

**BPAC E-mail Messages and/or Letters**

Enclosed is a copy of E-mail message covering requests and relevant information received after circulation of the agenda packet of the April 28, 2011 BPAC meeting.

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Req. # 16118

**16118 - C 05-17-11 - stoplight sensors not working for bikes**

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Request 16118 1 of 1 **Emailed reply to requester, status is Closed.** Status Closed

Assigned To helguendy Priority, Contact Regular WebForm

From Receive Date 05-17-11 3:24 pm

To BPAC <helguendy@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us> Reply Needed Yes

Subject stoplight sensors not working for bikes Close Date 05-19-11 3:36 pm

Regarding Location 892 W Knickerbocker Dr 37.36222, -122.04968  
bike sensor at Knickerbocker and Mary

Message A couple of local stoplight sensors are driving me crazy, as they don't seem to trigger for bikes. 1) Knickerbocker at Mary, when you're heading west (other direction ok) 2) left turn lane of Remington at Hollenbeck, when you want to turn off of Remington onto Hollenbeck going south. Is there anything that can be done to fix these? The one on Knickerbocker is particularly bothersome as it is on the obvious route to my daughter's school, as well as being on my husband's commute route.

Actions  
Action ReplyClosed  
Date 05-19-11 3:36 pm  
From helguendy@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us - BPAC  
To  
Subject Re: stoplight sensors not working for bikes  
Message Dear

Please be advised that the bike detection logo was recently repainted on the westbound approach on Knickerbocker Drive at Mary Avenue. Remington Drive at Hollenbeck Avenue was recently slurry sealed. Pavement marking, including the bike detection logos, will be re-established at this location in the near future.

Should you have any questions or need additional information in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,  
Heba El-Guendy  
BPAC Liaison  
(408) 730-2713

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**Heba El-Guendy - Fwd: Mark has a pedestrian safety issue**

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**From:** "Cathy B. Switzer"  
**To:** Héba El-Guendy <helguendy@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>  
**Date:** 5/13/2011 7:44 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Mark has a pedestrian safety issue

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Héba,

Mark gave this resident my email, but this really should be included in BPAC agenda.

I'll follow up too.

Thanks,  
 Cathy

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** I  
**Date:** May 5, 2011 11:44:23 AM PDT  
**To:** "Cathy B. Switzer" <  
**Cc:** "Cathy B. Switzer"  
**Subject:** Re: Mark has a pedestrian safety issue

Hi Cathy,

Nice to meet you and thanks for your interest in this issue!

I recently (April 21) put in a request to the city to have curbs painted red for several no-parking zones near me. The two locations are the inside and outside corners of the intersection of San Diego Ave & E. Hemlock Ave. The outside corner has a fire hydrant and the inside corner has an unmarked crosswalk.

This intersection has had chronic issues for as long as I can remember. I've lived on the intersection since 1994. I kept thinking that the city would one day address some of the issues. Finally on the way to work one morning I observed several parking violations and

thought I could possibly make a small difference by asking the city to take the simple step of painting the curbs. This wouldn't solve everything, but I thought it was cheap and easy enough to just do. A visible indicator to the folks parking there that these were no-parking zones might encourage them to not park there.

So the city traffic engineer, \_\_\_\_\_, did his evaluation of this intersection and concluded that the city would not paint the curbs. His advice was to just call Sunnyvale public safety when I see violations and have them cited. I took his advice this past weekend and reported three parking violations. The police officer came out and inspected, then opted to NOT cite the violations. He suggested I ask the city to paint red curbs and crosswalks.

The real issue is that this intersection is not very safe for all the students walking to and from school every day, and for all the pedestrian traffic on the weekends when the park is busy with sporting events.

Just as I'm typing this in I got a call from \_\_\_\_\_ of Police Services. He apologized for his officer not citing the violations. He's going to make sure all the officers know to cite fire hydrant and unmarked crosswalk violations. He gave me his personal phone number in case I don't get good service in the future. Yay!

So this helps, but I want to look at what it would take to really solve the issues of this intersection, and the speed cars drive on San Diego Ave after sporting events in the park.

Talking with some neighbors, a few ideas:

1. put a stop sign at the intersection of San Diego Ave & E. Hemlock Ave.
2. paint crosswalks
3. cut the curb on the inside corner of this intersection
4. paint the curb by the fire hydrant red
5. install speed bumps at a few locations along San Diego Ave to slow traffic

There must be a process where I can have these ideas considered, along with others. Perhaps I need to get enough residents involved? I can probably walk around to a few dozen people and get them to sign something to support these.

