

BPAC E-mail Messages and/or Letters

Enclosed is a copy of all E-mail inquiries received after circulation of the April 15, 2010 agenda packet. Staff response to the messages will be provided during the May 20th BPAC meeting and will become part of the meeting minutes.

Heba El-Guendy - Web BPAC Request - Street: Fremont El Camino Mary Fair Oaks Maude

From: emailer <emailer@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>
To: "Web - Heba" <helguendy@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>
Date: 4/24/2010 9:46 AM
Subject: Web BPAC Request - Street: Fremont El Camino Mary Fair Oaks Maude

Name

Email sunnyvale_trails@yahoo.com

Street Fremont El Camino Mary Fair Oaks Maude

**Between
Street**

and Street

Landmarks

Suggestion What ever happened to the Pedestrian Safety and Opportunities Study?. An excellent draft was released by staff to the BPAC in June 2006, but it was never finished.

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From: "Kevin Jackson" <kjbiker@netzero.net>
To: <helguendy@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>
CC: <
Date: 4/20/2010 10:12 PM
Subject: Signal detector non-responsive to bikes

Hi, Heba-

Alison Chaiken (copied above) has reported a problem with bike detection at this signal:

1. Agena Way north left onto W. Evelyn in Sunnyvale.

This is the little spur off of northbound Mathilda just before the overpass to the Caltrain tracks. Can you follow up?

Thanks,

Kevin

Heba El-Guendy

From: james manitakos <yukid@yahoo.com>
To: Heba El-Guendy <helguendy@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>
Date: 4/26/2010 7:45 AM

Borregas Avenue was recently repaved between Maude and Ahwanee. Is DPW considering any change to the previous lane configuration? I am not proposing a change, just wondering if one is under consideration. Thanks.

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Heba El-Guendy - List of things to look at.

From: "Ralph G Durham" <rgdurham@stanford.edu>
To: ""Heba El-Guendy"" <helguendy@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>, "Kevin Jackson"
<kjbiker@netzero.net>, <patrick.walz@gmail.com>
Date: 5/5/2010 5:09 PM
Subject: List of things to look at.

Heba,

I've been meaning to send some of these things for a while.

1. The left turn from Maude to South bound Mary is timed short for cyclists I really have to hurry to clear the intersection before the red comes on.. I go when it turns green and I'm just into the right lane of Maude when the light turns red.
2. There is some new road work going on Borregas between Duane and Maude. I've noticed that the manhole covers are about an inch or so lower than road grade. This is some what dangerous for cyclist especially close to the intersection when you turn right on to west bound Maude.
3. The left turn light from DeGuine to west bound Duane doesn't trip for my bike.
4. The west bound bike lane on Kifer, west of Lawrence is developing a separation between the pavement and the concrete gutter. This is in front of National Semi Conductor. Near intersection of Semi conductor Drive.

There were a couple of others. When I remember them I 'll let you know.

Ralph

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SAFETY ARTICLE



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AAA Encourages Motorists to Share the Road with Bicyclists

Washington, D.C. - 5/3/2010

America's largest motor club promotes careful commuting whether your ride has two wheels or four.

May is National Bike Month and with a growing number of bicyclists on roadways, AAA encourages all motorists to respectfully share the road with cyclists. Most Americans continue

to ride bikes for recreation, but many people use their bikes as a means to commute to work, improve their physical health and to reduce their overall carbon footprint. In recognition of National Bike Month, AAA reminds both motorists and cyclists to be vigilant about sharing the road, and to exercise caution year round.

"It's important for roadway users to remember that cyclists are granted the same rights and are expected to obey the same laws as motorists," says Jake Nelson, director, AAA Traffic Safety Policy and Research. "AAA appreciates the continued efforts of stakeholders and transportation officials towards making roads safer for motorists and cyclists alike."

