

**City of Santa Clara, Department of Public Works  
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)  
Requested Agenda Topics Not Scheduled for Work Plan**

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## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Ken Kratz

Date:

July 26, 2024

Proposed Topic Title:

update BPAC on new laws and efforts to reduce speed limits &amp; advocate for local control to lower speed limits.

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

Motor vehicle speeds on many city streets are in excess of posted speed limits and therefore pose a greater safety risk for pedestrians and cyclists (e.g., Benton Street between San Tomas and Lawrence Expressways).

To begin solving this problem, the City Traffic Engineering staff shall periodically update BPAC on current staff efforts to reduce speed limits on those problematic streets. Update shall include past traffic studies, current studies and proposed studies on those streets and how certain streets are selected by the Traffic Engineering staff for review.

Update to include current and proposed State legislation regulating speed limits and how those regulations can be changed, especially to reflect the differences in needs between rural roads and suburban and urban streets.

Speed limit regulations were formalized in the 1960s to regulate traffic speeds particularly on rural roads according to the author of this YouTube video, "Not Just Bikes, The Wrong Way to Set Speed Limits" (link: <https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-1-d&q=Not%20Just%20bikes%20speed%20limits%20site%20youtube.com&ved=2ahUKEwiyjequy8aHAXU7IkQIHSjmN48Q2wF6BAgcEAE&ei=HpOkZqPCGLvEkPIPqMzf-Qg#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:8ba32321,vid:bgIWCuCMSWc,st:0>)

Can the City set its own speed limits on our city streets, particularly around schools, businesses, commercial properties, parks, public activity centers and other public spaces where cyclists and pedestrians frequent. Are there any repercussions for the City if it sets its own speed limits? If so what are they?

Increases safety for cyclists and pedestrians.



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Betsy Megas

Date:

7/26/24

Proposed Topic Title:

Plastic posts and little orange flags

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

The past year has seen the addition of many new flex posts around the city, as well as cups of orange flags for pedestrians to carry across uncontrolled crosswalks for added visibility during the day.

I'd like to learn what results we're expecting from these additions and how we are measuring their success. Where is the funding coming from? How are we sweeping streets behind plastic posts?

I've also observed many of the plastic posts collapsed or broken off, which to me raises questions of whether they are the best solution, both in terms of longevity in the streetscape and in terms of preventing vehicle incursion into the bike lanes and other spaces where they're meant to discourage it.



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## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Ken Kratz

Date:

July 26, 2024

Proposed Topic Title:

right-of-way on city creek trails

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

Propose trail rules establishing right-of-way for city creek trails and post those rules at trail heads.

Rules to include reducing cyclist's speed to walking speed (1-2 miles per hour) when overtaking pedestrians.

Propose similar rules for other uses including skateboards, scooters, electric bicycles, electric scooters and other vehicles overtaking pedestrians. Suggested right-of way order to be: pedestrians, skateboards, push scooters, traditional and in-line roller skates, bicycles, trikes, electric powered skateboards and scooters, electric powered bicycles.

Helps reduce impact of collisions between trail users.



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Ken Kratz

Date:

July 26, 2024

Proposed Topic Title:

BPAC to lead the review and the creation of new city standards for new development.

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

As the city continues to grow and is approaching urban densities, I propose the BPAC lead the review and the creation of new city standards for new development that will create a vibrant and safe city, inclusive of pedestrians and cyclists as well as public and private motor vehicle traffic. Those standards I suggest be based on the criteria promulgated by Jane Jacobs in her book *Death and Life of Great American Cities*.

The author of that book suggests four criteria that should be present to provide a safe, vibrant and financially solvent city, the descriptions of these criteria are found on the YouTube channel "OptimiCities" (link: <https://www.youtube.com/@optimicities>) or search "Optimicities Jane Jacobs." Here are the four criteria:

### 1) Mixed use development.

Here is a short YouTube video on the OptimiCities channel on this subject: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uOLKiOrQB8Y&list=PLpcQZ54yN0XJtr1uE3VskC5QDpTgtYqtB>

