfe, Mathilda, and Mary. To disrupt traffic on main roads to cater to anti-motor vehicle activists is to favor a vocal special

interest to the detriment of the community in general.

Digital cameras are becoming as common as shoes, with cameras built into most cell phones. I suggest that where safety issues may be caused by individuals who act out side of the conduct of normal citizens that pictures should be taken and the police should be required to contact the offender and explain the potential consequences should this anti-social behavior result in injury or death. Where the offender is defiant or becomes a nuisance, the testimony of concerned neighbors should be used as evidence in bringing the appropriate charges.

Where intersections have periodic pedestrian traffic, such as with children walking to school, special signals that can be activated by parents, teachers, crossing guards, and others, should be considered to provide a safer environment, while not extending the inconvenience into times when these periodic uses are not active.

Speed bumps and other more extreme measures should not be allowed, where they may slow the response of emergency vehicles or bounce an ambulance that may be transporting a person with broken bones to the hospital. In a medical emergency or fire seconds count.

Regards,

CRM - Answer Point: Public Works

Add Request Request Report Help JWitthaus

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1 match found at 11:06:00 am.

Req. # 13247

13247 C 09-23-10 Bike lanes

Req. #

Staff

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Action

Request	13247 1 of 1	Emailed reply to requester, status is Closed.	Status	Closed
Assigned To	JWitthaus		Priority, Contact	Regular WebForm
From	Debbie Staats		Receive Date	09-23-10 5:22 pm
To	Public works <pubworks@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>		Reply Needed	Yes
Subject	Bike lanes		Close Date	09-28-10 11:06 am

Regarding Location

Message

We do need bike lanes both sides of Mary and parking both sides of the street. I would not support, and would fight against, any plan that removed parking. The 3 lane configuration from Fremont to Homestead should be continued to Maude. It allows parking, bikes lanes/safety, turn lanes for residents, reduced traffic speeds in a residential neighborhood and school zones, and improved traffic flow. The residents I have spoken with at neighborhood meetings that live between Fremont and Homestead said it was an excellent improvement from the configuration that now exists Fremont and Maude. I drive that area almost daily and it has not impeded traffic but improved it because the cars turning do not block a lane. There has been no slow down of traffic and improved flow. Mary Ave should have the 3 lane configuration and bike lanes and parking which accommodates all the residents, bikes and traffic like between Fremont and Homestead. I will be following this issue very closely.

Actions

Action Reassign

Date 09-28-10 10:49 am

From Heba El-Guendy - BPAC

To Jack Witthaus - Public works

Subject Web Request - Reassign 13247 from: Heba El-Guendy to: JWitthaus, subject: Bike lanes

Message Based on your e-mail response.

Action ReplyClosed

Date 09-28-10 11:06 am

From pubworks@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us - Public works

To

Subject Re: Bike lanes

Message

Thank you very much for your input. You can follow the study's progress at marybikelanes.insunnyvale.com

Thank you,
Public works

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CRM - Answer Point: Public Works, BPAC

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1 match found at 4:38:26 pm.

Req. # 13139

13139 - C - 09-14-10 - Sunnyvale Bicycle Map - Safety and Commu

Req. #

Staff

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Action

Request	13139 1 of 1	Emailed reply to requester, status is Closed.	Status	Closed
Assigned To	helguendy		Priority, Contact	Regular WebForm
From			Receive Date	09-14-10 4:50 pm
To	BPAC <helguendy@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>		Reply Needed	Yes
Subject	Sunnyvale Bicycle Map - Safety and Commuting Tips		Close Date	09-21-10 4:38 pm