Thanks again and look forward to hearing your thoughts on this.

On Wed, May 4, 2011 at 10:29 PM, Cathy B. Switzer <\_\_\_\_\_> wrote:  
Hello

Yes, this is a current email.

\_\_\_\_\_ outline your concern, let's see what we can do about alleviating/eliminating it!  
If you'd like to call me - \_\_\_\_\_ am - 5 pm (or so).

best,  
Cathy

On May 4, 2011, at 10:25 PM,

> Cathy -

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> Does this email still work? lives in SNAIL and has a pedestrian safety issue.

> I wanted to put you two in touch as you may have advice for him. as a long-standing

> interest in pedestrian issues in northern SNAIL and it would be great for you two to touch base.

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> Best Regards,

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**Heba El-Guendy - Re: Garbage Truck**

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**From:** "Cathy B. Switzer"  
**To:**  
**Date:** 5/13/2011 9:18 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Garbage Truck  
**CC:** Ralph Durham , Héba El-Guendy <helguendy@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>

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Jerry,

to be clear, here is my report:

Thumbs down to Specialty Solid Waste and Recycling:

The Specialty trunk leaving Baylands as the same time as 40+ riders from Lockheed - he just basically drove through the intersection ignoring them. Granted, they were scattered all over the road, he could have just waited to let them gather up and go. BTW, Councilmembers Moylan and Lee were in that group, I'm happy that they, nor anyone else, were not hit by the truck.

I'm estimating the time to be between 8 am and 8:30 am on Thursday morning, and if send me pictures of the different trucks, I might be able to better identify it. How many trucks do you have leaving Baylands Park on a Thursday morning? The action/discipline (IMHO) would be to remind that all road users need to be aware of each other - slow drivers may cause you to have to be delayed, as well as slow/many cyclists. Patience and respect go a long way. If the driver has performance metrics and a schedule which does not allow for a delay by a group of 40 cyclists, then the issue is not with him, but with the metrics and schedule.

I've copied Ralph Durham on this, as he too was at the event, and may be able to identify the truck.

Thanks for your quick response,

Cathy

On May 13, 2011, at 8:47 AM,

Cathy,

I am the General Manager of Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling. The City notified me about one of my trucks driving thru 40+ riders from Lockheed. Could you please give me a little more information. I need the time, was he coming out of Baylands park, did you get a truck number, and if possible what kind of truck. You can call me at \_\_\_\_\_ and I can explain the different types of trucks.

I am sorry that this happened and I will take action against the driver if I can get a positive description of the truck.

Regards,

From: "Ralph G Durham" <rdurham@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>  
 To: "Cathy B. Switzer" <cswitzer@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>, 'Héba El-Guendy' <helguendy@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>  
 CC: "Sunnyvale City Council" <council@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>  
 Date: 5/12/2011 11:32 AM  
 Subject: RE: BTWD 2011 at Baylands Park

I gave all my numbers to

The total for Baylands was 345 about half from the east and 1/3 from the West.

If you want breakdowns by time and direction please contact Terry. As we were breaking down our table and stuff about 20 more riders came by the area.

Heba, Jack, The easiest way to stop the funny left turn or I think illegal U turn at the immediate entrance might be a double row of those black rubberized curbs. Installation should be quick and relatively inexpensive.

Two years ago I didn't notice people doing that maneuver to speak of. Today there had to be a=over 40, not counting the cars going to the end of the island to make a correct U turn.

This happens because people from 237 N can't get over to make the left onto Moffet. I think numerous horn blasts were from people trying to barge over.

Nice crowd as usual.

Ralph

-----Original Message-----

From: Cathy B. Switzer  
 Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2011 10:19 AM  
 To: Héba El-Guendy; Jack Witthaus  
 Cc: Ralph Durham; Sunnyvale City Council  
 Subject: BTWD 2011 at Baylands Park

Héba, Jack and

Ralph will likely provide numbers and details for participants.

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From: "Cathy B. Switzer" <...>  
To: Héba El-Guendy <helguendy@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>  
CC: Ralph Durham <...>, Sunnyvale City Council <council@ci...>  
Date: 5/12/2011 10:20 AM  
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-Cathy

**From:** "Cathy B. Switzer" <[redacted]>  
**To:** Héba El-Guendy <heiguendy@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>, Patrick Walz <[redacted]>  
**Date:** 5/5/2011 6:51 PM  
**Subject:** Tasman avenue

All,

Have commuted along Tasman this week (and for many years before the Borregas bridges opened), from Fair Oaks to Patrick Henry and vice versa.

