



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

10/23/2023

4:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting
City Hall Council
Chambers/Virtual
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95051

The City of Santa Clara is conducting the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee meetings in a hybrid manner (in-person and continues to have methods for the public to participate remotely).

- Via Zoom:
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Meeting ID: 955 8274 4643 or

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1 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Hardy called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Present 7 - Chair Karen Hardy, Member Betsy Megas, Member Bruce Donoghue, Member Sukrit Ganesh, Member Ashish Joshi, Member Stephen Clark Seninger, and Member Ken Kratz

Excused 2 - Vice Chair Sudhanshu Jain, and Member Perry Penvenne

2 PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Video: [00:02:30]

Thomas Granvold requested the City to look into enforcing speed limit on creek trails and to conduct a study on the use of Class III bicycle boulevards and sharrows.

Rob Mayer opposed the installation of new bicycle lanes on Jefferson Street near Homestead Road. Mr. Mayer commented that this area is a historic neighborhood and Jefferson Street is a low-speed street with low traffic volumes; adding new bike lanes in this stop-controlled location and crossing Homestead Road is not safe.

Al Gonzales asked the City to educate pedestrians and drivers on traffic safety and submitted his safety education flyers to staff.

Ed Stocks asked the City to revert the decision of installing bicycle lanes on Jefferson Street and do more community outreach. Mr. Stocks also commented that residents did not receive notification from the City for this project.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Video [00:26:50]

A motion was made by Member Ganesh and seconded by Member Joshi to Approve the consent calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Hardy, Member Megas, Member Donoghue, Member Ganesh, Member Joshi, and Member Seninger

Nay: 1 - Member Kratz

Excused: 2 - Vice Chair Jain, and Member Penvenne

- A. [23-1179](#) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2023 (Chair Hardy)

Recommendation: Approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2023.

Member Kratz commented that five BPAC meetings a year was not enough.

Member Donoghue requested the City to distribute the BPAC meeting packet at least one week in advance to allow sufficient review time.

- B. [23-1215](#) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Calendar of Meetings for 2024 (Chair Hardy)

Recommendation: Recommend that Council Approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Calendar of Meetings for 2024.

Public Speaker(s): Diane Harrison

4 REPORTS FOR COMMITTEE INFORMATION

- A. [23-1180](#) Police Verbal Update (Wilson)

Video: [00:32:40]

Officer Wilson provided an update on two major injuries that occurred at night. One injury involved pedestrian crossing El Camino Real and another injury involved an electric scooter.

Committee comments and questions followed.

Officer Wilson addressed **Committee** questions.

5 REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- A. [23-1181](#) Subcommittee on Police Collision History (Donoghue)

Video: [00:45:40]

Member Donoghue provided an overview of the subcommittee. **Member Kratz** indicated his interest in serving on this subcommittee.

6 REPORTS FOR COMMITTEE INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

- B. [23-1182](#) Public Works Verbal Update (Liw/Chan)

Video: [00:48:34]

Public Works Assistant Director Liw and **Transportation Manager Chan** provided an update on recent activities and accomplishments in the Department of Public Works.

Committee comments and questions followed regarding the shared mobility scooter program and signage enhancement project along San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail.

Public Works Assistant Director Liw and **Transportation Manager Chan** addressed **Committee** questions.

- C. [23-1183](#) Valley Transportation Authority Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meetings Update (Megas)

Video: [01:03:20]

Member Megas provided an update to the **Committee** related to the VTA BPAC meetings in September and October.

Committee comments and questions followed.

Member Megas addressed Committee questions.

Public Speak(s): Diane Harrison, Edmund Drozek.

- D. [23-1191](#) Stevens Creek Boulevard Vision Study Community Advisory Group Update (Penvenne)

Video: [01:16:00]

Public Works Assistant Director Liw provided an update to the **Committee** on the Stevens Creek Boulevard Vision Study.

Committee comments and questions followed.

Public Works Assistant Director Liw addressed Committee questions.

E. [23-1184](#) Grant Activity Verbal Update (Shariat)

Video: [01:24:25]

Principal Transportation Planner Shariat provided an update related to recent grant activity.

Committee comments and questions followed.

Principal Transportation Planner Shariat, Public Works Assistant Director Liw, and Transportation Manager Chan addressed **Committee** questions.

F. [23-895](#) De La Cruz Boulevard/Coleman Avenue Bikeway Planning Study (Shariat)

Video: [01:54:25]

Naomi Willis from Kimley-Horn presented draft design concepts for the De La Cruz Boulevard/Coleman Avenue Bikeway Planning Study.

Committee comments and questions followed regarding the two-way cycle track concept and the bikeway discussion within the tri-level area.

Naomi Willis addressed **Committee** questions.

Public Speaker(s): Thomas Granvold, Al Gonzales, Diane Harrison, and Edmund Drozek.