Message
This map, which I got a copy of on bike to work day, contains tips which include recommendations about what to do when riding on the sidewalk. This is completely wrong. City code makes it illegal to ride on the sidewalk. Advising people indirectly to do so encourages lawbreaking, and contributes to tension between cyclists, motorists, and pedestrians. Riding on sidewalks endangers everyone, and should not be tolerated. People learning about cycling/commuting should be advised to either ride legally, in the street, following all vehicular laws, or walk their bicycles if on sidewalks or in crosswalks. This law is violated routinely in the city, and it is dangerous to everyone. A campaign to educate these cyclists to stay off the sidewalk or walk their bicycles would be a good idea. Sunnyvale City Code: 10.56.140. Riding on sidewalks and overhead pedestrian crossings—Prohibited. (a) It is unlawful for any person to ride or operate a bicycle, motor driven cycle or motor scooter upon any sidewalk or upon any overhead pedestrian crossing over any street, roadway, state highway or state freeway that is signed for pedestrian use only within the city except as provided herein. Children under the age of thirteen years must walk their bicycles upon any overhead pedestrian crossing that is signed for pedestrian use only. (b) Children under the age of thirteen years or persons sixty-two years of age or older may ride and operate their bicycles in single file upon any sidewalk, except sidewalks adjacent to schools, store buildings or other buildings used for commercial purposes, subject to their exercising due care and giving any pedestrian the right-of-way. Any individual regardless of age may ride a bicycle on a sidewalk if riding upon the adjacent street would place the cyclist in an unsafe situation. (Ord. 2721 § 6, 2003; Ord. 2524-95 § 1 (part); Ord. 1215 § 1, 1961; Ord. 876 § 1 (part), 1961; prior code § 3-2.13).

Actions

Action	ReplyClosed
Date	09-21-10 4:38 pm
From	helguendy@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us - BPAC
To	
Subject	Re: Sunnyvale Bicycle Map - Safety and Commuting Tips

Message

Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention. Please be advised that information published on the Sunnyvale bicycle map is not intended to recommend or advocate cycling on the sidewalks. As per Section 21206 of the CA Vehicle Code "This chapter does not prevent local authorities, by ordinance, from regulating the registration of bicycles and the parking and operation of bicycles on pedestrian or bicycle facilities, provided such regulation is not in conflict with the provisions of this code." The City of Sunnyvale as the local authority by its ordinance allows the operation of bicycles on pedestrian facilities. As per the City code referenced in your message, "Any individual regardless of age may ride a bicycle on a sidewalk if riding upon the adjacent street would place the cyclist in an unsafe situation." In other words, although riding on sidewalks is not recommended, it is permitted in unsafe situations. Consequently, educational information is provided on the map to ask cyclists to be extra careful of other sidewalk users or potential conflict if they feel safer/forced to ride on the sidewalk. Hope this response clarifies matters. Should you have any other concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Heba El-Guendy of the Transportation and Traffic Division at (408) 730-

2713.

Thank you,
BPAC

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BPAC Active Items List Update

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

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Active Items List

Item #	Item	OPR	Due Date (Approx)	Status	Last Updated
1	Bernardo Caltrain Undercrossing	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
2	Code of Ethics and Conduct	El-Guendy	Annual	Reviewed by BPAC and was part of the agenda packet of the BPAC meeting held on January 21, 2010	2/12/2010
3	Utility Bill Stuffer	El-Guendy	Annual	Discussed during the BPAC meeting held on March 18 and May 20. The UB Stuffer was finalized and circulated in July.	8/13/2010
4	Bike to Work Day	El-Guendy	Annual	The event took place on Thursday, May 13, 2010 and BPAC members volunteered at the energizer stations located at the NASA light rail station, the Borregas Avenue ped/bike bridge, and the intersection of Wolfe Road/EI Camino Real.	5/14/2010
5	Earth Day	El-Guendy	Annual	The event took place on April 24, 2010 and BPAC members participated/volunteered at the event.	5/14/2010
6	Health and Safety Fair	El-Guendy	Annual	The event took place at the Columbia Middle School on May 22, 2010. The BPAC members participated in the event.	6/11/2010
7	Overlay, Reconstruction, Slurry & Chip Schedule	T. Pineda	Annual	Information only item shared with the BPAC members during the meeting held on March 18, 2010.	4/9/2010
8	Signage request - Entrance of Baylands Park	El-Guendy	TBD	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.	8/13/2010
9	Spare the Air Fair	El-Guendy	Annual	The event took place on May 18, 2010. The BPAC Chair participated in the event.	6/11/2010
10	State of the City	El-Guendy	Annual	The event took place on July 4, 2010 in Washington Park during which Mayor Hamilton announced the winners of this year's annual awards.	7/9/2010
11	VTA Bicycle Expenditure Program (BEP)	Witthaus	Annual	Application was submitted for conducting the design study associated with the establishment of bike lanes on Mary Avenue south of Maude Avenue.	3/12/2010

