



**REGULAR MEETING of the
San Mateo County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (SMCBPAC)
Thursday, February 15, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

455 County Center, Conference Room 101
Redwood City, CA 94063

***** HYBRID MEETING – IN-PERSON AND BY VIDEOCONFERENCE *****

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- 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 December 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes (Action)**
- 6. BPAC Member Announcements and Discussion (Information)**
- 7. Proposal to Change the April BPAC Meeting Date (Action)**
- 8. North Fair Oaks Bicycle and Pedestrian Railroad Crossing and Community Connections Study (Information)**
- 9. BPAC Letter of Support for the North Fair Oaks Community Connections Project (Action)**
- 10. BPAC Consultation – Streamlined 2024 Road Project List (Information)**
- 11. 2024 BPAC Work Plan (Action)**
- 12. 2024 Neighborhood Responsibilities (Action)**
- 13. County Updates (Information)**
- 14. Adjournment**

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San Mateo County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (SMCBPAC)

Meeting Minutes Thursday, December 21, 2023 7:00 P.M.

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***** HYBRID MEETING – IN-PERSON AND BY VIDEOCONFERENCE *****

1. WELCOME

Chair Salinger called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. She introduced Mr. Mark Lee as the new SMC BPAC alternate.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Elaine Salinger
John Langbein
Michael Barnes
Mark Lee
Susan Doherty

Members Absent:

Fred Zyda
Cristina Aquino

County Staff: Joel Slavit, Vanessa Castro, Anthony Lum, Krzysztof Lisaj, Cassandra Matter

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Member of the public, Mr. Mike Swire, expressed opposition to the U.S. 101 Managed Lanes Project North of Interstate 380 and advocated for more bicycle infrastructure as opposed to widening highways and a desire for the BPAC to write a letter opposing it.

Member of the public, Mr. Jordan M. shared his support for Mr. Swire's comment and encouraged the BPAC to agendaize the item.

Member of the public, Mr. Andrew Hsu, with the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC) Board of Directors, announced SVBC's El Camino Real 2030 Campaign, which encourages complete streets infrastructure consisting of protected bike lanes and safe crossings on El Camino Real from Daly City to San Jose, and sought support from the County BPAC and Caltrans. Member of the public, Mr. Giuliano Carlini also expressed opposition to the U.S. 101 Managed Lanes Project North of Interstate 380.

4. ACTION TO SET AGENDA

This item is to set the final regular agenda.

Motion: Vice Chair Langbein motioned to set the agenda with the adjournment set in memory of cyclist Peter Grace, as suggested by Member Barnes. Member Barnes seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Review and Approve October 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes (Action)

Chair Salinger requested revisions to comments she made to Item 6, BPAC Member Announcements and Discussion, regarding work with the Sheriff's Department and a clarification regarding Item 7, Safe Shared Streets Video Program, with respect to the Sheriff's Incident Management System. Member Barnes clarified his statement regarding heat maps in Item 7.

Member Barnes motioned to approve the meeting minutes with the requested changes. Vice Chair Langbein seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

6. BPAC Member Announcements and Discussion (Information)

Chair Salinger shared that she would like the BPAC to write a letter in opposition to the widening of U.S. 101 and to instead use the funding for bicycle infrastructure, as well as a letter of support for SVBC's El Camino Real 2030 Campaign. She also shared that Peter Grace, an active member of the cycling community, died in a fatal collision during a ride in San Rafael due to poor infrastructure. Chair Salinger proposed that the BPAC write a letter to the City Council and City Planner of San Rafael to address infrastructure concerns that led to the collision.

Vice Chair Langbein shared that the Ralston Bike Path recently reopened and asked how to prevent future long-term bike path closures, particularly closures that involve other agencies, and thought this might be something County Supervisors could become involved in. He also shared that Stage Road reopened, but during the closure, there was a cyclist fatality on State Route 1 near Pomponio Creek, noting poor shoulder conditions on State Route 1 as a possible contributing factor. Chair Salinger commented that the BPAC should reach out to the Board of Supervisors to avoid long term closures of popular cyclist routes. She also suggested increasing connectivity for cyclists, noting Sheep Camp Trail as a potential improvement.