### 2) Short blocks.

Here is a short YouTube video the OptimiCities channel on this subject: [https://www.google.com/search?q=ideal+leght+of+city+block+from+jane+jacobs+life+and+eath+of+great+american+cities&client=firefox-b-1-d&sca\\_esv=398b87aa3ea4c694&ei=8VekZr7sFZzlKPI66SSmAM&ved=0ahUKEwj-qJr3ksaHAXUcJEQIHWuSBDMQ4dUDCBA&eq=ideal+leght+of+city+block+from+jane+jacobs+life+and+eath+of+great+american+cities&gs\\_lp=Egxnd3Mtd2l6LXNlcnAiUWlkZWZsIGxlZ2h0IG9mIGNpdHkgYmxvY2sgZnJvbSBqYW5lIGphY29icyBsaWZlIGFuZCBiYXRoIG9mIGdyZWZ0IGFtZXJpY2FulGNpdGllc0gAUABYAHAAeAGQAQCqAQc4AQzIAQD4AQGYAgCgAgCYAwDiAwUSATEgQJIHAKAHAA&scient=gws-wiz-serp#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:84a08733,vid:NjWZnpSsz0Q,st:13](https://www.google.com/search?q=ideal+leght+of+city+block+from+jane+jacobs+life+and+eath+of+great+american+cities&client=firefox-b-1-d&sca_esv=398b87aa3ea4c694&ei=8VekZr7sFZzlKPI66SSmAM&ved=0ahUKEwj-qJr3ksaHAXUcJEQIHWuSBDMQ4dUDCBA&eq=ideal+leght+of+city+block+from+jane+jacobs+life+and+eath+of+great+american+cities&gs_lp=Egxnd3Mtd2l6LXNlcnAiUWlkZWZsIGxlZ2h0IG9mIGNpdHkgYmxvY2sgZnJvbSBqYW5lIGphY29icyBsaWZlIGFuZCBiYXRoIG9mIGdyZWZ0IGFtZXJpY2FulGNpdGllc0gAUABYAHAAeAGQAQCqAQc4AQzIAQD4AQGYAgCgAgCYAwDiAwUSATEgQJIHAKAHAA&scient=gws-wiz-serp#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:84a08733,vid:NjWZnpSsz0Q,st:13)

### 3) Aged buildings.

Here is a short YouTube video the OptimiCities channel on this subject: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLiC\\_qGvAdg&list=PLpcQZ54yN0XJtr1uE3VskC5QDpTgtYqtB&index=3](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLiC_qGvAdg&list=PLpcQZ54yN0XJtr1uE3VskC5QDpTgtYqtB&index=3)

### 4) Concentration.

Here is a short YouTube video the OptimiCities channel on this subject entitled "High Density, Doesn't Mean Overcrowding": [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6\\_we9SkGc0&list=PLpcQZ54yN0XJtr1uE3VskC5QDpTgtYqtB&index=4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6_we9SkGc0&list=PLpcQZ54yN0XJtr1uE3VskC5QDpTgtYqtB&index=4)



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Ken Kratz

Date:

July 26, 2024

Proposed Topic Title:

Proposal for raised sidewalk installations to cross city streets

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

Install raised sidewalk to cross city streets at intersections, with or without crosswalks, and at mid block locations, with or without crosswalks. Raised sidewalks help those in wheelchairs in particular since they will not have to go up and down curb ramps nor have to cross storm water runoff in the gutter.

City staff, BPAC, Senior Advisory Commission, Parks and Recreation Department, and Santa Clara Unified School District to help recommend locations to the City Council.

Increases pedestrian safety, particularly those in wheelchairs, as well as the safety of other street users because raised sidewalks that cross a city street provide traffic calming.



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Ken Kratz

Date:

July 26, 2024

Proposed Topic Title:

Bicycle Safety and Bike Citation Diversion Classes

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

City to mandate compulsory attendance at a Bicycle Safety and Bike Citation Diversion Class offered by the County or Stanford University for all BPAC members, City traffic engineers, and police department personnel who issue moving violations.

The County's Public Health Department website and Stanford University Department of Public Safety websites have information on this type of program:  
(<https://publichealth.sccgov.org/health-information/active-and-safe-transportation/juvenile-traffic-diversion-program> & <https://transportation.stanford.edu/bicycle/attend-event/bike-safety-diversion-class>)

From the Stanford University Department of Public Safety:

Bike Safety Classes are offered as part of the Bike Diversion Program. These classes are part of a program initiative in partnership with Santa Clara County Superior Court, Traffic Division, to educate cyclists about fundamental bicycle safety and the Rules of the Road.

From the The County's Public Health Department's website:

The Juvenile Traffic Diversion program is similar to adult traffic school. It offers a two-hour safety education class for youth who are cited for bicycle, pedestrian, and other non-motor vehicle violations. Youth under age 18 may attend class along with their parent/guardian in lieu of paying the fines and fees related to the citation. The program is a joint effort between the Public Health Department, Stanford Health Care, and local law enforcement agencies and is unique to Santa Clara County.





## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Ken Kratz

Date:

July 26, 2024

Proposed Topic Title:

Proposed zoning and development requirements to enhance walking and cycling

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

BPAC to work with the City's Planners to propose new zoning and development requirements in order to reduce private automobile use within the city and to increase use of alternatives.

Alternatives to single occupant private automobile use to include, but not be limited to, encouraging public transit use, bicycling, walking and carpooling and other ride-share programs.

For instance, in order to achieve those goals, City Planners and the BPAC can propose reducing on-site parking (current parking regulations require a minimum of parking spaces be provided) by providing developer incentives for new construction. Incentives to reduce parking on-site may include increasing the allowable floor area ratio (FAR) that usually results in an increase in building heights or building footprint.

Reduces motor vehicle trip demand on existing city streets thereby making a safer and more enjoyable environment for cyclists and pedestrians.





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## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Ken Kratz

Date:

July 26, 2024

Proposed Topic Title:

Install street trees and provide city tree maintenance

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

Install street trees throughout the City where needed and the City to takeover the maintenance of all streets trees within the street right-of-way that are currently privately maintained.

City Arborist to review and make recommendations on this proposal for review by the City Council..

Increases the city tree canopy and improves tree inspection and care that, in turn, helps to promote cycling though reducing air temperatures throughout the city (reducing the heat island effect) and improving air quality (filters particulates from the air).



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Ken Kratz

Date:

July 26, 2024

Proposed Topic Title:

Install tree wells in city streets

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

Install tree wells in existing streets, particularly those streets that are very wide where existing street trees are too small to provide shade in the street, or streets that have no trees and property owners do not want a tree in front of their property.

Tree wells to be designed to not obstruct storm water runoff. It may be possible to use some of the storm water for irrigating the trees thereby reducing runoff and need to increase storm water infrastructure (e.g., additional or larger storm water pipes)

Trees shall be selected that provide shade in summer, filtration of air particulates, and reduce velocity of winter winds.

Trees to be selected that provide dense shade, filtering of particulates in the air, have minimal leaf litter, and do not have invasive roots. Trees to be selected in consultation with the City Arborist.

Helps to encourage cycling by moderating temperatures of the outdoor environment as well as reducing particulates in the air.



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Ken Kratz

Date:

July 26, 2024

Proposed Topic Title:

Install parking meters and adopt a parking lot tax

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

Install motor vehicle parking meters and/or parking lot tax in existing and proposed commercial and business areas as well as existing and proposed regional transit centers to increase revenue for street improvements for pedestrians and cyclists.

Consider installing parking meters in existing and proposed business and commercial areas and, at the same time, applying a parking lot tax on existing and proposed businesses and commercial properties that have on-site parking, based on area of lot devoted to motor vehicle parking.

This may be an equitable way to increase City revenue between these two types of businesses, those that that rely on on-street parking and those businesses that have on-site parking, to provide much needed cycling and pedestrian improvements.

Parking meter revenue and parking lot tax to be used primarily to improve access to commercial and business properties. Some improvements may include sidewalk installations along the frontage of the property where they do not exist and sidewalk installations to connect with on-site sidewalks, particularly those connections that occur at the corner of corner lots (e.g., the recently completed sidewalk connection to the strip mall located at the northeast corner of Lawrence Expressway and Homestead Road).

Helps equitably fund cyclist and pedestrian improvements in the city.



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Ken Kratz

Date:

July 26, 2024

Proposed Topic Title:

Development review process: review &amp; implement Impact Fees for vehicle trip generation

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

City staff (Traffic Engineering and Planning Department staff) to report to BPAC the current impact fees and infrastructure requirements for developers in regard to trip generation and needed bicycle and pedestrian improvements. BPAC to review reports and approve fees and improvements before development project is approved by the City.

It is intended this proposal would place the BPAC in the formal development review process conducted by the Planning Department and Engineering Departments.

Helps to provide sufficient cycling and pedestrian infrastructure for those activities.



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## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Ken Kratz

Date:

July 26, 2024

Proposed Topic Title:

Proposal to standardize city sidewalk widths, building setbacks and building materials

**Background and Discussion:** Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

As the City is beginning to urbanize through its recent approval of plans for denser development, I propose that BPAC to help create new standards, with the Planning Department personnel as desired, building facade material standards as well as minimum sidewalk width guideline for use in the public right-of-way based on adjacent land use (density of land use and height of buildings).

BPAC recommendations to be reviewed by appropriate city commissions prior to being submitted to the City Council for approval.

