

CITY OF SAN JOSÉ
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

6:00 P.M., January 31, 2011
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

Jill Boone
Nicole Hervol
Jocelyn Lau
Jim Bell
Marylou Avanzino
Bob Halem
Carlos Babcock
Raghav Sehtia

Members Absent

Janel Astor
Tierney Lynch

Council Liaison

Melrose Cacal, Office of Councilmember
Pierluigi Oliverio

Members of the Public

Scott Lane
Paul Metz
Tracy Corral
Bob Mack
[3 students from SJSU]

City Staff

John Brazil, DOT

- (b) **Approve Order of Business** – Approved.
- (c) **Public Forum** – Scott Lane introduced his Bike Soiree initiative to generate community and political interest in bicycling. It includes regional rides and encourages bicyclists to become active. See www.bikesoiree.org
- (d) **Approve Minutes of November 8, 2010** - Motion: Avanzino moved approval, Babcock seconded. The Motion passed 8-0-0. (Lynch abstained).

Member Sehtia arrived at 6.45pm.

- (e) **Old Business**
- (1) FY10-11 Committee Workplan** – The Committee reviewed its two priorities for this fiscal year: (i) Increase long-term community awareness of the San Jose Bike Plan and Pedestrian Plan; and (ii) Increase near-term community support for implementation of projects and programs in the San Jose Bike Plan and Pedestrian Plan. Chairperson Boone requested that the agenda always include a summary of these two items. Discussion included the facebook page “Friends of the San Jose Bike and Pedestrian Plan” and possible outreach to Lynn Trulio, Environmental Studies, San Jose State University.

Under BPAC priority (ii) noted above, the BPAC members discussed planning for 2011 Bike to Work Day, which will occur on May 12, 2011. BPAC agreed to continue assisting staff with programs offered last year, namely: Energizer Station outside MLK Library, helmet distribution with fitting, bike bell distribution with installation, free bike repairs, free Get Back on Your Bike classes, etc.

(2) VTA Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee – Member Bell, who represents the City of San José BPAC on the VTA BPAC, provided a brief update on the 280-880-Stevens Creek Project and the regional Bike Share project. Mr. Brazil provided additional information on the Bike Share project, scheduled for summer 2012 ribbon-cutting.

(f) New Business

(1) Pedestrian Plan Overview

The City of San José Pedestrian Master Plan was reviewed and discussed.

(2) FY2011-12 Transportation Development Act, Article III grant application – Mr. Brazil summarized this annual grant received by the City of San José for bicycle and pedestrian improvements. He reviewed the history of the grant and described the three projects recommended by staff for funding: ADA Curb Ramps, Bike Plan Project Implementation, and Bike/Ped Program Implementation. The committee expressed its support for these funding priorities.

(g) Staff Report

(1) San Jose Airport Access – Mr. Brazil summarized the status of Airport bicycle and pedestrian improvements and “No Bikes” signs that appeared on Airport Blvd last summer. The committee requested Airport staff attend the next BPAC meeting and provide a report that answers the following questions: (1) What is the status of the pedestrian crossing improvements at the intersection of Airport Blvd at Airport Parkway? (2) What is the status of the pedestrian improvements to the existing marked crosswalk on the south end of Airport Blvd? (3) Why are there “No Bikes” signs posted on Airport Blvd, contrary to state law, and when will they be removed? (4) What additional bike or pedestrian improvements remain uncompleted? Are they funded? What’s their schedule for completion?

(2) Grants & Projects Update – Mr. Brazil noted the City received a \$1.5m grant for bicycle friendly signal technology testing and installation to be implemented in 2011-2013. San Jose is also a partner with VTA on the public bike share pilot project, which received a portion of a \$4.2m regional grant for 2012 implementation in Santa Clara, San Mateo, and San Francisco Counties. Additionally, approximately 8-10 bike lane projects will be completed and 50 additional bike racks will be installed by the end of the current fiscal year (June 30, 2010). For next fiscal year, the following projects are in early stages of development: new bike lane projects, a bike boulevard project, two enhanced bikeway projects (San Fernando colored bike lanes and River Oaks buffered bike lanes), a San Carlos Streetscape Improvement project, and 200 additional public bike racks.

(h) Member Comments – Member Bell said he found on Councilmember Constant’s website a “Mobile City Hall” application that allows you take a report roadway and other problems using a handheld mobile device. See www.sjdistrict1.com/mobilecityhall.html Member Babcock noted that the Diridon Station Area Plan had finally been accepted by City Council.

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

Next Meeting Date: Tentatively Scheduled for March 21, 2011.