As May's warmer weather lures more cyclists onto roadways, AAA urges motorists to exercise exceptional caution when approaching bicyclists with whom they share the road, and offers the following tips:

- **Allow three feet of passing space between your car and the cyclist.** Tailgating or honking can startle or fluster a bicyclist, causing them to swerve further into the driving lane.
- **Be patient.** Remember, cyclists are moving under their own power and can't be expected to go the same speed as cars.
- **Pay special attention to blind spots.** Due to their size and the location of bike lanes, bikes can often get lost in a car's blind spot, so double check before changing lanes, making right-hand turns or before opening your car door on the traffic side when parked.
- **Be attentive on side streets and neighborhoods.** Children are especially at risk in residential areas. Follow the speed limit, avoid driver distraction and always be aware of your surroundings. It is particularly important to be cautious when backing out of a driveway and onto the street.
- **Use good common sense.** For example, in inclement weather, give cyclists extra room.

As North America's largest motoring and leisure travel organization, AAA provides more than 51 million members with travel, insurance, financial and automotive-related services. Since its founding in 1902, the not-for-profit, fully tax-paying AAA has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers. AAA clubs can be visited on the Internet at AAA.com.

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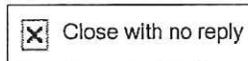
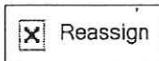
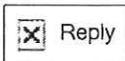
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional information on bike safety |

Heba El-Guendy - Web Contact - Request ID: 11695 Reply: Yes, Subject: Bike loop still inoperative

From: emailer <emailer@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>
To: "Contact - helguendy@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us" <helguendy@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>
Date: 5/12/2010 7:25 AM
Subject: Web Contact - Request ID: 11695 Reply: Yes, Subject: Bike loop still inoperative

Dear BPAC,

Please respond to web request **11695** by clicking one of the three buttons below:



From

Reply Needed Yes

Re: Loc. Description: Mary south of Fremont/Mary intersection

Subject Bike loop still inoperative

Message

The bike loop (that was moved from the center of the slow lane last year) in the left side of the right turn lane on Mary S of Fremont remains inoperative. I was there early today (4:45 AM) and the signal did not change for the three minutes I waited there. Usually I am there later and the cars can trip the signal for me. I observed two cars in the opposite direction trigger the signal (in their direction only) prior to their stopping at the intersection. This is my third (and final) request to fix this loop. Perhaps someone is running a diagnostic check on the equipment and not performing a full End-to-End test (e.g. put a bike on the bike loop and ensure it trips the detector). I still suspect the original loop was not moved as there was no evidence of pavement work when the bike loop marker was repainted in its current location.

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Heba El-Guendy - Some road stuff

From: ralph durham <durham.ralph@gmail.com>
To: <helguendy@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>, <kjbiker@netzero.net>, Patrick Walz
 <patrick.walz@gmail.com>
Date: 5/11/2010 3:22 PM
Subject: Some road stuff

Heba,

First, on the way in this AM I tried to turn left from Caliente onto Fair Oaks South. The light did lots of things for traffic on Fair Oaks but never seemed to see me. Or it did and wouldn't turn green. Not sure which is the case.....

The real reason for this email.

My wife and I rode some of the routes we may be putting sign on directing cyclists to easier/less vehicular traffic routes this Saturday to see how they were.

Some issues arose.

1. JCG Trail. Crossing Fair Oaks there didn't seem to be much of a sign indicating the entrance back onto the trail. There is a gate across the trail with a small opening to the right side coming from the Fair Oaks direction. A trail sign would be good here. Also the Oleander on the right side is almost blocking the entrance and needs a serious trim.
2. Calabazas Creek Trail. You have to make a right turn when you hit Tasman from either direction. The light rail on Tasman precludes going straight. So from the south you can go to Patrick Henry and make the U turn and get back to the trail. From the north you have to make the right, turn right onto Reamwood, make a U turn on that block and then a left to cross Tasman again. There is a posted no U or left turn sign.
 The light didn't register our tandem so we ran the red light to cross instead of travelling to Lawrence to make the U turn there.
3. Britton Ave. Heading south towards Wolf on Britton you go past Fair Oaks Park. There is no outlet to turn left onto Wolf at that point. The choices would be turn right and go back towards Maude for teh first available left/U turn. Turning left on the sidewalk or left the wrong way in the bike lane to Stewart Dr. Perhaps a cut in the left turn median strip could be made with proper signs alerting motorist of crossing cyclists?
4. Britton Ave. The path beside the park has root heaving on the south and north ends of the bypass. It is also very dark at night so the root issue could be a problem.