In proposed commercial, business, mixed use, and multi-floor housing areas, sidewalks to be a minimum of 10 feet (10') wide. For every floor added to a building above the second floor, add an additional foot to the width of the sidewalk up to thirty feet wide sidewalk. Trees to be provided within the sidewalk width.

If housing is on the ground floor of a any multi-story building, the city sidewalk to be a minimum fifteen feet (15') wide. Trees to be provided within the sidewalk width.

Those widths I suggest are based to some extent on the widths suggested by Jane Jacobs in her book Death and Life of Great American Cities.

Building setbacks, either at the base of the building or the set back of upper floors, shall allow at least two (2) hours of direct sunlight at city right-of-way during the year, inclusive of public sidewalks.

Building materials shall not include widow wall construction consisting of reflective glass on the building's facade that can reflect solar radiation onto pedestrians and cyclists using public spaces (streets, parks, public squares, etc.).

Solar heat gain in buildings to be mitigated by facade design features such as sunshades (Brise soleil: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brise\\_soleil](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brise_soleil)) or other means approved by the City. This will significantly reduce solar radiation reflected from buildings onto pedestrians and cyclists who are using city streets and facilities (the unprotected public). that reflected solar radiation makes those street activities uncomfortable to dangerous due to the possibility of heat exhaustion. This standard will prevent property and building owners from externalizing the solar heat gain problem onto the public.

The standards may be applied to private property that is open to the public.

Enhances walking in the city.



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## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Ken Kratz

Date:

July 26, 2024

Proposed Topic Title:

Report on emergency response times

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

City staff to provide report comparing impact of cycling and pedestrian improvements to emergency response times in the City. Compare City of Santa Clara response times to other surrounding cities, particularly those that have similar or more bicycling and pedestrian improvements.



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Ken Kratz

Date:

July 26, 2024

Proposed Topic Title:

Coordination of volunteer efforts to improve cycling

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

A proposal directing City staff (e.g., Engineering Department and/or the Planning Department) to outreach and coordinate volunteer organizations within the City to improve cycling in our city. Some of those improvements may include volunteers providing cycling safety, bicycle inspection and bicycle repair clinics (clinics to provide access to salvaged bicycle parts and repair instruction) on an ongoing basis (multiple events each year).

Some of volunteer organizations in our city to be contacted include the Youth Activity Center, Santa Clara Unified School District, Santa Clara Senior Center, and the Santa Clara Community Action Program. Those organizations oversee volunteer programs that could work with the current Safe Routes to School program (SRTS), an event that unfortunately occurs only once a year, or could propose other bicycle related programs, particularly ones that are held more often than the SRTS program.

This proposal could be presented to the City's Task Force on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for review and, if approved, submitted to the City Council for action, approval and funding. That task force is charged with making recommendations and proposing policies to help disenfranchised communities within our city.

(<https://www.santaclaraca.gov/our-city/government/city-committees/task-force-on-diversity-equity-and-inclusion>). The purpose of the task force dovetails with this proposal; the cost to purchase and maintain a bicycle should be no obstacle for anyone of limited means from riding a bicycle in our city.

Helps to create community around cycling and improves safety for all cyclists, including those of limited means.





## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Ken Kratz

Date:

July 26, 2024

Proposed Topic Title:

Establish right-of-way rules for city sidewalks

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

Change existing City sidewalk ordinance to establish right-of-way rules. Change current prohibition on riding a bicycle on city sidewalks to allow bicycles to use on city sidewalks in residential sections of the City with restrictions. Restrictions to include reducing bicyclist's speed to walking speed (1-2 miles per hour) when near a pedestrian or dismounting from bicycle and walking when passing a pedestrian.

Propose similar restrictions for skateboards, scooters, electric bicycles, electric scooters and other vehicles that are normally faster than pedestrians. Suggested right-of way order to be: pedestrians, skateboards, push scooters, traditional and in-line roller skates, bicycles, trikes, electric powered skateboards and scooters.

Bicyclist must leave sidewalk to allow wider pedestrian oriented equipment to pass (wheelchairs strollers)

Trikes and other human powered vehicles that are wider than a bicycle must to pull off sidewalk and come to a complete stop to allow 42" of clearance on the adjacent sidewalk to allow pedestrians to pass (needed for wheelchair users in particular).

Helps to promote cycling when there is not sufficient lane width to allow for safe cycling. Helps to provide for the safety of all those who use city sidewalks.



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

KenKratz

Date:

July 26, 2024

Proposed Topic Title:

City to require trees on private property

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

Create and/or strengthen City standards and ordinances for minimum number of trees to be planted on private property based on factors such as lot size and outdoor activities. This proposal is for new development and retroactive for existing development. Inspection and enforcement must be an aspect of this proposal.

