

CITY OF SAN JOSÉ
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

6:00 P.M. July 10th, 2017
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 6:20 pm.

Members Present

Richard Coolman
Brandon Alvarado
Daniel Filip
Timm Borden
Gail Seeds
Scott Broberg
Jaime Fearer for Sharlene Washington
Michael Norris

City Staff

Ryan Smith, DOT
Wilson Tam, DOT

Members Absent

George Voon
Daniel Filip

- (b) **Approve Order of Business** – Approved with no objections.
- (c) **Public Forum** – No public forum.
- (d) **Approve Minutes of May 8th, 2017** – Approved with no objections.
- (e) **Old Business**

(1) VTA Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Update – VTA BPAC

Representative Fearer provided an update on funding for additional technical assistance for new Vision Zero corridors in San Jose, including Fruitdale Avenue, Saratoga Avenue, Hillsdale Avenue, Monterey Road (new segments), and Santa Clara Street. Fearer also provided an update on the complete streets checklist that is being developed by VTA for Measure B funding. The Committee discussed concerns with buses passing bicycles and with the lack of accommodation for bikes on county expressways.

(2) Update on the California Environmental Quality Act Reform – DOT staff Tam provided additional information on CEQA reform as a follow up from the Committee’s May meeting, notably on the City’s shift from level of service to vehicle miles travelled. BPAC expressed general support for this policy shift, though there was concern over two specific items within the draft policy: 1). what counts as “active transportation” for project

exemption, and 2). what specific circumstances allow a project's impacts to override VMT and how are fees associated with this used. The Committee asked to have this item agenized for their August meeting for further discussion.

(f) New Business

(1) FY 17-18 Committee Work Plan – Deferred to August meeting without objection.

(2) Update on DOT Pavement Maintenance Bikeways Program – Brandon Alvarado was elected Chair, 7-0-1; Daniel Filip elected was elected Vice-Chair, 7-0-1. Fearer abstained.

(g) Staff Report – DOT staff Smith gave an update on the City's FY 16-17 bikeways work plan and provided a brief overview of the City's Trails Program Annual Report. Smith also reminded the Committee about the forthcoming Viva Calles event.

(h) Chairperson's Comments – Chair Alvarado shared details of a meeting in San Francisco he had recently attended on bike theft.

(i) Committee Comments – Member Seeds shared additional thoughts on CEQA reform, specifically the regional emphasis that VMT places on a project's impacts. Member Coolman shared that he enjoyed his time as chairperson and that he saw a lot growth in the Committee.

(j) Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.