

**CITY OF SAN JOSÉ
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

6:15 P.M. August 26th, 2019
City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara St, 8th Fl, Room T-847
San José, CA 95113

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

- (a) **Call to Order/Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 6:23 pm.

Members Present

Brandon Alvarado, Chair
Daniel Filip, Vice Chair
Diane Solomon
Emily Schwing
Scott Broberg
George Voon

City Staff

Ryan Smith, Department of Transportation
Adam Paraniail, Department of Transportation
Kyle Wong, Department of Transportation

Members of the Public

None

Members Absent

Lucy Chavez
Gail Seed
Richard Coolman
Michael Norris
Timm Borden

- (b) **Approve Order of Business** – Order of business changed to hear item (f)(1) after item (c); approved without objection.
- (c) **Public Forum** – No public forum.
- (d) **Approve Minutes of July 1st, 2019** – Approved with no objection.
- (e) **Old Business**

(1) Adopt Fiscal Year 19-20 Committee Workplan – The Committee discussed drafting a workplan that includes broad categories to be populated on an on-going basis as agendas are developed, striving for agenda items to be completed months ahead of schedule. These categories are:

- Plan Review and Recommendations, including:
 - Bike Plan 2025
 - Vision Zero Projects
 - Activate SJ

- Access and Mobility Plan
- Trail Plan
- Better Bikeways Overall Project Plan
- Project/Program Review and Recommendations, including:
 - Better Bikeways Phase 2
 - San Fernando ATP project
 - Annual Pavement Maintenance and Bikeway Implementation Project
 - Measure B Projects
 - TDA-3 Funding
 - Other Grant Funded Projects
 - Viva Calle
 - Bike to Work Day
- Policy Review and Recommendations, including:
 - Sustainability
 - Vision Zero
 - Complete Streets
 - New and Emerging Mobility
 - Parking

Specific comments from the Committee on the development of the work plan include:

- Member Solomon noted that San Jose’s Vision Zero program will begin releasing reports on a quarterly basis rather than a yearly basis and that receiving this report should be part of the work plan.
- Member Schwing said that having a list of projects with funding sources would be helpful as part of developing the work plan.
- Chair Alvarado suggested the work plan have a “catch-all” category to include any potential item not specifically listed in the plan.

Staff committed to providing the work plan in an excel or shared document format. Solomon provided a template for how this can be put together.

The work plan was approved 6-0-0.

(f) New Business

(1) Staff Overview of Measure B and Input from Committee on Measure B Projects –

DOT Staff Paraniel provided the Committee with an overview of Measure B funding and the process by which cities must apply for and are subsequently awarded funds. As background, staff also provided an overview of VTA’s Countywide Bike Plan and BPAC’s history review the plan in draft stages.

Paraniel also provided the Committee with an overview of the corridors proposed by the City to be submitted for Measure B funding, noting that the segments are part of the Countywide Bike Plan, as required, and that the City is prioritizing Vision Zero corridors

in its applications. Paranal presented the entire network of streets and then walked BPAC through each potential corridor individually, noting that improvements to each would be for bicyclists and/or pedestrians, with designs to be determined.

Questions and comments from the Committee include:

- Vice Chair Filip wanted to more about the criteria for project selection, both from the City's decision of which projects to submit and the criteria used by VTA for funding. Filip also wanted more context and data for each corridor, and wanted to know how these project fit into the City's larger vision for its transportation network. Filip said it was difficult to provide comment without more information.
- Member Broberg wanted to know what the City has planned for each corridor. Broberg wanted to know how far the total amount potentially allocated to San Jose will go, considering the large number of corridors that DOT is proposing as well as any projects PRNS may be considering. Broberg also wanted more details as to what BPAC review will entail.
- Member Solomon was glad to see that Vision Zero corridors are included in the proposed projects. Solomon asked that Paranal's presentation and the project corridors be sent to the Committee.
- Chair Alvarado asked about the City's Complete Streets policy and how that fits into the ultimate design for each project. Alvarado also advocated for low-stress facilities and a low-stress network for bikes as part of Measure B funding.

Staff noted that Measure B will return to BPAC as projects are selected, most likely on a project by project basis.

(2) Appoint San Jose Representative to the Valley Transportation Authority Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (VTA BPAC) – Committee Chair Brandon Alvarado was appointed 6-0-0.

- (g) Staff Report** – No staff report.
- (h) Chairperson's Comments** – Chair Alvarado mentioned the reasons why he feels people still do not ride bicycles, citing safety as a main contributor. Alvarado provided a recap of "Bobby Would Go," a tribute event organized by Alvarado to remember a community member who recently killed by an automobile while riding his bike in San Jose. The tribute was attended by Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers Davis, Foley, Khamis, and Jimenez. San Jose Bike Party hosted the event. Alvarado noted the importance of remembering the victims of traffic collisions.
- (i) Committee Comments** – Member Solomon praised Chair Alvarado's efforts on the committee and his willingness to serve on the VTA BPAC. Solomon requested that she appointed to serve on the Vision Zero Coalition. Staff replied that more information would be gathered on this and that the Vision Zero Coalition could be an item on a future BPAC agenda.
- (j) Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.