Member Doherty shared that State Route 1 at the Pescadero Creek Road intersection is very dangerous, and that a cyclist was hit by a drunk driver near San Gregorio. She noted that State Route 1 and Cañada Road need protected bikeways.

7. Caltrans District 4 Bike Plan Update (Information)

Jasmine Stitt, Associate Transportation Planner with the Caltrans District 4 Bicycle and Pedestrian Branch provided an update on the District 4 Bike Plan and sought input from the BPAC.

Member Doherty asked if Caltrans takes into consideration connectivity, safety, and separation from traffic as top priorities for their projects. Chair Salinger asked what the bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure budget is for San Mateo County and what percentage of the total budget it represents. Miss Stitt said its likely a low percentage, but it would need to be further assessed. Chair Salinger also asked if legislation advocacy would be helpful in securing more funding for bicycle infrastructure and if Ms. Stitt would be interested in working with local elected officials. Ms. Stitt thought it could be helpful pursuing funding for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Vice Chair Langbein shared that the Bike Plan Update is good, but it does not improve the cyclist experience and Caltrans should also work on maintaining and improving existing infrastructure. He noted poor conditions on State Route 1, such as debris obstructing the shoulder and variable shoulder widths, and infrastructure that may encourage vehicles to speed. Chair Salinger invited Caltrans representatives to cycle some of the more dangerous roadways in San Mateo County.

Member Barnes noted that cyclists need to be protected from motor vehicles. He shared that separation should be more robust that would prevent a vehicle from crossing into the bikeway. Vice Chair Langbein noted that in the intersection in which a fatal collision in San Rafael occurred, there was a separated path, but the signage was not very effective and confusing. In his experience, he's encountered similar paths and the directions and wayfinding signage was not very clear and will likely need improvements. Mr. Jordan M. shared that he agreed with Member Barnes' comments about separated bikeways. He shared his thoughts that Caltrans should prioritize safe and protected crossings for cyclists and pedestrians on highways, and to increase dedicated crossings for cyclists.

Mr. Swire asked about Caltrans' funding priorities, noting the high cost of widening U.S. 101. He also said that crossing a highway as a cyclist and pedestrian is dangerous. He shared that two San Mateo County proposed bicycle and pedestrian crossings were adversely impacted by the U.S. 101 Managed Lanes Project. Lastly, he noted that there are numerous different planning efforts in the area, and that it can be confusing.

Member of the public, Mr. Steve Lubin, shared his thoughts that El Camino Real is an example of a roadway in which a separated bikeway may not make sense and believed that emphasis should be placed on traffic calming measures.

Mr. Hsu shared SVBC's El Camino Real 2030 Campaign with Caltrans as an infrastructure project that could benefit Caltrans' Bike Plan. Mr. Hsu shared that he hoped to have Caltrans' support on the campaign.

Mr. Carlini noted that every project should include protected bike lanes and that people are not comfortable riding with traffic. He proposed that Caltrans take the lead on any infrastructure improvements on El Camino Real and suggested Caltrans adopts policies that support more robust bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements.

Alternate Member Lee asked what the main impediment is to improving existing bike and pedestrian infrastructure. Ms. Stitt noted finance constraints.

8. Woodside Road Construction Project (Information)

Malahat Owrang, Senior Transportation Planner, with the City of Redwood City, presented an informational update on the Woodside Road Construction Project. This project is a coordinated effort led by Caltrans in collaboration with the City of Redwood City and the County of San Mateo.

Vice Chair Langbein asked what the extent of the parking loss will be on Woodside Road and asked if bikes will have to share facilities with parked vehicles. Ms. Owrang clarified that the project will likely remove all on-street parking on Woodside Road. Vice Chair Langbein noted that the travel lanes become narrower near Alameda de las Pulgas and the project will provide 11-foot travel lanes with enough space for buffered bike lanes. Ms. Owrang responded that the travel lane widths will remain the same, and some segments of Woodside Road will have a buffer that could accommodate a cycle track.

