

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

6:00 P.M. January 11th, 2016
City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara St, 8th Fl, Room T-847
San José, CA 95113

MINUTES

- (a) **Call to Order/Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm.

Members Present

Richard Coolman, Chair
George Voon, Vice Chair
Sharlene Washington
Gail Seeds
James Sobolov
Daniel Filip
Bill Deibler

Members Absent

Justin Triano
Myrna Bodner

City Staff

Ryan Smith, DOT
Rachelle Reyes, Council District 6

Guests

Diane Solomon, Silicon Valley Bikes
Chrystal, Member of the Public
Rodd Smith, Member of the Public
Jay Newman, Member of the Public
Daniel Burdick, San Jose Bike Party
Frederick Ballo, San Jose Bike Party

- (b) **Approve Order of Business** – Approved Business 6-0-0.
- (c) **Public Forum** – Jay Newman and Rodd Smith both voiced concerns over waste bin and yard waste collection issues in bike lanes, prompting a discussion over enforcement issues in bike lanes. Smith suggested the San Jose DOT use an app similar to the City's graffiti app for residents to report issues with bicycle facilities.
- (d) **Approve Minutes of November 23rd, 2015** – Approved 6-0-0.
- (e) **Old Business**
- (1) **VTA Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Update:** No update.
- (2) **BPAC support letter for Hedding Street Bikeway extension** – BPAC members previously agreed to write a support letter to DOT for extending the Hedding Street bikeway to the west. Member Filip offered to write first draft.
- (3) **BPAC support letter for improving at-grade rail crossings of bike lanes** – BPAC members previously agreed to write a letter recommending improvements to at-grade railway crossings of on-street bikeways. Member Sobolov offered to write first draft.

- (f) **New Business**
- (1) **San Jose Bike Party #LightMeUp** – Daniel Burdick and Frerick Ballo of San Jose Bike Party spoke about Bike Party’s efforts to distribute bike lights at Bike Party events and looked for ways to coordinate on give-a-ways with San Jose BPAC.
- (2) **Ride of Silence** – BPAC Chair Richard Coolman is planning a Ride of Silence, an international movement, in San Jose on May 18th. Coolman shared the details with the group and discussed partnering with Bike Party. The event will be held independent of BPAC and was discussed for informational purposes.
- (g) **Staff Report** – DOT staff briefly shared details of the River Oaks Parkway pilot cycle track and of the bike share expansion.
- (h) **Chairperson’s Comments** – No comments provided.
- (i) **Committee Comments** – Member Gail Seeds recently visited Vancouver, British Columbia and recommended that City staff and BPAC members look at their protected bikeways.
- (j) **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.