



**REGULAR MEETING of the
San Mateo County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (SMCBPAC)
Thursday, June 17, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

*****BY VIDEOCONFERENCE ONLY*****

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- * Spoken public comments will also be accepted during the meeting through Zoom.
- * Please see instructions for written and spoken public comments at the end of this agenda

1. WELCOME

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Speakers are customarily limited to two minutes, but an extension can be provided to you at the discretion of the Committee Chair.

4. ACTION TO SET AGENDA

This item is to set the final regular agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 5. Review and Approve April 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes** (Action)
- 6. BPAC Member Announcements and Discussion** (Information)
- 7. Kings Mountain Road Update** (Information)
- 8. San Mateo County Local Road Safety Plan** (Information)
- 9. Safe Routes to School Presentation** (Information)
- 10. County Updates** (Information)
- 11. Adjournment**

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3. Members of the public are limited to one comment per agenda item.
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3. You will be asked to enter an email address and name. We request that you identify yourself by name as this will be visible online and will be used to notify you that it is your turn to speak.
4. When the SMCBPAC Chair calls on the item you wish to speak, click on “raise hand.” The SMCBPAC Chair will activate and unmute speakers in turn. Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called to speak.
5. When called, please limit your remarks to the time limit allotted.

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MEETING MINUTES

BY VIDEOCONFERENCE

Thursday, April 15, 2021
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1. WELCOME

Chair Doherty called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. She noted that BPAC members and staff would be connecting to this meeting either by video or audio. Chair Doherty then stated the process for public comment, noted the challenges of holding a BPAC meeting online and thanked everyone for their patience during this time.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Susan Doherty
Frederick Zyda
John Langbein
Elaine Salinger
Christina Aquino

Members Absent:

William Kelly
Annie Tsai

County Staff: Joel Slavit, Julia Malmo-Laycock, Paul Sheng

Joel Slavit conducted a roll call. A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Before the public comment period proceeded, Mr. Slavit briefly explained procedural logistics for receiving public comment for virtual Zoom meetings.

Bruce Dughi, member of the public, expressed support for Craig Davis's presentation on Enforcing Laws for Bicycle Safety at the February BPAC meeting. Mr. Dughi noted that he worked with Mr. Davis, from CyclistVideoEvidence.com, in Castro Valley and found him to be very helpful. He stated that more cyclist protection from law enforcement was needed.

4. ACTION TO SET AGENDA

Chair Doherty introduced the item.

Motion: Member Langbein moved to approve/Member Zyda seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Review and Approve December 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes (Action)

Chair Doherty introduced the item.

Motion: Member Langbein moved to approve/Member Zyda seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

6. BPAC Member Announcements and Discussion (Information)

Chair Doherty introduced the item. Member Langbein noted that internal roads within Huddart County Park could be used as an alternative to a stretch of lower Kings Mountain Road to avoid potential conflicts with automobile traffic. He stated that the BPAC should help get the word out about it. He asked if the Parks Department could provide wayfinding signs to help direct bicyclists on this alternative route so people don't end up on a trail. Member Salinger volunteered to help get the word out to the cycling community and asked for some language that she could use. Member Langbein said he would prepare language.

Member Langbein suggested a panel discussion take place between the Sheriff's Office, the County District Attorney, a County judge, and a personal injury lawyer to discuss vehicle code regulations with respect to safety and to learn more about why there isn't more law enforcement action taken against unsafe driver behavior. He also noted that the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC) might be a more appropriate venue for this panel. Chair Doherty suggested that a mini-committee of two, with her and Member Langbein take place to further discuss this. Mr. Davis stated that his group has had several town halls in Alameda County and that the important thing was to raise awareness with district attorneys. He said he has had great success with town halls and panel discussion in open and respectful conversations with drivers and cyclists.