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12	Block Grants	Withaus	Annual	Application was submitted for the redesign of Hendy Avenue between Fair Oaks and Sunnyvale Avenues in order to provide sidewalks, bike lanes, underground utilities, and other improvements. The project will receive approximately \$2 million in BEP and Pavement Rehabilitation funds. Also an application was submitted for the construction of left-turn and associated signal at the intersection of Old San Francisco Road/Sunnyvale Avenue.	8/13/2010
13	TFCA grants	EI-Guendy	Annual	Application to establish bicycle facility between the two Borregas bridges was submitted on January 16, 2009. Application for the BFP funds was submitted on September 14, 2009 for completing the design and constructing the East Channel Trail.	9/11/2009
14	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
15	Policy on Street Space Allocation	Withaus	Ongoing	Coordination is ongoing based on the approved policy on street space allocation and relevant roadway resurfacing/construction projects (examples are Bordeaux and Remington Drives). CEQA clearance and General Plan amendment have been carried out to the policy.	9/10/2010
16	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
17	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
18	2009 Community Design and Transportation (CDT) - Planning Grant Program	EI-Guendy	Annual	Applications were submitted in January 2009 to develop the EI 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 - Both applications succeeded for funding.	9/11/2009
19	2010/11 Caltrans Planning Grants	Withaus	Annual	Grant applications have been submitted to multiple funding sources submitted to conduct the feasibility study of the Stevens Creek Trail Extension.	4/9/2010

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20	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. The City's application for \$720k succeeded for Cycle 8, FY 2009/10. Project design has been initiated.	9/10/2010
21	State Transportation Enhancements (TE) funds	Witthaus	Ongoing	Application submitted for establishment of the Downtown Streetscape Project.	4/9/2009
22	Stimulus Package	Witthaus	Ongoing	Application for the Green Infrastructure Funding Grant was submitted to complete the design and implement the East Channel Trail (Application was denied)	9/10/2010
23	2010 Community Design and Transportation (CDT) - Capital Grant Program	El-Guendy	Annual	In response to the second call for projects, application was submitted on October 4th to complete design and construct the East Channel Trail.	10/15/2010
24	Establishment of Bike Lanes on Mary Avenue	Witthaus	Ongoing	The City recently reconfigured the segment of Mary Avenue between Cascade Drive and Fremont Avenue to provide Class II bike lanes as part of a pavement maintenance project. The BPAC requested adding this item on the list for the establishment of bike lanes on Mary Avenue between Fremont and Maude Avenues following the required review in accordance with the street space allocation policy. Feasibility study underway.	9/10/2010
25	Santa Clara Valley Water District - Trail and Open Space Grant Programs	El-Guendy	Annual	Applications were submitted for design and construction of the East Channel Trail, and for conducting the Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility Study (Applications were denied).	9/10/2010
26	Sustainable Communities Planning Grant	Witthaus	Ongoing	Application was submitted on behalf of the Cities of Cupertino, Los Altos and Mountain View and lead by the City of Sunnyvale to conduct the Feasibility Study associated with the Stevens Creek Extension (Application was denied).	9/10/2010
27	Vehicle Emissions Reductions Based at Schools (VERBS) Grant Program	Witthaus	Ongoing	Teaming with the Traffic Safe Communities Network (TSCN), an application for non-infrastructure initiatives was submitted on October 4th. Scoring of projects will take place during the week of October 18th, 2010.	10/15/2010