



# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Minutes

### Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

03/27/2023

4:00 PM

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

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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** 8 - Chair Karen Hardy, Member Perry Penvenne, Member Betsy Megas, Member Diane Harrison, Member Cecily Cox, Member Bruce Donoghue, Member Jane Casamajor, and Member Sukrit Ganesh

**Excused** 1 - Vice Chair Sudhanshu Jain

**Absent** 1 - Member Lloyd Cha

#### 2 REPORTS FOR COMMITTEE INFORMATION

A. [23-278](#) Countywide Trails Master Plan Map Update (Santa Clara County Parks)

**Video [00:11:59]**

**Ms. Coates-Maldoon** from Santa Clara County Parks provided a presentation regarding an update to the Countywide Trails Master Plan which includes updating the trails map within the plan to add in new trails.

**Committee** comments and questions followed the presentation.

**Ms.Coates-Maldoon** addressed **Committee** questions.

### 3 PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

**Video: [01:06:40]**

**Thomas Granvold** stated that **Dave Schneider** who was the Executive Director of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition use to advocate for sharrows on the street back in the 90s, but has changed his mind saying they are useless. **Mr. Granvold** agrees with **Mr. Schneider**. The City of London has 40 percent bicycle share during peak traffic hours and City should set same goals. The City of Sonoma has wayfinding signs for bicycles.

**Ken Kratz** requested City Engineer, **Mr. Liw**, elaborate on his comments made at the January 2023 BPAC meeting related to the expense to acquire lot frontage by eminent domain and the problem of relocating sidewalk to add a bike lane on the Lafayette Street project. He stated **Mr. Liw** noted those alternatives **Mr. Kratz** suggested would not work, however City used them in the past. **Mr. Kratz** felt those decisions were in the realm of BPAC's responsibilities. He would like his queries responded to by **Mr. Liw**.

**Edmund Drozek** from the Senior Advisory Commission commented on the pedestrian crossing at San Tomas at Monroe Street which is both a bike and ped crossing heavily used by seniors and people of all ages. The traffic light put at the location is a street crossing light and there is no street there and just a pedestrian crossing. He was told by **Mr. Liw** the City will put up reflective yellow tape around the signal light which is a good start. However, Mr. Drozek is requesting a HAWK light at this location and should give proper consideration for it. He also mentioned that the San Tomas Creek Trail fence needs major repair.

**Ed Mauer** shares photos of a stretch of sidewalk taken in 2017 at Los Olivos and Homestead intersection facing eastbound and his concern is street signs, lamp posts, and utility poles placed right in the sidewalk which narrows the sidewalk for people walking, especially together. Six years later this situation has gotten worse as he presents other locations with same issue. **Mr. Mauer** would like that these signs and posts not be placed in the middle of the sidewalk. City needs to either expand the sidewalks and move fences, if needed, to make it easier and more pleasant for pedestrians to walk.

#### **4 CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. [23-280](#) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2023 (Chair Hardy)

**Recommendation:** Approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2023.

**Video:** [01:19:00]

**Public Speaker(s):** Thomas Granvold, Ken Kratz

**A motion was made by Member Harrison, seconded by Member Megas, that the January 23, 2023 meeting minutes be Approved as amended.**

**Aye:** 8 - Chair Hardy, Member Penvenne, Member Megas, Member Harrison, Member Cox, Member Donoghue, Member Casamajor, and Member Ganesh

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chair Jain

**Absent:** 1 - Member Cha

#### **5 REPORTS FOR COMMITTEE INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

- B. [23-283](#) Police Verbal Update (Wilson)

**Video:** [01:24:50]

**Officer Gutierrez** filled in for **Officer Wilson** and provided an update on recent bicycle and pedestrian collisions.

**Committee** comments and questions followed.

**Officer Gutierrez** addressed **Committee** questions.

**Public Speaker(s):** Gabby Landaveri, Tom Freitas, Ken Kratz, Thomas Granvold, Daryl Sells

#### **6 REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- A. [23-288](#) Subcommittee on Police Collision History (Cha, Donoghue, and Cox)

**Video:** [02:05:40]

**Member Donoghue, Chair Hardy, and Mr. Liw** provided comments related to the previous discussion with Officer Gutierrez on the Police Verbal Update agenda item.

## **7 REPORTS FOR COMMITTEE INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

- C. [23-281](#) Public Works Verbal Update (Liw)

**Video:** [02:11:11]

**Mr. Liw** discussed with BPAC the vacancies within the Traffic Division, announced the award of receiving grant funding for a Vision Zero Study, provided a shared mobility update, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) submitting a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application for their Central Bikeway project in February 2023, and meeting with City Council to provide them an update on the VTA Bart Phase II project.

**Committee** comments and questions followed.

**Mr. Liw** addressed **Committee** questions.

**Public Speaker(s):** Thomas Granvold, Gabby Landaveri

D. [23-284](#) VTA BPAC Verbal Update (Megas)

**Video: [02:32:35]**

**Member Megas** provided an update related to the VTA BPAC.

**Committee** comments and questions followed.

**Member Megas** addressed Committee questions.

**Public Speaker(s):** Ken Kratz

E. [23-285](#) Grant Activity Verbal Update (Shariat)

**Video: [02:58:04]**

**Ms. Shariat** provided an update related to recent grant activity.

**Committee** comments and questions followed.

**Ms. Shariat** and **Mr. Liw** addressed **Committee** questions.

**Public Speaker(s):** Ken Kratz

F. [23-286](#) 2023 Annual Paving Project Complete Streets Review (Shariat)

**Video: [03:24:23]**

**Ms. Shariat** requested the BPAC provide a complete streets review of the plans related to the 2023 Annual Maintenance and Rehabilitation project. This project was first brought to BPAC at their June 2022 meeting.

