

City of Santa Clara Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION and DATE:

Inspection Division Conference Room, **Wednesday, March 18, 2015 - 4:00 p.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

- Teresa O'Neill- Chair
- Abigail Shull
- Admas Zewdie
- Craig Larsen
- Dale Schouten

Members Present

- James Lucas
- Pete MacKay
- Thomas Granvold
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City Staff Present

- Rajeev Batra (PWD/CE)
- Dennis Ng (PW)
- Marshall Johnson (PW)
- Officer Machado(SCPD)

Interested Public

Ray Hosler

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Ken Kratz
Diane Harrison
Steve Bevan
Sudhaushu Jain
Michael Bengtason
Scott Lane
Michael O'Halloran

I. Call to Order. Welcome & Introductions.

II. Approval of Minutes of January 21, 2015. Minutes were approved.

III. Public Presentation

- A.** Mr. Jain expressed surprise that most of the funds for bicycle facilities in Santa Clara come primarily from Grants. He had a complaint concerning bumps due to tree roots in the pavement on the San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail north of Tasman Drive. He also felt that there should be bicycle lanes on Benton in front of Santa Clara High School.
- B.** Ms. Harrison noted rough sections of roadway on Benton Street just west of Kiely due to recent construction work and the continued pooling of water on Calabazas Blvd.
- C.** Mr. Kratz would like the public to be more informed about bicycle facilities before they are approved by staff. He would like the BPAC to send a letter to the County opposing the proposed plans for Lawrence Expressway in Santa Clara.
- D.** Member Schouten called attention to the minimal bicycle parking available at the newly built Santa Clara Town Square.
- E.** Mr. Hudson expressed concern about electric and motorized bicycles on the San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail.
- F.** Mr. Hosler noted a rough patch in roadway on northbound Lafayette Street under RR bridge just north of El Camino Real. He also noted the short green time for southbound Saratoga Avenue at Scott Boulevard and for southbound Pomeroy Avenue at Benton Street.
- G.** Mr. Lane felt there was a need for more bicycle parking facilities at Levi Stadium. He also called attention to the 7 hour closure of the Creek Trail during the Sharks hockey event.
- H.** Member MacKay noted rough pavement in the bicycle lane on Homestead Road eastbound at the City Limit with the City of Cupertino. The bicycle lanes at this location also need to be repainted.

IV. Reports for Committee Information

- A. Follow up items from previous meeting – Mr. Johnson noted:**
 - 1. The Street Department was notified of the manhole cover issue on Benton.
 - 2. Current Standards address the issues for transition seams for patches and overlays.
 - 3. The bicycle detection issues at Saratoga and Pruneridge Avenue will be addressed with the completion of the Saratoga Signal Timing project next year.
- B. VTA BPAC Update – Member Schouten noted that the passage of AB1193 will make it easier to try innovative designs outside existing Caltrans design criteria for bicycle facilities. He also mentioned that the \$14.7M Tunnel Project at the Santa Clara Caltrain Station is now fully funded with \$5M coming from developer fees and the rest from grants and measure B.**
- C. Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition Update – Mr. Lucas informed the BPAC that Shiloh Ballard is now the new Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition director.**

- D. **TFCA Grant Update** – Mr. Johnson stated that staff submitted Transportation for Clean Air (TFCA) application for grant funding for the \$560K Tasman Bike Lanes Project. The grant amount will be \$95K. The project extends from Calabazas Creek to Guadalupe Creek. The number of vehicle lanes will be reduced from 3 down to 2 making room for the bike lanes and a buffer zone.

V. Reports for Committee Action

- A. **TDA Grant Funds** – Mr. Johnson stated that staff recommends that \$75K of the \$373K Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds be used towards developing an updated City Bicycle Plan and the remaining \$298K be used towards the Tasman Bike Lanes Project. Members voted to approve the motion to dedicate the City's portion of TDA funds towards a Bike Plan update and the Tasman Bike Lane Project.

VI. Added Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- A. Operational Discussion of BPAC – Chair O'Neill

VII. Announcements

- A. Mr. Johnson announced the Bike To Work Day planned for May 14th.
- B. Chair O'Neill called attention to the National Association of City Transportation Officials website as a source for innovative ideas for bikeways and complete streets concepts (NACTO.org).
- C. Mr. Lane announced the upcoming BART scoping meeting.
- D. Mr. Johnson reminded members that applications for new membership to the BPAC are being accepted and voting will take place at the June 17th meeting.

VIII. Adjournment to Next Meeting Date (June 17, 2015)