Mr. Lubin stated that previous concept plans showed on-street parking. Ms. Owrang clarified that there won't be any parking retained and he likely viewed older project plans. Mr. Lubin shared that the Town of Woodside was unaware, and this project has since been shared with their Traffic Circulation Committee. Ms. Owrang stated that Caltrans is the lead agency on the project, and Redwood City became involved due to most of the project being located within its jurisdiction. Member of the public, Mr. Ron Snow, noted that existing signage indicates that Woodside Road cannot be accessed by pedestrians or cyclists and shared that he would like to see this reimaged to allow bicycle and pedestrian access. He also said it would address transportation inequity concerns in the area. Ms. Owrang clarified that cyclists are permitted on Woodside Road, but pedestrians would have to walk on the shoulder.

9. 2024 Department of Public Works Work Plan Update (Information)

Anthony Lum, Senior Engineer with the County of San Mateo Department of Public Works, presented an update on the 2024 Public Works Plan.

Vice Chair Langbein asked for an update on the Santa Cruz Avenue and Alameda de las Pulgas Project. Mr. Lum shared that the start of construction is scheduled for summer 2024. Chair Salinger asked why some projects had bicycle improvements and others did not. Mr. Lum shared that Department of Public Works includes bicycle infrastructure improvements where possible without expanding past the edge of roadway for this project. Chair Salinger asked if the Department of Public Works can enact a policy to include bicycle infrastructure improvements for all resurfacing projects. Mr. Lum reiterated that multimodal improvements are always considered, whenever possible and the Department of Public Works also refers to existing planning documents to incorporate recommended improvements. Mr. Krzysztof Lisaj, Deputy Director of Engineering and Resource Protection, added that the Department of Public Works has an existing Complete Streets Policy to integrate bicycle and pedestrian improvements in road projects. He said they always consider opportunities to install bicycle and pedestrian improvements, however, there are instances in which it may not be feasible. Member Doherty asked if there is a way to restripe Kings Mountain Road to increase safety. She also noted that the slip lane on Cañada Road and Edgewood Road is dangerous, and she would like to see all motorists come to a complete stop at this intersection. Mr. Lum replied that the Department of Public Works is exploring options for removing the slip lane at that intersection.

Mr. Lubin shared that Smart Towns initiatives could be incorporated in San Mateo County. Mr. Snow shared his thoughts that bike lanes should have shoulder lane markings separate from the parking shoulder striping. He also shared his thoughts bike lane striping should be required in every pavement preservation or restriping project.

10. Draft BPAC 2024 Work Plan (Information)

Joel Slavit, Senior Sustainability Specialist with the County of San Mateo Office of Sustainability, presented the Draft BPAC 2024 Work Plan for review. He said that this item will be presented again for action at the February 2024 BPAC meeting.

Vice Chair Langbein suggested adding increased coordination between the BPAC and the C/CAG BPAC. He also added that the Woodside Road Project should be added to the list, and pointed out that there are multiple Santa Cruz and Alameda de las Pulgas projects, so it should be plural. Chair Salinger suggested adding support for the SVBC El Camino Real 2030 Campaign. Member Barnes suggested County Parks trails be included. He would like to see the BPAC support these facilities. Member Doherty shared that she would like to be the BPAC liaison for the Bay to Sea Trail.

11. 2024 Neighborhood Responsibilities (Information)

Joel Slavit, Senior Sustainability Specialist with the County of San Mateo Office of Sustainability, presented the draft 2024 Neighborhood Responsibilities Document for review. This item will be presented for action at the February 2024 BPAC meeting.

Alternate Member Lee volunteered to be the Burlingame Hills and Devonshire liaison.

12. Election of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair for Calendar Year 2024 (Action)

Vice Chair Langbein motioned to nominate Chair Salinger to continue as BPAC Chair. Member Barnes seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Member Barnes motioned to nominate Vice Chair Langbein as Vice Chair. Chair Salinger seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

13. Other County Updates (Information)

Mr. Slavit shared a gift from the County to all Boards and Commission members. Vanessa Castro, Sustainability Specialist with the County Office of Sustainability, shared that the Coleman and Ringwood Transportation Study completed a fourth round of engagement in December. Mr. Slavit shared that the North Fair Oaks Railroad Crossing and Community Connections Study completed a third round of community engagement in December.

14. Adjournment

Peter Grace was honored at adjournment. Member Barnes noted his advocacy efforts for cycling safety.

Chair Salinger motioned to adjourn. Member Doherty seconded. The motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.