



**REGULAR MEETING of the
San Mateo County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (SMCBPAC)
Thursday, February 16, 2017**

San Mateo City Hall
330 West 20th Street, Conference Room C
City of San Mateo, California 94403
7:00 p.m.

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- 1. WELCOME**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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- 4. ACTION TO SET AGENDA**

This item is to set the final regular agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 5. Review and Approve January 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes (Action)**
- 6. Bike to Work Day Announcement (Information)**

7. Presentation on Sand Hill Road Bike Lane Improvements at 280 Intersection

- Consideration of a Letter of Support (Action)

8. Discussion on BPAC Progress and Future Topics (Information)

- Questions about Brown Act
- Ideas for Upcoming Meetings

9. County Update (Information)

10. Announcements (Information)

11. Adjournment

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MEETING MINUTES

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City of San Mateo, California

Thursday, January 19, 2017

7:00-9:00pm

1. WELCOME

Chairman Colman called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Dianna Butcher
Gary Colman
William Kelly
Cristina Prather Persson
Carrie Doyle (alternate)
Natalie Gore (alternate)

Members Absent:

Susan Doherty

County Staff: Gwen Buckley, David Jaeckel, Jessica Mullin.

Public Attendees: Bob Page, Bill Kirsch, Dave Gildea, Brian Hennessey, John Langbein, Cheryl Phan, Michelle Gee, Natalie Gee, Erica Lawry, Kirby Wilkins, Jason Morton, Peter Grace, Theresa Vallez-Kelly, Miguel Salazar, Emma Shlaes, Jessica Garner.

Gwen Buckley conducted the roll call. A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Bob Page advocated for a continuous bike lane on northbound Alameda de las Pulgas from Hull Avenue to Woodside Road. This is a common route for high schoolers and parents traveling to and from Woodside High School and traffic congestion is a big issue during rush hour.

Bill Kirsch, a Menlo Park Bicycle Commissioner, encouraged the BPAC to push the County to make change and improve the bicycle infrastructure throughout the county.

Dave Gildea presented suggestions to improving the bicycle route at the Sand Hill Road and 280 interchange. This route is a dangerous route for bicyclists because cars have to cross over the bike lane and often aren't aware bicyclists are present. Mr. Gildea distributed a handout to the BPAC members that describes the conflict zones along this section of Sand Hill Road and suggestions for green treatment on the bike lane.

Brian Hennessey, a local bicyclist, described how the roads are in bad condition and he recently broke his femur cycling. He stated that trenching near the road is hazardous to bicyclists and that road maintenance crews aren't cleaning up chip seal off of the road.

4. ACTION TO SET AGENDA

Chairman Colman requested a motion to set the agenda.

Motion: Member Kelly moved to approve/Member Prather Persson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Review and Approve October 20, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Colman requested a motion to adopt the October 20, 2016 Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Member Kelly moved to approve/Member Butcher seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Review and Approve Letter of Support for Proposed Santa Cruz Ave Parking Restrictions

Public Comment on Agenda Item

John Langbein mentioned that the parking restrictions along Santa Cruz Ave aren't a good compromise, and the focus on this section of Santa Cruz Ave is too narrow. He is concerned that the parking restrictions won't be enforced. He proposed sharrows and signage as a temporary solution.

Cheryl Phan commented that the residents didn't receive proper notice that the parking restriction topic was going before the BPAC, and that DPW wasn't transparent about the whole process. She requested that DPW release comprehensive counts and traffic assessments from the area. She submitted a copy of her comments for the record.

Michelle Gee expressed concerns about the parking restrictions because residents would have to park further from their homes and walk along Palo Alto Ave, which is a dangerous alley for pedestrians. She encouraged the BPAC to consider all ramifications of the parking restrictions.

Nathalie Gee stated that as a new driver it is difficult for her to back up into oncoming traffic. If the proposed parking restrictions are implemented she would have to walk along an unsafe road to get back to her home. She is an avid bicyclist and encourages the County to come up with a better solution that is safe for everyone.

