

CITY OF SAN JOSÉ
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

6:00 P.M., October 13, 2009
City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara St, 8th Fl, Room T847
San José, CA 95113

MINUTES

- (a) **Call To Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Members Present

Amy King, Vice Chair
Carlos Babcock
Janel Astor (arrived at 6.30pm)
Jill Boone
Jana Zavala
Jocelyn Lau (arrived at 7.05pm)
Kimberley Mladenik
Nicole Hervol

Council Liaison

Councilmember Oliverio

Members of the Public

Martin Delson
Rich Silva
Travis Smith, the Health Trust

City Staff

John Brazil, DOT

Members Absent

Jim Bell
Bob Halem
Marylou Avanzino

- (b) **Approve Order of Business** – Items were heard in the order listed below.
- (c) **Public Forum** – Mr. Delson felt that the southbound Los Gatos Creek Trail crossing of Auzerais Avenue was unsafe because westbound Auzerais motorist cannot see trail users from around the curve in the road. Mr. Silva offered his services as a substitute for any committee member unable to attend a meeting.
- (d) **Approve Minutes of September 14, 2009**
Motion: Boone moved approval of the minutes, Hervol seconded. A correction was made to minutes item (f)(1) to reflect that Amy King (not Jana Zavala) was elected vice-chair. The motion passed 6-0-0.
- (f) **New Business**
(1) Receive Reports from
i. Bike/Ped Safety Workgroup, Traffic Safe Communities Network, County of Santa Clara – Travis Smith (TSCN Staff) shared information on the Bike/Ped Work Group. He described two existing programs. First, a \$300,000 Safe Routes to School grant funding two traffic safety education and outreach projects at 30

grade K-9 schools. Second, a Juvenile Diversion Program that allows children who have received tickets for bicycle or pedestrian traffic violations to take a free bike and pedestrian safety class instead of paying the ticket. The Diversion program has reached 41 classes and 745 kids since 2005.

Member Janel Aster arrived at 6.30pm

- ii. **City of San Jose School Safety Program** – Mr. Brazil shared an information from Tara Jones, School Safety Program. The committee asked how crossing guard programs are funded and managed. Staff will investigate and report back.

Member Lau arrived at 7.05pm

- iii. **Safe Routes to School Programs** – Member King conducted web-based research on Safe Routes to School programs and shared here results. Mr. Brazil provided information on federal (SRTS) and state (SR2S) Safe Routes to Schools grants that the city pursues, as well as the national Safe Routes to School National Partnership program.

(2) Discuss Connecting Bikeways – Mr. Brazil provided a brief overview of the need to better connect bikeways in the City of San Jose. This is one of the Strategies identified in the draft Bike Plan.

(e) Old Business

(1) FY09-10 Committee Priorities – The Committee continued discussion of priorities for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and informally agreed to continue discussion on the following issues: (i) Safe Routes to School programs and projects; (ii) Encouragement, Promotion, and Marketing programs; (iii) Broader use of Sharrows; and (iv) Connecting Bikeways.

(2) Bike Plan Update – Mr. Brazil reported that the city received more than 230 comments on the draft Bike Plan, and that approximately 150 members of the public attended one or more of the four public workshops on the Bike Plan update. He thanked the committee for its input during status reports over the last year. The pre-final draft is scheduled to be reviewed at the November 2, 2009 Transportation & Environment Committee meeting. If that committee accepts the report, the draft Bike Plan will be forwarded to City Council for approval a few weeks later.

- (g) Staff Report** – Mr. Brazil noted the following items will be discussed at the next meeting: (1) Connecting Bikeways; (2) a report from Traffic Safe Communities Network's Bike/Ped Safety Group; (3) a report from the City of San José's School Safety Program; and (4) a report from Amy King re: Safe Routes to School..

- (h) Member Comments** – Member Zavala shared general information on Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) proceedings. Vice-chair King shared information on her bicycling blog hosted by Trek Bikes. Member Babcock shared information on the Bike to Movies event the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition is organizing at Camera 12 Theaters.

- (i) Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Next Meeting Date: Tentatively Scheduled for November 9, 2009.