7. BPAC Meeting Process and Roles (Information)

Paul Sheng, Deputy County Counsel, delivered a PowerPoint presentation to inform the BPAC on the Committee's purpose, roles, and duties, per County Resolution No. 073998, which authorized the establishment of the BPAC. He also spoke to other rules applicable to the BPAC including the Brown Act, the California Public Records Act, County Standing Rules and County Conflict of Interest Laws.

Member Salinger thanked Mr. Sheng for his presentation. She stated that the goals of the BPAC were lofty but that they are difficult to attain because of financial constraints. Chair Doherty concurred, citing the Crystal Springs Regional Trail Gap Grand Jury report, and that closure of the gap has yet to take place. Chair Doherty asked what follow up would take place. Mr. Sheng stated that the Department would have had to prepare a response and the judge sees it. Member Langbein stated that this is where advocacy comes in, and it happens through persistence.

8. Caltrans Bike Highway Study Presentation (Information)

Elliot Goodrich, Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian and Bicycle Branch and Libby Nachman, a consultant from Alta Planning, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Caltrans Bike Highway Study. Mr. Goodrich noted that the impetus for the study, which kicked off in the fall of 2020 and is expected to be complete in the winter of 2021-2022, came from both the Statewide Active Transportation Plan and the Caltrans District 4 Bicycle Plan. He also provided an overview of the public engagement process. Ms. Nachman provided background on bicycle highways, stating the intent is to provide high quality uninterrupted long distance bikeways that support high speed travel, large volumes of people bicycling, and allowing for connections to regional destinations for both commuters and recreational cyclists. Ms. Nachman further elaborated on key design principles, elements, and treatments for bicycle highways. The presentation was completed with next steps that will include the selection of routes with public feedback, and the development of concepts for bike highway segments.

Mr. Davis asked about reducing friction between different types of cyclists traveling at different speeds. Ms. Nachman explained that best practice for a bike highway was to have space and separation to accommodate cyclists traveling at different speeds.

Chair Doherty indicated she appreciated the work, and asked whether the team was leveraging Strava data. Ms. Nachman responded that while it wasn't being used for this study, Caltrans uses origin destination data for all modes and that it wants to provide facilities where lots of people are commuting.

Member Salinger said she looked forward to seeing the results of the study implemented. Member Langbein asked how mode shift could be achieved with limited real estate in the built environment. Mr. Goodrich replied that he was hopeful where there is right of way along a freeway or that there may be a possibility for the reallocation of space.

Rob Waring, member of the public, agreed with a comment made by Mr. Davis regarding potential conflicts between different types of bicycle riders. He indicated that a friend of his from Holland wouldn't cycle in the County due to three main safety concerns: lack of infrastructure, enforcement of three foot safe passing laws, and the need to better train law enforcement on cycling safety best practices and laws that pertain to cyclists.

9. AB 122 Support letter (Action)

Member Salinger introduced the item explaining the proposed bill, which would result in a change to the State vehicle code to allow bicyclists to slow to a reasonable speed when approaching a stop sign, yield to other traffic, and proceed through an intersection when safe without coming to a complete stop. Member Langbein noted that the Idaho stop law has two parts, yielding at stop signs and at red lights, the latter, which is not in the California bill.

Motion: Chair Doherty made a motion to accept the letter as written, Member Salinger seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

10. County Updates (Information)

Mr. Slavitt informed the BPAC that Caltrans awarded the County a \$246,500 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant for safe routes to school pedestrian crossing improvements at schools in Broadmoor, the San Mateo Highlands and in El Granada that include high visibility crosswalks, curb extensions, ADA ramps and rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs).

Mr. Slavitt noted that Bicycle Sundays on Canada Road was scheduled to reopen on May 2nd to its regular schedule. He also reiterated the latest status of proposed improvements on Kings Mountain Road from an e-mail that was distributed to the BPAC and interested parties list. He said County staff reassessed the restriping project and determined that three locations will be provided to allow vehicles to pass bicyclists. He also stated that the County was in the process of scheduling work with its contractor.

11. Adjournment

Motion: Chair Doherty motioned to adjourn, Member Langbein seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.