



**REGULAR MEETING of the
San Mateo County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (SMCBPAC)
Thursday, April 18, 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 February 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes** (Action)
6. **BPAC Member Announcements and Discussion** (Information)
7. **Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition El Camino Real 2030 Campaign** (Information)
8. **Bay to Sea Trail Feasibility Study Update** (Information)
9. **Walk This Way: Advocating a Path for Safer Streets** (Information)
10. **Research Follow up on Law Enforcement Policy Regarding Motorist/Bicyclist Conflicts** (Information)
11. **County Updates** (Information)
12. **Adjournment**

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San Mateo County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (SMCBPAC)

Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 15, 2024 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 7:02 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Michael Barnes
Mark Lee
John Langbein
Elaine Salinger
Fred Zyda
Cristina Aquino

Members Absent:

Susan Doherty

County staff: Joel Slavitt, Vanessa Castro, Krzysztof Lisaj, Carter Choi, Cassandra Matter

Mr. Slavitt conducted a roll call. A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Member of the Public, Mr. Ron Snow, commented on the Broadmoor Safe Routes to School Pedestrian Improvements Project.

4. ACTION TO SET AGENDA

Chair Salinger proposed to set the agenda with the removal of former Item 7, "Proposal to Change the April 2024 BPAC Meeting Date" from the Regular Agenda.

Chair Salinger motioned to set the agenda with the proposed change. Member Barnes seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Review and Approve December 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes (Action)

Vice Chair Langbein noted that the collision discussed during Member Announcements and Discussion did not involve a cyclist fatality. Alternate Member Lee noted that he had volunteered for Devonshire rather than Burlingame Hills.

Member Barnes motioned to approve the December 21, 2023, Meeting Minutes with the suggested changes. Vice Chair Langbein seconded. Motion carried: 4-0-1, with Member Zyda abstaining.

6. BPAC Member Announcements and Discussion (Information)

Vice Chair Langbein shared an update on County road resurfacing on Alpine Road, which included bike lane improvements. He noted that there were issues with people parking in the bike lanes near a hiking trail. “No Parking” signs have since been added.

Chair Salinger shared that she had attended San Mateo County Sheriff’s Roll Call meetings to provide the cyclist perspective on near-misses between cyclists and cars. Noting the difficulty of coordinating with different law enforcement agencies in the region, Chair Salinger requested that a member of the public reach out to law enforcement agencies to ask about their policy for following up with reports of dangerous driving and for the number of 3-foot warning letters issued in the last year. She also requested that a BPAC member, acting as a member of the public, also reach out to local law enforcement agencies. Alternate Member Lee and Alternate Member Aquino volunteered to do this as members of the public. Mr. Snow also volunteered.

Vice Chair Langbein shared that the Caltrans State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) list has three San Mateo County projects of interest: a seismic retrofit of the San Gregorio Creek bridge on State Route 1, roadwork south of Pescadero Road on State Route 1, and Highway 92 Corridor bike improvements. Vice Chair Langbein suggested monitoring the progress. Chair Salinger asked if these improvements should include bike lane striping. Mr. Slavit noted that the Caltrans Complete Streets Policy encourages projects to consider bike lanes where feasible. Vice Chair Langbein asked how the BPAC can advocate for these projects to move forward. Chair Salinger recalled that sometimes bike lanes disappear from Caltrans plans for various reasons and considered adding this topic to a future agenda for BPAC discussion.

7. North Fair Oaks Bicycle and Pedestrian Railroad Crossing and Community Connections Study (Information)

Mr. Slavik, Senior Sustainability Specialist with the County Office of Sustainability, introduced the item and Mr. Greg Kyle, Senior Vice President with Kimley-Horn provided a PowerPoint presentation for it.

Chair Salinger asked what the estimated distance would be if the crossing were constructed. Mr. Kyle responded that the proposed crossings are at least several hundred feet long on each side of the tracks. Chair Salinger asked if the crossings include elevator access. Mr. Kyle responded that all the proposed crossings include ramps and stairs on both sides but do not include elevators.

Vice Chair Langbein shared concerns about the height of the overcrossings and noted that the electrification infrastructure on Woodside Road is significantly lower and goes under the existing overcrossing. Mr. Kyle responded that Caltrain was able to accommodate to existing infrastructure. Member Zyda stated that Caltrain needs to test run the electrification infrastructure for a set number of hours. He also noted that the minimum bridge clearance requirement is lower in other areas of the corridor. Alternate Member Lee commented that Caltrain could run their wires underground. Member Zyda responded that although it is possible, Caltrain did not consider that option in the Study area. Mr. Kyle also noted cost concerns and revenue service impacts to Caltrain's operations. Member Zyda comment that Caltrain has been protective of the Dumbarton spur, which adds to the constraints in the Study area.

Alternate Member Lee asked what the recommendation is for revisiting the feasibility of the proposed crossing in the future. Mr. Kyle responded that the Study was funded by a Caltrans grant, and all current funded work would need to be completed by March 2024. Mr. Slavik shared that grade separation projects can be decades-long and costly, noting that the electrification of the Caltrain Corridor adds to the complexity. He noted that there were significant concerns and constraints that affect the practicality of constructing a new crossing. Alternate Member Lee asked about the construction window for erecting a bridge over the Caltrain tracks and how long the overhead contact wires would need to be de-energized. Mr. Slavik responded that the construction window would need to be between 1:00 AM and 5:00 AM. He also noted the County would be liable for any disruptions to Caltrain revenue service.

