

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

6:15 P.M. May 24th, 2021

Remote Meeting – <https://zoom.us/j/95331621349>

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

(a) Call to Order/Introductions – The meeting was called to order at 6:20pm.

Members Present

Brandon Alvarado, Chair
Daniel Filip, Vice Chair
Diane Solomon
Jake McCluskey
Aarshdeep Kahlon
Daniel Burdick
George Voon

City Staff

Ryan Smith, Transportation Specialist, Department of Transportation
Eric Eidlin, Senior Transportation Specialist, Department of Transportation
Lucas Ramirez, Policy Advisor to District 2
Councilmember Jimenez

Members Absent

Melvin Velasquez
Scott Broberg
Emily Schwing
Shannon Knepper

Members of the Public

Scott Mace
Diana Crumedy
John Cordes
Shir a Abramsohn
Diego Ortiz
Brian Preskitt

(b) Approve Order of Business – Motion: Move item f.1. Consider and Approve a Letter to the Mayor and City Council in Support of the Downtown West Mixed-Use Project to follow item c. Public Form. Motioned by Filip and seconded by Burdick. Approved 7-0-0.

(c) Public Forum –

Scott Mace: San Felipe Rd has a difficult-to-see curb just past the end of the Class 4 bikeway. There is a curb cut for cyclists to ride on the sidewalk, but the curb just past the curb cut is dangerous and a liability for the City.

John Cordes: Thank you for your help with Bike to Wherever Day. 3,600 people pledged to ride, which is the highest participation we've had. I will be retiring this week, but you will see me biking around and at events.

Diana Crumedy: SVBC hosting a Bicycling 101 Zoom Conference tomorrow, if anyone is interested in attending. I will put the link in the chat.

John Cordes: SVBC is also hosting a Complete Streets Webinar on May 25th that will explain how your city is implementing its Complete Streets policy from 12 – 1 pm.

(d) Approve Minutes of April 26th, 2021 – No minutes available from the April 26th, 2021 meeting.

(e) Old Business

(1) Report from BPAC Ad Hoc Effectiveness Committee

Brandon Alvarado: Out of the list of items to incorporate, there are items that are dependent on who our council liaison is, such as having a retreat. Item 1 from the list: Write a letter to Mayor Sam Liccardo recommending that all future BPAC liaisons be a T&E member as a requirement is the most important item for us to improve our effectiveness. We plan to meet with members of the T&E and gauge their interest in becoming the BPAC council liaison.

Aarshdeep Kahlon: We would also like to revise the bylaws so we have a clear R&R for our relationship with the liaison. Also, just a heads up that our committee agendas will be rearranged so there is easier flow.

Brandon Alvarado: We want to describe the relationship of the BPAC and the council liaison to be mutually beneficial. As these action items are fleshed out we will bring them back to the committee for approval.

Diane Solomon: The completing step would be for our bylaws to describe what we actually do and not be so vague. Our bylaws outline how our members are appointed and it was a bit of a mystery of how the council liaison was appointed. Our bylaws should outline how the council liaison is appointed and how the San José VTA BPAC representative is appointed.

(2) VTA Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Update

No updates.

(3) Nominate VTA BPAC Representative

Diana Solomon nominated Diego Ortiz based on his background and interests. Diego Ortiz shared he has a unique perspective because he's relatively new to transportation policy. He works at Spur in the Food and Agriculture space. Spur's focus areas are Transportation policy, Housing policy, and Climate Change mitigation. He found himself gravitating toward transportation issues and the importance of bicycle and pedestrian access. He currently serves on the Caltrain Bicycle Advisory Committee. He tries to bring his grassroots advocacy and community organizing to his work encouraging bicycle and pedestrian access to transit.

Motion: To approve the nomination of Diego Ortiz as the VTA BPAC Representative of the San José Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Approved 6-0-1.

(f) New Business

(1) Consider and Approve a Letter to the Mayor and City Council in Support of the Downtown West Mixed-Use Project

A letter written by Diane Solomon was circulated to committee members and edits were incorporated. The letter states BPAC's support of the Downtown West Mixed Use Project and requests the San José City Council to approve.

Eric Eidlin: It's important to view the Downtown West Mixed-Use Project and Downtown Station Area as building blocks for the Downtown and station project. We are prioritizing bike access to the station and working to make it a connector rather than a divider as it currently is.

Public comment –

Brian Preskitt: Thanks committee for writing the letter. On behalf of SVBC, urges BPAC to accept and send the letter to Council.

Motion: To approve a letter to the Mayor and City Council in support of the Downtown West Mixed-Use Project. Motioned by Solomon and seconded by Filip. Approved 7-0-0.

(2) Transportation Development Act, Article III, Project Audit

Presenter unable to attend. This item will be brought back at a future meeting.

(3) Vision Zero and TDA-3 Spending

Update on the Vision Zero program and information on grant funds and new state legislation will be brought back at a future meeting.

Public comment –

John Cordes: The City of San José is proposing to spend \$5.5 million on Vision Zero and SVBC would like you to consider requesting an increase to \$9 million for infrastructure spending.

Discussion –

Committee will table the discussion for a special meeting in June.

(4) Thank You and Farewell to Outgoing Committee Members

Daniel Filip and George Voon are terming out of their position on the San José Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Committee members shared their memories and appreciations for Daniel and George.

(g) Staff Report

(h) Chairperson's Comments

(i) Committee Comments

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