Eastbound, there are 4 Share the Road signs, two of which could use some trimming of the surrounding landscape to make them a bit more visible.

Westbound, I didn't count, but recall seeing at least one.

This stretch is tight due to light rail, and could use a road diet, IMHO. Car back ups occur at the Lawrence intersection, mostly to turn southbound. Happily, there's no right turn on red from either direction on Tasman to Lawrence.

All that being said, Tasman is an opportunity for "Bikes can use Full Lane" signs as a minimum change.

How do we go about making this small improvement?

Cathy

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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 Under-crossing	Withaus	TBD	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	EI-Guendy	Annual	Was reviewed and accepted by BPAC during the meeting of January 20th, 2011.	2/10/2011
3	Utility Bill Insert	EI-Guendy	Annual	Was discussed during the special BPAC meeting of April 28, 2011.	5/19/2011
4	Bike to Work Day	EI-Guendy	Annual	The event took place on May 12, 2011. BPAC members assisted the Moffett Park Business Group and Leadership Sunnyvale in staffing energizer stations within the City of Sunnyvale.	5/19/2011
5	Earth Day	EI-Guendy	Annual	A number of events will take place in celebration of Earth Day, one of which will be at Full Circle Farm on April 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be live music, kids activities, contests and local food vendors.	4/22/2011
6	Health and Safety Fair	EI-Guendy	Annual	The event took place on Saturday, April 30th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. BPAC members participated in the event.	5/19/2011
7	Curb Ramps, as well as Road Overlay, Slurry, Reconstruction & Chip Schedule	T. Pineda	Annual	Information only items were shared with the BPAC members during the meeting of March 17, 2011.	4/22/2011
8	Signage request - Entrance of Baylands Park	EI-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	EI-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	EI-Guendy	Annual	This event will take place on Monday, July 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Washington Park. Following the Mayor's State of the City address, community awards will be presented.	5/19/2011

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11	VTA Bicycle Expenditure Program (BEP)	Witthaus	Annual	Funds in the amount of \$85,000 is being awarded to design and construct bike lanes on Pastoria Avenue between El Camino Real and Evelyn Avenue. The work also includes intersection improvements at El Camino Real, Iowa Avenue and Washington Avenue including signal modifications.	4/22/2011
12	Block Grants	Witthaus	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	Construction Zone Safety Complaints received	El-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
14	Policy on Street Space Allocation	Witthaus	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
15	Bicycle Detection Complaints received	El-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
16	Community Design and Transportation (CDT) - Planning Grant Program	El-Guendy	Annual	Application was submitted by January 13, 2011 for \$75,000 excluding local match to conduct a feasibility study and develop a concept plan for the West Channel Trail corridor from Carribean Drive to Mathilda Avenue. The plan was recommended for funding.	2/10/2011
17	2011/12 Transportation Planning Grant Funds	Witthaus	Annual	An application requesting \$157,500 grant funds was submitted to conduct the Four Cities Stevens Creek Bicycle and Pedestrian Corridor Feasibility Study.	4/22/2011
18	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

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19	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
20	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. The project was recommended to receive grant funds in the amount of \$595,200 in addition to the required local match of 20% (\$148,800).	11/10/2010
21	Establishment of Bike Lanes on Mary Avenue	Witthaus	Ongoing	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. Conceptual planning and consultation are underway.	3/10/2011
22	Santa Clara Valley Water District Grant Programs	El-Guendy	Annual	An application requesting the maximum allowable amount of \$75,000 of Clean, Safe Creek Funds was submitted in March of 2011 to conduct the Four Cities Stevens Creek Bicycle and Pedestrian Corridor Feasibility Study.	4/22/2011
23	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
24	Vehicle Emissions Reductions Based at Schools (VERBS) Grant Program	Witthaus	Ongoing	application for non-infrastructure initiatives was submitted on October 4th. Scoring of projects will take place during the week of October 18th, 2010. The project was awarded funding of \$1 million excluding local match which will be split between the City of Sunnyvale and the County of Santa Clara. About 80% of Sunnyvale elementary and middle schools will be evaluated. To kick off this grant, a Family Fun Bike Ride event will take place at Las Palmas Park on May 21st at 9:30 a.m.	5/19/2011