

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

6:00 P.M. February 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 6:22 pm.

Members Present

Richard Coolman, Chair  
Timm Borden  
Daniel Filip  
Scott Broberg  
Sharlene Washington  
George Voon  
Michael Norris

City Staff

Ryan Smith, DOT  
John Brazil, DOT

Members of the Public

Matt Murphy  
Paul Welch

Members Absent

Brandon Alvarado  
Gail Seeds  
Bill Deibler

- (b) **Approve Order of Business** – Approved 7-0-0.
- (c) **Public Forum** – Resident Matt Murphy advocated for completion of Penetencia Creek Trail in the Berryessa neighborhood, specifically at King Road, beneath I-680, and on the approach to the BART station.
- (d) **Approve Minutes of January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017** – Minutes approved with corrections, 7-0-0.
- (e) **Old Business**
- (1) **VTA Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Update** – No update.
- (2) **Viva CalleSJ letter of support** – The draft letter from the Committee to the City in support of the Viva CalleSJ program was discussed, specifically the need for economic and participant data to support the letter. Approval of the letter was deferred to March pending more data.
- (f) **New Business**
- (1) **I Walk I Bike I Vote complete streets concern on downtown streets** – John Brazil of DOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program provided background and addressed concerns

over recent transportation projects, specifically the pavement maintenance project on Santa Clara Street and the realignment of West Julian Street. This item was in response to concerns over complete street policies and street designs in the City's pavement maintenance and bikeway implementation programs. These concerns were brought to BPAC's attention by community members. Brazil also gave an overview of DOT's pavement program and complete streets policies as background to this item.

Specific questions and concerns from BPAC focused on the geometric design of the each street; whether parking is needed on both sides of Santa Clara Street; whether or not street designs such as these meet City goals for safety and transportation mode shift; the downtown sidewalk bicycling ban making it difficult to encourage bike use; the lack of safe pedestrian crossing and bicycle accommodation in the St. James/Julian Street area; and the forthcoming BRT project making Santa Clara Street even more difficult to use.

**(2) Solicit Committee input on FY 17-18 bike/ped funding** – Brazil provided an overview of DOT's bike plan update and downtown protected bikeways network, and solicited input from the Committee. Committee members' comments focused on design best practices, such as Amsterdam's bike network, the cost per mile of protected bike lanes versus area-wide bikeway coverage, and proper community outreach to ensure the that network is accepted by the community and that it is used. DOT staff will return to the Committee as these projects advance.

**(3) Solicit Committee input on FY 17-18 bike/ped funding** – Brazil gave an overview of TDA-3 funding and asked for input on what projects or programs DOT should apply for. Chair Coolman recommended that funding be used for pedestrian safety and for the Vision Zero program, including the safety corridors identified by Vision Zero.

- (g) Staff Report** – No staff report.
- (h) Chairperson's Comments** – No comments.
- (i) Committee Comments** – Member Borden asked that the Committee discuss the meeting's start time during the March meeting, potentially moving the time to 6:30 pm.
- (j) Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.