Helps to promote cycling and pedestrian activities in the city by reducing air temperatures throughout the city (reducing the heat island effect in the city) as well as improving air quality (filtration of particulates from the air).



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Ken Kratz

Date:

Aug. 13, 2023

Proposed Topic Title:

San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail enhancements &amp; restoration

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

Provide enhancements to the San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail:

1. Plant trees along the trail to provide shade and to provide some protection from wind.
2. Provide bicycle repair stations. Free access to tools to do minor repairs to bicycles. Station to include pump and tire irons and other hand tools to repair flats and make minor adjustments. The Central Library has a station
3. Install Drinking fountains. provide more of these; I think there may be one or two along the trail.
4. Provide public restrooms
5. Install way-finding signs to local business, attractions and city parks. Signs around light rail stations at Tasman are needed.
5. Install Bicycle repair stations. Free access to tools to do minor repairs to bicycles. Station to include pump and tire irons and other hand tools to repair flats and make minor adjustments. The Central Library has a station
6. Provide bicycle repair clinic at the intersection with Agnes Road. This is within walking distance of many nearby multifamily residences.
7. Provide benches at corner with Agnew Road as well as at the Intel bridge fin order to watch pedestrian activity.
8. Restore trail ecological information stations; they are faded.
9. Build more pedestrian bridges tying STACT to the public right-of-way so that businesses can make connections to the right-of-way if desired.
10. Restore trail signs. .

Justification: Activity supports cycling and pedestrians in the City.



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Ken Kratz

Date:

Aug. 13, 2023

Proposed Topic Title:

revise Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

revise current form to include "Action Item" and "...desired action..." as shown below:

CITY OF SANTA CLARA  
Department of Public Works

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)  
Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requester Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Work Plan Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Action Item (Y/N): \_\_\_\_ If Yes, what is desired action (word as possible motion):

Background and Discussion: Please provide your presentation, including background information and a description of the proposed work plan topic. (2 pages maximum):



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Ken Kratz

Date:

Aug. 14, 2023

Proposed Topic Title:

neighborhood walkways

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

Investigate and provide neighborhood walkways that provide a shorter walk to get to destinations such as schools, businesses, government facilities. Survey residents to determine where walkways should be installed. These walkway improvements are normally located between buildings/homes that allow a pedestrian to walk quickly to a destination rather than follow the sidewalks that line route taken by motor vehicles.



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Ken Kratz

Date:

Aug. 13, 2023

Proposed Topic Title:

Street environment enhancements

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

Provide street enhancements that make pedestrian and cycling activity more enjoyable. Suggested enhancements to the street, sidewalk, and adjoining properties include:

1. Increase the number of trees of trees along our streets. Trees should be planted and under the care and maintenance of the City rather than private property owners in order to assure quality of installation. Increase City maintenance staff and provide equipment to support this activity.
2. Increase city sidewalk widths to 30' minimum in front of residential multifamily complexes and businesses for all new construction, particularly in the new downtown plan and along El Camino Real. Increase sidewalk width as building height increases; limit building heights to five stories to allow daylight to reach street level for most of the day. Require developers of new building construction to hire a licensed architect to perform daylight studies to determine how day-lighting patterns at street level will be impacted by the new construction.
3. Require new buildings that front the wider sidewalks mentioned above, #2, to have irregularity of building line/setback line in order to increase visual interest in the street.
4. In new development projects and retrofit existing developments if possible, require designs that include short blocks to accommodate more pedestrian activity; use Jane Jacob's ideas mentioned in her book "Death and Life of Great American Cities." as guidelines to make these improvements. Require new developments to provide roundabouts and other traffic calming features at intersecting streets near the development.

Justification: Enhances pedestrian and cycling activity in the City.



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Ken Kratz

Date:

Aug. 14, 2023

Proposed Topic Title:

subsidies for cycling and walking to work

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

Provide subsidies to public and private employees who walk or cycle to work. City to provide all types of assistance including monetary subsidies to encourage public and private employees to walk or cycle to work. Some suggestions are:

Employers to provide zero interest loans to those employees who want to purchase a bicycle. for commuting to work.

Employers to provide stipend for bicycle repair for those employees who cycle to work.

Employers to provide funds for guaranteed rides home during inclement weather.

Employers to provide funds to purchase annual passes for public transit for those employees who commute by public transit.

Employers to provide fifteen minute flex-time for those employees cycling to work from October to April (when there are fewer daylight hours).