**Committee** comments and questions followed.

**Ms. Shariat** and **Mr. Liw** addressed the comments.

**Public Speaker(s):** Ken Kratz, Thomas Granvold

G. [23-291](#) Walsh Avenue/Martin Avenue Class IV Bikeway Planning Study (Shariat)

**Video:** [04:04:14]

**TJKM Consultants** provided a presentation on the Walsh Avenue/Martin Avenue Class IV Bikeway Planning Study. **TJKM** was seeking initial feedback and comments on the two corridors as to how to best implement bicycle facilities on these two roadways.

**Committee** questions and comments followed.

**TJKM** and **Ms. Shariat** responded to the questions.

**Public Speaker(s):** Thomas Granvold, Gabby Landaveri, Ken Kratz

H. [23-292](#) De La Cruz Boulevard/Coleman Avenue Bikeway Planning Study (Shariat)

**Video:**[04:48:52]

**Kimley Horn** provided a presentation on the De La Cruz Boulevard/Coleman Avenue Bikeway Planning Study. **Kimley Horn** was seeking initial feedback and comments on the two corridors as to how to best implement bicycle facilities on these two roadways.

**Committee** questions and comments followed.

**Kimley Horn** and **Ms. Shariat** responded to the questions.

**Public Speaker(s):** Thomas Granvold, Gabby Landaveri, Ken Kratz

I. [23-293](#) Monroe Street Class II Buffered Bikeway Planning Study (Garcia)

**Video:[05:15:55]**

**Alta Planning** provided a presentation on the Monroe Street Class II Buffered Bikeway Planning Study. **Alta Planning** was seeking initial feedback and comments on the corridor as to how to best implement a bicycle facility on this roadway.

**Committee** questions and comments followed.

**Alta Planning** and **Mr. Garcia** responded to the questions.

**Public Speaker(s):**Thomas Granvold, Gabby Landaveri, Ken Kratz

J. [23-294](#) Benton Street Bicycle Lanes (Garcia)

**Video:[05:54:19]**

**Alta Planning** provided a presentation on the Benton Street Bicycle Lanes project. **Alta Planning** was seeking initial feedback and comments on the corridor as to how to best implement a bicycle facility on this roadway.

**Committee** questions and comments followed.

**Alta Planning** and **Mr. Garcia** responded to the questions.

**Public Speaker(s):**Thomas Granvold, Gabby Landaveri, Ken Kratz

- K. [23-295](#) Traffic Calming on Benton Street (Garcia)

**Video:[06:25:08]**

**Mr. Garcia** provided information to the BPAC related to the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program. BPAC was interested in having traffic calming on Benton Street between San Tomas and Lawrence Expressway due to high speeds on this section of roadway.

**Committee** questions and comments followed.

**Mr. Garcia** and **Mr. Liw** responded to the questions.

**Public Speaker(s):** Gabby Landaveri, Ken Kratz

## **8 REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)**

- B. [23-287](#) Subcommittee on Bicycle Story Maps (Cha, Megas, Penvenne, and Cox)

**Video: [06:56:25]**

**Subcommittee** had no updates to provide.

**Public Speaker(s):** None.

- C. [23-289](#) Subcommittee on Bike to Shop Day (Harrison, Megas, and Kratz)

**Video: [06:56:41]**

**Member Harrison** provided an update on Bike to Shop Day and polled the other BPAC Members if they received any donations from the vendors to give to the public.

**Public Speaker(s):** None.



- D. [23-290](#) Subcommittee on Roundabouts (Harrison, Megas, Cha, Ganesh, and Kratz)

**Video: [07:03:52]**

**Chair Hardy** asked the **Subcommittee** if they would shift to looking at traffic calming in a more general form to assist with the research and provide that information to staff. The **Subcommittee** seemed interested in that idea. **Ken Kratz** then wanted a response to a four page email given to **Chair Hardy**, on behalf of the **Subcommittee**, to be forwarded to City Engineering staff related to rejection of roundabouts on Forbes Avenue. **Ken Kratz** wanted this email forwarded to both Traffic and Fire Department staff to respond to items in the email and has yet to get a response.

**Public Speaker(s):** None.

## 9 TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

**Video: [07:10:09]**

**Chair Hardy** requested to add the Santa Clara Station Area Task Force to the BPAC agenda. **Member Casamajor** is on the task force and will be reporting out to the BPAC what is discussed at these meetings.

## 10 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Video: [07:11:00]

1. **Chair Hardy** announced Bike to Shop Day on May 27, 2023 starting at 11 AM.
2. **Member Megas** announced San Jose will host Viva Calle on Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 10 AM. Bike Month is coming up in May 2023 and Bike to Wherever Days is also scheduled in May 2023. **Silicon Valley Bike Coalition** (SVBC) hosted a community ice cream bicycle ride and **Member Megas** also went to Regnart Creek Trail segment opening in City of Cupertino.
3. **Ms. Shariat** announced that the Senior Health and Wellness Fair would be scheduled on Friday, May 19th from 11 AM to 2 PM at Fremont Park. The City coordinator of the event wanted to see if BPAC would be willing to help out at their energizer station. Bike to Work Day is May 18th and City will team with Silicon Valley Power (SVP) to help out at their energizer station. The City will also have our consultants at the energizer station to promote our bike planning studies. Bike to Wherever Days are May 18th through the 20th.
4. **Gabby Landaveri** stated that on the SVBC website one can see where all the energizer stations are located. **Ms. Landaveri** normally helps out at the Central Park Library energizer station.

## 11 ADJOURNMENT

**Chair Hardy** adjourned the meeting at 11:24 PM.

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