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REPORT TO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT

Membership Duties and Responsibilities (Shariat)

BACKGROUND

This report will provide the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) with information on the background of the BPAC and the roles and responsibilities of all BPAC members. In May 1991, the City's Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) was formed by Council to promote bicycle safety. In March 2014, Council approved the expansion of Committee responsibilities to include pedestrian concerns and changing the name from BAC to the BPAC. This approval in March 2014 also included modifications to the BPAC's Policy Guidelines (Guidelines). The Guidelines state that the role of the BPAC is to serve as an advisory body to the City Council on matters relative to modifying or expanding the City's public recreational and commuter bikeway and pedestrian walkway system. The Guidelines also state that the BPAC's intent shall be to encourage recreational and commuter bicycling and walking in the City by promoting safe, convenient, well-designed facilities, and by evaluating local bicycle and pedestrian related projects. Included in previous staff reports to Council, the responsibilities of the BPAC include the following:

- Advise staff about bicycle and pedestrian safety issues;
- Assist with the development of the City's Bicycle Map and Plan;
- Assist with the development of the City's Pedestrian Master Plan;
- Assist with bicycle and pedestrian related grants and project review; and
- Serve as representatives of the local bicycling and walking community.

Included as Attachment 1 are the current BPAC Policy Guidelines. At the January 27, 2020 BPAC meeting, staff will provide the BPAC with a presentation on this subject.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. BPAC Policy Guidelines