

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

6:15 P.M. March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

Remote Meeting – <https://zoom.us/j/93526634848>

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

Members Present

Brandon Alvarado, Chair  
Daniel Filip, Vice Chair  
Diane Solomon  
Melvin Velasquez  
Jake McCluskey  
Aarshdeep Kahlon  
Dan Burdick  
George Voon  
Scott Broberg  
Emily Schwing

City Staff

Ryan Smith, Department of Transportation  
Liz Sewell, Department of Parks and Recreation  
Lucas Ramirez, Policy Advisor to District 2  
Councilmember Jimenez

Members of the Public

None

Members Absent

Shannon Knepper

**(b) Approve Order of Business** – Motion: Move item f.1. San José Trails Program Update to follow item c. Public Form. Motioned by Kahlon and seconded by Filip. Approved 10-0-0.

**(c) Public Forum** – No comment.

**(d) Approve Minutes of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021** – Motion to approve defer approval of the minutes to the April BPAC meeting by Burdick and seconded by Broberg. Approved 10-0-0.

**(e) Old Business**

**(1) Report from BPAC Ad Hoc Effectiveness Committee**

Lucas Ramirez, Policy Advisor to District 2 Councilmember Jimenez focused on Land Use and Transportation responded to the committee's recommendations for improving BPAC effectiveness.

Item 1: Write a letter to Mayor that BPAC liaisons should be on T&E – It's probably too late to ask that Councilmember Jimenez be added to T&E because those appointments have already been made. It seems reasonable to have a Council liaison that serves on T&E and there would be no hard feelings to request a Councilmember who currently serves on the T&E Committee.

Item 2: Ask Council liaison to help us identify grants to support our BPAC initiatives – If you are seeking a grant from the Council office, it is an easy thing to make happen. If you're seeking grants from other sources, we aren't as skilled with identifying funding from outside agencies. We can work with city staff to identify other sources.

Item 3: Hold regular annual retreat with Council liaison – Councilmember Jimenez can provide support for the annual retreat.

Item 4: Ask Council liaison to provide financial support for key annual events – If you are seeking a grant from the Council office, we can do that. If you are seeking assistance with planning and execution of the event, that is harder of an ask.

Item 5: Place a recurring agenda item on BPAC agendas for Council liaison to report back to committee – This is a reasonable request. Prompting to participate is helpful. Request the Council office to attend whenever there's a specific item. We would like to be in better touch with you. We can provide political commentary and report to you about what Council is working on and opportunities where you can promote your work with Council.

Item 6: Ask Council liaison to support BPAC goals through writing letters, attending events, etc. – This item was not specifically addressed.

Item 7: Ask Council liaison to report back to Council about what BPAC is working on – Council items must be on the agenda. This might require a policy change. This only happens right now with the Pension Board. The policy change might need to be a Charter amendment.

## **(2) VTA Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Update**

Brandon officially informed VTA he is stepping down as the San José BPAC representative.

### **(f) New Business**

#### **(1) San José Trails Program Update**

Liz Sewell, Trail Program Manager, Department of Transportation gave an update on the Trail Program. New Trails Map will be released in Summer 2021. Miles of trails grew from 20 miles in 2001 to 60 miles in 2020. Class I trails are 12' wide paved w/ gravel shoulders, entirely off-street, and linked to on-street bikeways where possible. Trails Program priorities are directed by Council and council takes input from the public. Currently, the Trails Program has 25 to 30 active trails. Trail building typically takes 10 years from concept to usability. Five Wounds Trail is in the design phase. Upper Guadalupe River Trail has a completed master plan which has since paused because of a new flood plan being developed.

A Trail Count was conducted in 2020. An interim survey in May/June had 305 responses, but the annual survey was conducted during the CA fires in September and only had 78 responses. Even though the use of commuting decreased during shelter-in-place, the trails were being used more for recreation. 75% said they feel safer on the trail network, and of those who said they felt safer on the on-street network, 46% said it was because of the trail encampments. In general, people want more connections and fewer encampments on the San José trails.

**(2) Transportation Development Act, Article III, Project Review and Recommendation**

Ryan Smith, Transportation Specialist for the Department of Transportation, presented the City's annual recommendations to receive TDA-3 grant funding. DOT is recommending funding for Citywide Bikeway Implementation (\$849,152), Pedestrian Safety Improvements (\$200,000), and Citywide bicycle Safety/Education (\$100,000). The first item would fund Bike Plan implementation, the second item funds pedestrian curb ramps, and the third item helps fund Vision Zero's safety program. This funding source is very broad and the specific projects have not yet been identified.

BPAC requested a specific list of projects being funded within each item including the number of bikeways.

Motion: Approve the TDA-3 Project Review and Recommendations. Motioned by Solomon and seconded by Broberg. Approved 7-1-0.

**(3) Discuss and Establish Selection and Nomination Process for San José BPAC Representative to VTA BPAC**

Motion: To postpone item (f)(3), (f)(4), and (g) to April 26, 2021 BPAC meeting. Motioned by Filip and seconded by Solomon. Approved 8-0-0.

**(4) Nominate VTA BPAC Representative**

Postponed to April 26, 2021 BPAC meeting.

**(g) Staff Report**

Postponed to April 26, 2021 BPAC meeting.

**(h) Chairperson's Comments**

No updates.

**(i) Committee Comments**

No updates.

**(j) Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