Justification: increases cycling and pedestrian activity in the city.





## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Ken Kratz

Date:

Aug. 14, 2023

Proposed Topic Title:

public access to commercial and business properties open to the public

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

City to create planning and engineering standards and requirements for better access to private property from the city sidewalk. The need for access enhancements particularly apply to commercial and business properties open to the public. Standards and requirements are to be required for all new construction and also existing developed properties.

Access and walkways should be required for all properties, new and existing that are open to the public, so that pedestrians are not forced to use the motor vehicle driveway nor walk in the landscaping in order to enter a property.

An example of improved access to a property is located at the north-east corner of Homestead Road and Lawrence Expressway. At that location a portion of cyclone property-line fence was removed at the corner thereby creating an opening for pedestrians. A concrete path and pavement striping on the parking lot pavement directs the pedestrian to the businesses on-site. That opening not only reduces the distance the pedestrian has to travel to enter the property but also eliminates the pedestrian/motor-vehicle conflicts at the driveways to the property.

Justification: enhance pedestrian safety



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## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Ken Kratz

Date:

Aug. 13, 2023

Proposed Topic Title:

Bicyclist demographic survey

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

I request staff do periodic surveys, at least once a year, in the field to determine cycling activity at key locations throughout the city. Surveys shall include but not be limited to rough estimates of age groups witnessed cycling (e.g., youths and adults). Bicycle counts in the bike racks of the schools as well as commuter cyclists exiting trains, light rail and buses shall be conducted yearly. All results to be reported to the BPAC for discussion and recommendations too improve conditions as necessary for those cycling populations under review. Communities of Concern, as identified in the CSC Bicycle Plan Update 2018, shall be included in these surveys.

Helps BPAC identify and recommend improvements to bicycle fafacilities and programs that may help those groups under review.



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## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Ken Kratz

Date:

Aug. 13, 2023

Proposed Topic Title:

Public/Private partnerships

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

I request that staff provide information to the BPAC on public/private partnerships that may exist or can be developed to fund or provide services for bicycle and pedestrian related improvements and programs.

Benefits cyclists and pedestrians in our city. May accelerate the installation or development of bicycle and pedestrian improvements and programs.



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Ken Kratz

Date:

Aug. 13, 2023

Proposed Topic Title:

luminaire base and parking lot sign pole standards for locking bicycles

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

Standardize larking lot luminaire base and parking lot sign pole standards to allow easier locking of bicycles. this request applies to new and existing facilities.

Many bases of parking lot luminaires are of concrete a few feet high that cannot accommodate most commercially available locks. Luminaire bases should be thinner to allow bicycles to be locked to the pole.

Parking lot signs in parking lots (e.g., handicap parking signs, no parking signs, etc.) have signs that can be removed that will allow the theft of a bicycle by lifting the bicycle over the pole. Provide fittings that are tamper proof.

Justification: Enhances cycling activity in the City.



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## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Ashish Joshi

Date:

08/01/2023

Proposed Topic Title:

Installing bike service stations in the city

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

Bike service stations are standalone metal stations where a bicycle can be self-serviced. They also usually have air pump to fill tires with air. They cost anywhere from \$1000-\$1700. If a couple of these are installed on trails/prominent locations, they could be greatly beneficial to the community .



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## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Ashish Joshi

Date:

08/01/2023

Proposed Topic Title:

Creating virtual/digital challenges/goals for the community

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

Similar to how May is a bike month and there are various activities planned around that, we can have virtual challenges for our community members to ride 100/200 miles a month or so. These rides can be logged to their favorite workout app and the data can be shared to create a leaderboard. Winners/top few participants may be rewarded with some simple awards/sticker etc. This is just one of the themes - we could brainstorm on such ideas and come up with something and have these throughout the year.



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Betsy Megias

Date:

July 2023

Proposed Topic Title:

Name smaller bike/pedestrian bridges, paths, passages, and

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

Santa Clara has an assortment of small bridges and pathways that provide connectivity for people biking and walking. Giving them names and posting signs for these facilities would help them show up on maps and GPS. Anyone getting directions from a GPS would hear "Turn right onto the Tracy Drive Bridge," rather than simply, "Turn right." Having a sign with the name would also help with wayfinding, making it clear where the facility is, in case it's hidden.

