

CITY OF SAN JOSÉ
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- (a) **Call to Order/Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 6:17 pm.

Members Present

Brandon Alvarado, Chair
Gail Seeds
Scott Broberg
Michael Norris
Richard Coolman
Diane Solomon for Daniel Filip

City Staff

Ryan Smith, Department of Transportation
John Brazil, Department of Transportation

Members of the Public

Brooke Dubose, Toole Design
Andrew Boone

Members Absent

Timm Borden
George Voon

- (b) **Approve Order of Business** – Item (f)(1) was moved to be heard after item (c). Order of business approved 6-0-0.

- (c) **Public Forum**

Member of the public Boone expressed concern that the BPAC agenda was not being emailed out or posted on the website properly. DOT staff member Brazil clarified that the City is required to post the agenda on the agenda board at City Hall but that email reminders were a courtesy to the public and are provided based on staff availability. Brazil said that the City would soon have more staff resources to dedicate to BPAC.

Boone also noted that “Do Not Cross” signs and barriers at crosswalks make crossing intersections difficult and should be removed. Boone advocated that BPAC consider recommending removing these.

- (d) **Approve Minutes of August 13th, 2018, October 22nd, 2018, and March 25th, 2019** – March 25th minutes were approved 6-0-0 with a change to item (e)(2). Remaining minutes deferred to May 2019 meeting.

- (e) **Old Business**

(1) **VTA Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Update** – No update. Chair Alvarado discussed re-formalizing VTA BPAC updates.

(2) Discussion of BPAC workplan and future agenda items – BPAC deferred 6-0-0 this item to May 13th, 2019, after a brief discussion. Discussion included that BPAC should review more than just “bike and ped”-specific projects. The Committee expressed concern over the forthcoming Measure B requirements for project review and the Committee’s review process in general. The Committee asked for previous years’ workplans and additional information on projects that BPAC will be asked to review.

(f) New Business

(1) Better Bike Plan Presentation and Input – Brooke Dubose of Toole Design, consultant for the City’s bike plan update – *Better Bike Plan 2025* – provided an overview and update of the planning process and schedule.

Committee comments and feedback to the City and consultant include:

- Where is the plan’s summary report?
- What is intersection density and why is it an input?
- How is equity defined in the plan?
- Is the City considering dynamic pricing as part of its overall transportation network?
- Protected bike lanes such as the Better Bikeways project should extend across the City. Diane Solomon mentioned the future bikeway on San Antonio as a good example of this.
- Member Seeds want to know whether or not the City’s trail network – existing and planned – was included in the bike plan update due to its importance in the overall network. Staff responded that the plan wasn’t to change the trail network plan but to include it as a part of the bike plan update.
- Member Broberg asked if scooters were being taken into consideration, to which staff responded yes and that the future of bike lanes may incorporate other modes of small, personalized transportation.
- Chair Alvarado said that, while the Better Bikeways project is designed to reduce stress, it can and has increased stress in areas due to design, implementation, and conflicts with motorized vehicles, and that it has done the same for people driving.
- Member of the public Boone suggested that door zone bike lanes should be included as a variable for determining the level of stress for bikes.

(2) DOT Recommendations to BPAC on FY 19-20 TDA-3 Bike/Ped State Funding – DOT staff Smith and Brazil provided an overview of DOT’s recommendations for bike and ped funding under the Transportation Development Act, Article 3. These items are:

**Proposed Projects for FY 2019-2020
Transportation Development Act, Article 3 (TDA3) Funding**

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| 1. Citywide Bikeway Implementation | \$883,758 |
| Install on-street bikeways (including signs, striping, and | |

Bicycle-friendly signal detection) at locations throughout the City of San José.

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| 2. | Pedestrian Safety Improvements | \$100,000 |
| | Construct sidewalk gap closures and safety improvements Throughout the City of San José. | |
| 3. | Pedestrian Master Plan | \$100,000 |
| | Develop a Citywide Pedestrian Master Plan. | |
| 4. | Citywide Bicycle Education & Safety | \$100,000 |
| | Support Vision Zero safety program and pedestrian-bicycle Safety efforts. | |

TOTAL
\$1,183,758

Discussion among the Committee included Member Seeds asking whether specific projects had already been defined within each category, to which Brazil responded no, and Chair Alvarado wanting to know how the Committee can make sure that they funded projects get completed. Member of the public Boone wanted to why more pedestrian funding wasn't included. BPAC supported these recommendations 6-0-0.

- (g) **Staff Report** – Staff member Brazil gave a brief recap of DOT's annual Bike Plan presentation to the Transportation and Environment Committee meeting
- (h) **Chairperson's Comments** – Chair Alvarado reminded the Committee of the Ride of Silence on May 15th.
- (i) **Committee Comments** – Diane Solomon reminded the Committee of the Bike Fest at Viva Calle SJ on May 19th.
- (j) **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.