Mr. Snow shared his support of the project and noted that any efforts to increase connectivity benefit the community. He shared that a bus or shuttle service for the North Fair Oaks community might be more accessible, affordable, and implementable. He also noted that although the ramps meet ADA requirements, it would still be a very long crossing for someone with mobility impairments, stating that an elevator might be more ADA accessible.

9. BPAC Letter of Support for the North Fair Oaks Community Connections Project (Action)

Carter Choi, Acting Principal Civil Engineer with the County Department of Public Works presented the item and sought the BPAC's support for the North Fair Oaks Community Connections Project.

Vice Chair Langbein commented that he would prefer to see more traffic calming elements, such as speed tables or humps, be included in the grant application. Mr. Slavik responded that this program has historically funded small, quick-build, transit-related projects that can be implemented within a two-year timespan. Improvements, such as speed tables or humps, which need to follow the established County process, can take longer than two years. Additionally, high-visibility crosswalks and ADA accessible curb ramps were identified by community members as top priority in the Study area. Mr. Choi shared that the Roads Division in the Department of Public Works could explore and evaluate potential locations for speed tables through the Residential Speed Control Devices Program. He also noted that it can be a lengthy process. Member Barnes requested that additional language be added to the letter of support that included adding Summit Everest Public High School to the list of local destinations and that the BPAC looks forward to additional traffic calming improvements that could be made when additional funding becomes available. Mr. Snow spoke in favor of the letter and shared the importance of ADA accessibility.

Chair Salinger motioned to approve with the added language including Summit Everest Public High School to the list of local destinations and that the BPAC looks forward to additional traffic calming improvements when additional funding becomes available. Vice Chair Langbein seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

10. BPAC Consultation – Streamlined 2024 Road Project List (Information)

Mr. Choi, also presented an update on the 2024 Road Project List.

Vice Chair Langbein requested that the project list be made available to BPAC members. Deputy Director, Mr. Krzysztof Lisaj requested that comments be provided no later than March 15, 2024. Chair Salinger asked if "Share the Road" signs can be replaced with "Bicycles Can Take the Lane" signs. Mr. Choi noted that staff could explore options and see what is feasible throughout different project locations. Mr. Lisaj commented that the Department of Public Works refers to the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for regulations and guidance. Vice Chair Langbein noted that the Federal Highway Administration has acknowledged that the "Share the Road" signage is ambiguous and shouldn't be used. He also asked if the Department of Public Works is considering reconstructing the old jail house road, off of Alpine Road, noting it could be within park land. Mr. Lisaj responded that the road would have to be part of the adopted road network to be considered for the Department of Public Works road project list.

Member of the public, Mr. Mike Swire, noted that California no longer uses “Share the Road” signs and now uses “Bikes in Road” signage. Mr. Swire asked if any of the identified projects increase the capacity for cars on the road. Mr. Choi confirmed that they would not. Mr. Lisaj shared that Bay Road will be narrowed with traffic calming improvements as part of a road diet. Regarding comments made about bicycle boulevards, he shared that these roads are all low speed, non-arterial local streets.

11. 2024 BPAC Work Plan (Action)

Member Barnes suggested modifying the proposed language regarding the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition 2030 Campaign to make the item exploratory in nature. He also requested a status update for the letter in support of the Safe Shared Streets Video Pilot Program. Ms. Cassandra Matter, Communications Director and Legislative Policy Aide to Supervisor Ray Mueller, noted it was under consideration and that further update could be provided at a future meeting.

Chair Salinger asked for a status update on the BPAC’s letter recommending the County lower speed limits in the vicinity of schools in unincorporated areas. Mr. Slavik shared that the proposal was under review with the Department of Public Works. Chair Salinger requested a future update on the item. Mr. Swire said he would like to see the San Mateo County Transportation Authority Citizens Advisory Committee added to the proposed coordination activity between the County BPAC and the other BPAC’s within the County. He also noted that the US-101 Express Lanes Project should be added to the Work Plan and include coordination with the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition.

Member Zyda motioned to approve with the proposed revisions to include, “explore the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition El Camino Real 2030 campaign” and to add “explore the US 101 Express Lane project.” Member Barnes seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

12. 2024 Neighborhood Responsibilities (Action)

Member Lee confirmed that he was volunteering to cover the Devonshire area and Member Barnes volunteered to cover Burlingame Hills for their neighborhood responsibility areas.

Chair Salinger motioned to approve. Member Zyda seconded. The motion carried: 5-0

13. County Updates (Information)

Mr. Slavik shared that Caltrans submitted a Coastal Development Permit application to the County for its State Route 1 Multi-Asset Roadway Rehabilitation Project, which will rehabilitate the existing road pavement and include various elements such as the addition of bike lanes and upgrading curb ramps and crosswalk striping from Wavecrest Road in Half Moon Bay to Marine Boulevard in Moss Beach. He also shared that due to technical audio-visual challenges, the BPAC could potentially transition to in-person only meetings at a later point this year.

14. Adjournment

*Chair Salinger motioned to adjourn. Member Barnes seconded. The motion carried: 5-0
Meeting adjourned at 9:34 PM.*

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