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**SUNNYVALE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – November 21, 2013**

The Sunnyvale Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission met at 6:31 p.m. on November 21, 2013 with Commission Chair James Manidakos presiding. The meeting was held in the West Conference Room, City Hall, 456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale.

ROLL CALL/CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCES

Members Present: Kevin Jackson
Richard Kolber
Angela Rausch
David Jones
Kyle Welch
James Manidakos
Cathy Switzer

Members Absent: None

**Council Liaison
Present:** None

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

Visitors: David Simons, VTA BPAC representative
Peter MacKay, City of Santa Clara BAC representative

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

None.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Switzer announced that May 8, 2014 will be Bike to Work Day. She provided information on a Federal proposal for a bicycle and pedestrian safety law.

Vice-Chair Jackson summarized a recent community meeting on the Stevens Creek Trail.

Commissioner Jones announced a Movember bicycle ride on November 23 at Murphy Park, 10:30 AM to support men's health.

Vice-Chair Jackson related recent reports of permits being required by State Parks and the United States Forest Service for organized bike rides.

Dave Simons gave a report on VTA BPAC activities, including review of Transportation Fund for Clean Air grant guidelines, City of San Jose activities to reduce bicycle/pedestrian conflicts,

expressway development in the South County, and a new VTA bicycle coordinator. There was a discussion of a County bicyclist anti-harassment law.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.A) Approval of the Draft Minutes of September 19, 2013 Meeting
- 1.B) Updated 2013 BPAC Calendar

Item 1A was pulled by Vice-Chair Jackson.

Motion by Commissioner Mantiakos, second Commissioner Kolber to approve item 1 B of the consent calendar – approved, 7-0 as submitted.

- 1.A) Approval of the Draft Minutes of September 19, 2013 Meeting

Vice-Chair Jackson asked that absent members be noted as excused, and pointed out a typo in the Public Announcements section.

Motion by Manitakos, second Jackson, to approve the minutes as amended – approved, 6-0-1, Switzer abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. ACTION - Ranking of 2014 Study Issues

Staff distributed a page missing from the electronic packet and ballots.

Vice-Chair Jackson inquired about the disposition of deferred and dropped issues. He stated that the BPAC should get a chance to review staff recommendations before the ranking process occurs. He stated that he didn't agree with the basis for the staff recommendation on a car share study issue because he believes a study would investigate ways for the public sector to support private car share enterprises.

Commissioner Kolber noted that car share services had caused controversy in San Francisco due to competition from licensed taxi and other services. He indicated that he had reservations about a study issue to investigate optimizing public and private parking because it appeared to suggest that government would be dictating how many cars people could own. The Commission discussed the intent of the issue.

The public hearing was opened. Dave Simons discussed the public and private interface of the car sharing industry, and stated that he would support a parking study that investigates the impact of autonomous vehicles.

The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Switzer questioned the staff recommendation on a bicycle troublespot reporting app, stating that it was incorrect to base the recommendation on a lack of available technologies. Available applications were discussed.

Vice-Chair Jackson inquired about the status of the Valley Transportation Authority's consideration of multimodal level of service methodologies.

Motion by Jackson to drop issue 14-03 regarding a communication policy on bicycles and automobiles. To his motion, Jackson indicated that he believes there is still confusion, but that a policy probably wouldn't be effective. Second by Jones. Motion carries, 5-2, Manidakos and Kolber dissenting.

Motion by Jones to drop an issue regarding removal of double yellow lane marking lines. To his motion, Jones indicated that a new State law regarding required passing distance from bicyclists will improve the understanding of motorists that they need to pass safely. Second by Jackson. Jones stated that this would be an expensive issue to implement. To his second, Jackson stated that the new law would help improve driver understanding. Commissioner Kolber stated that vehicles passing bicyclists would need to be aware of bicyclists traveling in the opposite direction. Motion approved, 7-0.

Motion by Kolber to drop a car sharing issue. Kolber stated that car sharing is outside the BPAC's purview and he did not believe government has a role in car sharing as private enterprise. Second by Rausch. Vice-Chair Jackson stated reasons why he thought this was a high priority issue. Chair Manidakos stated that he believed that it was a marginal bicycling issue, but he supports the lifestyle change that car share promotes. Motion fails 3-4, Manidakis, Jackson, Welch and Jones opposed.

Motion by Jones to drop a multimodal level of service criteria study. He stated that he believes the City has good plans and procedures in place for providing alternative transportation facilities and a level of service criteria could complicate implementation of improvements. Second by Manidakos. Vice Chair Jackson indicated support for deferral of the issue. Motion fails, 2-5, Manidakos, Jackson, Switzer, Welch, and Kolber opposed.

Motion by Manidakos, second by Jackson, to defer the multimodal level of service study issue. Motion approved, 7-0.

The Commissioners then ranked the remaining study issues. Rankings were as follows:

| Commissioner | Optimize Parking Issue | Troublespot App Issue | Car Sharing Issue | Bike Sharing Issue | Amenities for the Disabled Issue |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Manidakos | 5 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| Jackson | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Kolber | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Switzer | 5 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| Welch | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Jones | 5 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Rausch | 5 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| Total Ranking | - 28 – 5th | 24 – 4th | 21 – 2nd | 11 – 1st | 22 – 3rd |

Motion by Manidakos, second by Kolber, to accept the ranking of five study issues and forward all 5 issues to the Council for consideration. Motion approved, 7-0.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

- COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Jackson confirmed the pending construction of a 6' bike lane with a buffer on southbound Mathilda Avenue near Central Expressway. He also related a conversation he had with a developer of a proposed housing project at Fair Oaks Avenue and Weddell Drive.

Commissioner Switzer discussed a new buffered bike lane on Weddell Drive between Fair Oaks Avenue and Morse Avenue.

Chair Manidakos indicated that a bicycle detector was not working on Borregas Avenue at Java Drive.

- STAFF ORAL COMMENTS

Staff announced that Caltrain is taking applications for it's Bicycle Advisory Committee.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

1. BPAC Active Items List.

Accepted as submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jack Witthaus, Transportation and Traffic Manager