G. [23-1201](#) Complete Streets Review for the Bassett-Laurelwood Bike Lane Project, Great America Parkway and Mission College Boulevard Project, and 2024 Annual Paving Project (Chan)

Video: [03:22:30]

Transportation Manager Chan presented information on the Complete Streets Review for the Bassett-Laurelwood Bike Lane project, Great America Parkway and Mission College Boulevard, and 2024 Annual Paving projects.

Committee questions and comments followed.

Transportation Manager Chan addressed **Committee** questions.

H. [23-1192](#) Bicycle Plan Status of Projects & Programs (Shariat)

Video: [03:49:30]

Principal Transportation Planner Shariat provided an update on the status of Bicycle Plan projects and programs.

Committee questions and comments followed.

Principal Transportation Planner Shariat and **Public Works Assistant Director Liw** addressed **Committee** questions.

Public Speaker(s): Thomas Granvold, Edmund Drozek, Diane Harrison

Member Joshi left the meeting at 8:21PM.

I. [23-1193](#) Pedestrian Master Plan Status of Projects, Objectives, and Policies (Shariat)

Video: [04:31:47]

Principal Transportation Planner Shariat provided an update on the status of Pedestrian Plan projects and programs.

Committee questions and comments followed.

Principal Transportation Planner Shariat addressed **Committee** questions.

Public Speaker(s): Diane Harrison

J. [23-1188](#) San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail (STACT)/Levi's Event Detours and Hetch Hetchy Trail (Garcia)

Video: [05:05:05]

Senior Civil Engineer Garcia presented information on STACT/Levi's Event Detours and Hetch-Hetchy Trail.

Committee comments followed.

Public speaker(s): Diane Harrison and Edmund Drozek

K. [23-1190](#) Wayfinding (Garcia)

Video: [05:34:20]

Senior Civil Engineer Garcia presented information on wayfinding.

Committee comments followed.

Public Speaker(s): Diane Harrison, Ashish Joshi, Edmund Drozek

7 REPORTS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

A. [23-1194](#) 2024 Annual Work Plan Voting (Chan)

Recommendation: Review and approve staff's recommended 2024 Annual Work Plan.

Video: [05:55:08]

Chair Hardy provided an overview of the 2024 Annual Work Plan voting process.

Member Joshi returned to the meeting at 10:08 PM.

The motion was made by Member Megas and seconded by Member Kratz to Approve Staff Recommendation.

Aye: 7 - Chair Hardy, Member Megas, Member Donoghue, Member Ganesh, Member Joshi, Member Seninger, and Member Kratz

Excused: 2 - Vice Chair Jain, and Member Penvenne

- B. [23-1195](#) Selection of Member to Serve on the Station Area Task Force (Chan)

Recommendation: Select one BPAC member to serve on the Station Area Task Force.

Video: [06:05:40]

Transportation Manager Chan presented information on the Station Area Task Force.

Member Ganesh indicated his interest in serving on the Station Area Task Force.

The motion was made by Member Megas and seconded by Member Kratz to Approve the recommendation of appointing Member Ganesh to serve on the Santa Clara Station Area Task Force.

Aye: 7 - Chair Hardy, Member Megas, Member Donoghue, Member Ganesh, Member Joshi, Member Seninger, and Member Kratz

Excused: 2 - Vice Chair Jain, and Member Penvenne

- C. [23-1239](#) Joint Dinner Meeting with City Council and Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (Liw)

Recommendation: Discuss and approve a list of BPAC accomplishments, a list of BPAC priorities, and a summary of the 2024 BPAC workplan for the upcoming November 7, 2023 joint dinner with the City Council.

Video: [06:08:35]

Public Works Assistant Director Liw provided an overview of the upcoming joint dinner meeting with City Council and BPAC on November 7, 2023.

Committee discussed and shared their list of BPAC accomplishments, priorities and a summary of the 2024 BPAC workplan.

8 REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)

- B. [23-1185](#) Subcommittee on Bicycle Story Maps (Megas and Penvenne)

Video: [06:31:00]

Subcommittee had no updates to provide.

- C. [23-1186](#) Subcommittee on Bike to Shop Day (Megas and Kratz)

Video: [06:31:05]

Subcommittee had no update to provide.

Diane Harrison indicated her interest in continue serving on the **subcommittee**.

Public Speaker(s): Diane Harrison

- D. [23-1187](#) Subcommittee on Roundabouts (Megas, Ganesh, and Kratz)

Video: [06:32:45]

Member Kratz reminded the **Subcommittee** to review the subcommittee meeting agenda.

9 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Video: [06:36:35]

Member Megas encouraged the **Committee** to check out the project QR codes from VTA and Santa Clara Valley Water District, commented on the new pavement work on Winchester Boulevard in San Jose, and encouraged the public to check out the Milpitas BART station.

10 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 4:00 PM.

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