I suggest the following naming conventions:

- Choose descriptive, not creative names, e.g. the Tracy Drive Bridge. If we ever have a flagship bridge like the Don Burnett Bridge in Sunnyvale, we can dedicate it to somebody, but most of the facilities we have today are not that prominent or impressive.
- Assign a name to the feature (Bracher Park Bridge), not wayfinding ("Bridge to Bracher Park"). The former will be just as true from both sides.
- Prefer the name of the smaller thing it connects to. This reduces the likelihood of ending up with multiple things named for a larger street or feature. Also, more people will see it from the busier side, so having the name of a smaller street or landmark will be more informative.

I can supply a list of the bridges and pathways I'm aware of. I'd like to ask the help of the BPAC to identify any I may have missed and to recommend names. The finished list would go to the City Council for adoption.





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## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Jim Parissenti

Date:

7/25/2023

Proposed Topic Title:

Steel Trench Plate Installation

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

Item 18 has a subject of friction on steel trench plates. It may be valuable to add a second part to this item looking at requirements to install such plates flush with the road surface. Some years ago the Public Works Standard Details included a list of major streets where plates had to be installed flush. It does not appear that this list is still in the Standard Details. I have asked Falguni Amin in Design about this and she will get back to me next week after her vacation. If the Standard Specifications indicate all plates everywhere are to be flush we can ignore discussion about this. If plates are not required to be flush, it would be good to discuss both the traction requirements of plates and how they are installed.

I will let you know what I hear from Falguni.



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Diane Harrison &amp; Ken Kratz

Date:

8/3/2022

Proposed Topic Title:

Bicycle repair clinics

**Background and Discussion:** Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

Encourage and provide free or low cost bicycle repair clinics throughout the City. Clinics can be non-profit or for profit businesses or provided by the City. They can be located on public or private property. They can be periodic events or permanent features of the City depending on interest and need.

Some suggested locations are:

1. Local bicycle shops and strip malls. Subsidize the clinic at local bicycle shops and other locations such as strip malls. Bicycle shops are most advantageous because not only tools and parts are readily available there, but also the knowledgeable mechanics to teach the students. Two of those bicycle shops are near the San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail, making them ideal candidates for this service.
2. City parks and libraries. A program could be part of the Parks and Recreation Department or could be a small business, profit or non-profit, operating out of a small building in the park. Best location would be on the perimeter of the park next to a City street so that it will be seen by the passing public. This operation would not compete with the bicycle shops in town since it would be providing loaner tools and instruction to cyclists to fix their own bicycles.
3. City schools. A program could be part of the elementary, middle and high school curriculum or an after school activity. It could eventually be run by a small business, profit or non-profit, operating out of a small building on the perimeter of the school next to a City street so that it will be seen by the passing public. This operation would not compete with the bicycle shops in town since it would be providing loaner tools and instruction to cyclists to fix their own bicycles. Make this part of the Safe Routes to School program. Spare bicycle parts can be salvaged from bicycles disposed during the City's Clean-up Campaign and stored in a locked area on the school grounds.
4. San Thomas Aquino Creek Trail. Locate a repair clinic in the vicinity of Agnew Road where it crosses the trail. This is where the Bike to Work Day tables and repair station are set up yearly; it looks like a good place to start. Add other stations as needed.

**Justification:** Activity supports cycling in the City.



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

Diane Harrison & Ken Kratz

Date:

8/3/2022

Proposed Topic Title:

Bicycle repair and wash stations

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

Install bicycle repair stations throughout the City. Repair station to include free access to tools to do minor repairs to bicycles. Station to include pump and tire irons and other hand tools to repair flats and make minor adjustments to the bicycle. Install bicycle wash areas. The Central Library has a station that can be used as a model.

Stations should be easy to locate in areas of pedestrian traffic to provide some security. Locations to include but not limited to:

1. Schools (elementary, middle, high school, Mission College, Santa Clara University)
2. City Parks
3. City Libraries
4. Businesses (commercial and industrial), particularly those frequented by bicyclists (e.g., near food stores, post offices).
5. Large venues. (e.g., Convention Center, Levis Stadium, etc.)

Justification: Activity supports cycling in the City.



## **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form**

Requestor Name:

Diane Harrison & Ken Kratz

Date:

8/3/2022

Proposed Topic Title:

Bus passes and cycling subsidies

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

Provide bus passes and cycling subsidies to business employees and city workers to encourage the use of public transportation and bicycling to get to work, with the benefit of reducing motor vehicle traffic on our city streets and its attendant noise and pollution.

By reducing the use of individual motor vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists, as well as city residents, benefit from quieter, safer and healthier street environments.

Justification: increases pedestrian and cycling activity because, with less traffic, it makes those activities safer, healthier, and more enjoyable.



