

CITY OF SAN JOSÉ
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

6:00 P.M., March 9, 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

Lawrence DeSantis, Chair
Jim Bell, Vice Chair
Yolanda Reynolds
Marylou Avanzino
Jana Zavala
Jill Escher
Arye Green (for Bob Halem)
Charlie Payne
Amy King

Members Absent

Don Barnett

City Staff

Pierluigi Oliverio, City Council Liaison
Melrose Cacal, Council District 6 Office
Ray Salvano, DOT
Chris Ching, DOT
John Brazil, DOT

Guests

Lauren B (?)
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- (b) **Approve Order of Business** – It was agreed that agenda item (f)(1) would be heard directly after item (d).

- (c) **Oral Petitions** – None.

- (d) **Approve Minutes of February 9, 2009**

Motion: Escher moved approval; Avanzino seconded. The motion passed 5-0-1 (Avanzino abstained).

Members Reynolds and ????? arrived.

- (f) **New Business**

(1) Highway 880-280-Stevens Creek Project – Informational Report

The committee received a report from Department of Transportation staff member Chris Ching. Mr. Ching provided information on the history, scope, and status of this project. He also described current plans for improving bicycle and pedestrian access in the project area. Committee members requested: (i) sidewalks and controlled crosswalks on both sides of Stevens Creek in the Hwy 880 interchange area; (ii) controlled pedestrian crossings of

Stevens Creek, Monroe, and freeway on/off ramps in the project area; (iii) bike lanes on both sides of Stevens Creek through the Hwy 880 interchange area; and (iv) bike lanes on Monroe Street in the project area. Mr. Ching noted that many of these features are already included in project scoping, and that others will be pursued. The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) will be released in summer or fall 2009, and the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) in winter 2009/10. Both documents will provide a public comment period.

- (e) **Old Business** – Mr. Brazil provided updates on the following items.
 - (1) **Airport Area Bike/Ped Accommodation** – Member Avanzino prepared a draft letter to Airport staff. She distributed copies and requested off-line feedback from the committee.
 - (2) **2009 Bike to Work Day Planning** – Mr. Brazil reminded committee members of activities that committee members have undertaken for prior Bike to Work Day (BTWD) events: staff Energizer Station at MLK Library with helmet fitting and distribution; recruit volunteer bike mechanics to provide tune-ups at Energizer Station; seek free food and drink donations for Energizer Station; participate in Mayor’s Ride. Mr. Brazil will be providing free noon-time “Get Back on Your Bike” lectures the week before Bike to Work Day (BTWD). Member Zavala suggested creating a survey that could be distributed with free supplies on BTWD. She will prepare a first draft.
 - (3) **FY08-09 Committee Priorities**
 - (i) **San Fernando Colored Crosstown Priority Bikeway** – No new information.
 - (ii) **Ciclovia** – No new information.
 - (iii) **Coordination of Bike Lane Implementation and Pavement Maintenance** – No new information.
 - (4) **FY09-10 Committee Priorities** – Deferred to next meeting.
- (g) **Staff Report** – Mr. Brazil reported on a change in reporting structure for the Bike/Ped Program: effective approximately April 2009, the program will report to a different manager in DOT. However, program operations and responsibilities will not change significantly.
- (h) **Receive Committee Member Comments** – Members Avanzino asked about the status of the committee’s request to address yard waste/recycling/trash pickup being placed in bike lanes or road shoulders where bicyclists ride. Over a year ago, the committee had requested and received a report from Environmental Service Department staff. Member Avanzino suggested a follow up report might be in order. Mr. Brazil said he would investigate.
- (i) **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Next Meeting Date: Tentatively Scheduled for April 13, 2009.