Erica Lawry has been a resident on Santa Cruz Ave for 32 years, and counts on having parking available outside of her home. She is concerned about the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians and she advocates for Public Works to conduct further studies.

Kirby Wilkins described how the parking restrictions would make things more difficult for him and his family. His son has cerebral palsy and the caretakers and physical therapists need parking along the street during the day. Also, parked cars provide a buffer zone for backing up into traffic.

Bob Page mentioned that there may be enough room along Santa Cruz Ave for bike lanes, and that this would be a better alternative to the proposed parking restrictions.

Bill Kirsh commented that there is turn lane that could be removed that would open up space for a bike lane. Also, reducing speed on Santa Cruz Ave would make the road safer for bicyclists and motorists.

BPAC Member Discussion

Member Kelly said that with this new information, he wants to defer approving the letter to another meeting, and asks that the County consider other options.

Chairman Colman requested a motion to defer this item to another meeting.

Motion: Member Kelly moved to approve/Chairman Colman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Presentation on San Mateo County Health System's Collision Report

Jessica Garner, a Senior Health Planner at San Mateo County's Health System, presented on bicycle and pedestrian collision data. The presentation included a map of both pedestrian and bicycle collision hotspots, as well as the percentage of collisions occurring in vehicle right of way and pedestrian right of way. Mrs. Garner discussed why measuring data is important, what can be done, and provided further recommendations. She also gave background on the Safety and Active Transportation (S.A.T.) Assessments that the Health System is conducting, which assess current city policies and approaches to creating safe and accessible streets.

Chairman Colman asked if the higher traffic and population density around schools contributes to why 39% of all pedestrian and bike collisions occur within a quarter mile of a school. Mrs. Garner agreed and said that population may contribute to the number of collisions, but the high percentage of collisions still highlights a need for focus.

Member Kelly asked how San Mateo County collision data compares to other jurisdictions in the region. Mrs. Garner said that the number of collisions in San Mateo County is about average compared to other counties in the Bay Area.

Member Prather Persson asked about the number of students using alternative modes of transportation, and how this number is changing. She also asked about the circumstances around pedestrian right of way collisions. Mrs. Garner said that pedestrian right of way collisions occur when the pedestrian is in a crosswalk, on a sidewalk, etc.

Member Kelly asked if it would be possible to use other data sources, such as social media, to crowdsource collision data. Mrs. Garner said that they currently use traffic records data because it is reliable, and although ideally it would be more up to date, the purpose of the analysis is to create collaboration and discussion.

Member Gore asked if the Health System has considered surveying people in the target areas to determine why the collision rates are higher. Mrs. Garner said that they haven't done surveys of that nature but she agrees that it is important to consider what is influencing the behavior of people in the collision hotspots.

8. Presentation on Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition's Vision Zero Initiative

Emma Shlaes, Policy Manager at Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC), gave background on SVBC and discussed current campaigns and advocacy initiatives in the community. The presentation provided information on Vision Zero, an initiative that aims to achieve zero deaths or major injuries on roadways. SVBC has a Vision Zero toolkit and is working with cities and counties to pass a Vision Zero resolution.

Member Doyle asked if any of El Camino runs through unincorporated San Mateo County. Ms. Shlaes said yes, there's a small portion in North Fair Oaks.

Member Kelly asked if Vision Zero is going before the Board. Ms. Shlaes said not yet, but it's something the County is considering. Member Kelly also asked if SVBC is doing anything to solve the bicycle data problem. Ms. Shlaes agrees that having current and accurate data is important, and said SVBC has looked into acquiring hospital data, but that doesn't include unreported collisions and crashes that involve minor injuries.

9. County Update

Dave Jaekel announced that San Mateo County is soliciting proposals for updating the County Bike Map. The map will include updated bicycle facilities as well as basic bicycle traffic skills and educational information.

10. Announcements

There were no announcements.

11. Adjournment

Chairman Colman requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Member Butcher moved to approve/Member Kelly seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.