## **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form**

Requestor Name:

Diane Harrison & Ken Kratz

Date:

8/3/2022

Proposed Topic Title:

Increase taxes to pay for pedestrian and bicycling improvements and programs

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

Use the taxing authority of the City to provide more timely installation of bicycling and pedestrian improvements and programs.

Justification: Increases pedestrian and cycling activity in the City.





## **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form**

Requestor Name:  Date:

Proposed Topic Title:

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

A number of existing streets have incomplete bike lane stripes, missing markings and symbols. These deficient features effect the safety of bicyclists as vehicle drivers respond to these painted markings. A program needs to be established and funded to insure all lanes and sharrows and symbols are consistent with the City bike facility Standards.



## **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form**

Requestor Name:  Date:

Proposed Topic Title:

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

The committee's role includes the considering the addition of areas for pedestrian activity. The closure of a street to vehicle traffic can provide a safe and pleasurable location for pedestrian's. I suggest that the committee discuss and consider where premenant steet closures could be done. One possibility is Jackson Street from Benton Street to Homestead Road.



# CITY OF SANTA CLARA

## Department of Public Works

### Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requester Name: Diane Harrison

Date: January 20, 2021

Proposed Work Plan Topic: Upgrade this form

**Background and Discussion:** Please provide background information and a description of the proposed work plan topic. Please also include information as to how this topic pertains to the BPAC's roles and responsibilities. *(150 words maximum)*

There are 2 current problems. Topics discussed are often falling into oblivion after discussion. And staff is putting way too much work into these topics. This new form (see Word file) solves both. It will be now up to the member to present each topic with greater details and a proposed action, if applicable. Staff may still add comments, put the item into Granicus form if desired, and present the item if the member is absent.

**This section to be completed by City Staff:**

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# CITY OF SANTA CLARA

## Department of Public Works

### Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

**Requester Name:** Diane Harrison & Ken Kratz

**Date:** January 25, 2021

**Proposed Work Plan Topic:** Impact of Related Project on Bicyclists & Pedestrians

**Background and Discussion:** Please provide background information and a description of the proposed work plan topic. Please also include information as to how this topic pertains to the BPAC's roles and responsibilities. *(150 words maximum)*

Staff to review impacts of Related Project to bicyclists and pedestrians on existing streets throughout the city. The Related project, proposed for the old city golf course, has potential to reduce much of existing shoulder space on our existing streets that is now used by cyclists.

E.g., we live 5 miles from the proposed project, and, according to the EIR for this project, it will reduce the shoulder area of westbound Benton Street at the intersection with Lawrence Expressway in order to include a left hand turn lane for motor vehicles. I use that section of Benton to go to commercial establishments on ECR.

Are other distant streets impacted? Can BPAC recommend to Council to require the developer to absorb the costs for widening impacted streets to accommodate cyclists?

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# CITY OF SANTA CLARA

## Department of Public Works

### Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

**Requester Name:** Diane Harrison & Ken Kratz

**Date:** January 25, 2021

**Proposed Work Plan Topic:** Outreach to Community of Concern

**Background and Discussion:** Please provide background information and a description of the proposed work plan topic. Please also include information as to how this topic pertains to the BPAC's roles and responsibilities. *(150 words maximum)*

Staff to recommend ways to outreach to our city's Community of Concern. I suggest a list of available funding sources earmarked for this type of community be put together, as well as some typical projects be described in a brochure that is distributed throughout that community. The brochure could be included in their utility bill. A web-based outreach to supplement the paper-based approach may be included in the Staff's recommendation.

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# CITY OF SANTA CLARA

## Department of Public Works

### Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requester Name: Date: Proposed Work Plan Topic: 

**Background and Discussion:** Please provide background information and a description of the proposed work plan topic. Please also include information as to how this topic pertains to the BPAC's roles and responsibilities. *(150 words maximum)*

Contractors and city crews employ steel plates to cover holes in the pavement within city streets when traffic needs to use the roadways. The plates need to be coated with a friction material per City detail#27 in order to stop tire slippage in all weather conditions. Field inspection of the plates has revealed most friction coatings are well worn or missing entirely on those that were found. A bicycle would face a dangerous condition, but in wet conditions would face an extreme hazard. The recent inspection of City

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ITEM APPROVED TO BE ADDED TO BPAC ANNUAL WORK PLAN:

### **Slip Resistant Facilities**

At October 2020 meeting, Member Donoghue provided verbal clarification. Below is staff's interpreted summary:

-Intent is to discuss manhole covers, valve covers, and thermoplastic material that is slippery when wet.