We didn't go to as many places as we hoped. I will note that the Fair Oaks pedestrian bridge over 101 and especially the bridge over Lawrence are walking only bridges. Our trip did show a real need for another bike/ped bridge over 101 in the vicinity of Sandia adn Wildwood. Perhaps a joint effort with Santa Clara couls get one in.

Ralph

From: "Cathy B. Switzer" <cbsbikes@me.com>
To: <bpac@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>, Héba El-Guendy <helguendy@ci.sunnyvale...>
CC: Kevin Jackson <kjbiker@netzero.net>
Date: 5/9/2010 2:34 PM
Subject: FYI + actions needed + question + comment

Héba,

FYI

Great new Oakland Map - folds to 3x5, something to think about when we update the SV map:
<http://jakecoolidge.wordpress.com/2010/05/08/i-bike-oakland-2010-bikeways-map/>

While riding the prospective routes, Actions needed:

1. WB Fremont to SB Bernardo - no bike loop, I never got a green arrow for the left turn
2. Missing street sign at Sheraton & Pome
3. Missing street sign at Quetta & Elmira

Questions:

How would I go about proposing crosswalks between 'entrances' to the John W. Christian Greenbelt?
First you don't know which road you are crossing (separate topic) and then you have to jaywalk to continue your walk.

Now that separate topic - How would I go about pushing for more signage where a path hits a road? the Greenbelt, De Anza park as examples - you walk/wander, you're new to the neighborhood or visiting friends, how do you know where you are?

Comments:

New website looks good, but is not accepting comments, continuously get a 'cannot submit' message.
Got the bill insert, thanks, see you on the 20th.

--Cathy

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 | 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, 2010. A draft UB Stuffer is included for feedback during the May 20, 2010 BPAC meeting. | 5/14/2010 |
| 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/El Carmino 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 | Event will take place at the Columbia Middle School on May 22, 2010. Participation of the BPAC members is being planned. | 4/9/2010 |
| 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 | 6/30/2010 | 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. | 2/12/2010 |
| 9 | Spare the Air Fair | El-Guendy | Annual | The event will take place on May 18, 2010. BPAC participation is planned. | 5/14/2010 |
| 10 | State of the City | El-Guendy | Annual | Event took place on September 26, 2009 at the Heritage Park Museum. There was a BPAC booth and bicycle parking. | 2/12/2010 |
| 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 |
| 12 | Bicycle Capital Improvement Program | El-Guendy | Ongoing | | 7/12/2007 |

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| 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 | Bike Parking Incentive Program | EI-Guendy | Ongoing | | 5/11/2007 |
| 15 | 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 |
| 16 | Policy on Street Space Allocation | Witthaus | Ongoing | Request to coordinate between the approved policy on street space allocation and relevant roadway resurfacing/construction projects. CEQA clearance and General Plan amendment have been carried out. | 9/11/2009 |
| 17 | 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 |
| 18 | 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 |
| 19 | 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 |
| 20 | 2010/11 Caltrans Planning Grants | Witthaus | Annual | A grant application was submitted by April 1, 2010 to conduct the feasibility study of the Stevens Creek Trail Extension. | 4/9/2010 |
| 21 | 2009 State Safe Routes to Schools | EI-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. | 8/14/2009 |
| 22 | State Transportation Enhancements (TE) funds | Witthaus | Ongoing | Application submitted for establishment of the Murphy Avenue streetscape project. | 4/9/2009 |
| 23 | Stimulus Package | Witthaus | Ongoing | Application for the Green Infrastructure Funding Grant was submitted to complete the design and implement the East Channel Trail. | 4/9/2009 |

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| 24 | 2009 Community Design and Transportation (CDT) - Capital Grant Program | EI-Guendy | Annual | A grant application was submitted by October 8, 2009 for streetscape improvements in downtown Sunnyvale. The City's application for \$1.5 million was ranked first and recommended for funding in FY 2010/11. | 11/12/2009 |
| 25 | Establishment of Bike Lanes on Mary Avenue | Withthaus | 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. Applications were submitted for design and construction of the East Channel Trail, and for conducting the Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility Study | 3/12/2010 |
| 26 | Santa Clara Valley Water District - Trail and Open Space Grant Programs | EI-Guendy | Annual | | 4/9/2010 |

