



**Palo Alto Pedestrian and
Bicycle Advisory Committee**

**Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.
FLEX ROOM, PALO ALTO CITY HALL
Ground Floor, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301**

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | 6:00 |
| 2. AGENDA CHANGES | 6:04 |
| 3. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES | 6:06 |
| 4. SRTS UPDATE | 6:10 |
| 5. BOL PARK PATH INTERIM STRIPING PLAN | 6:15 |
| 6. FEHR & PEERS BIKE BLVD 75% DESIGN PLAN SET | 7:30 |
| 7. STAFF UPDATES: | |
| a. MIDDLEFIELD RD. REDESIGN | 7:45 |
| 1. PED/BIKE ACCESS MIDDLEFIELD RD. | |
| 2. ACCESS FROM NEIGHBORHOODS TO BIKE LANES
IN MENLO PARK | |
| b. TRIP REPORT: AUSTIN-NYC-BERMUDA | 7:55 |
| c. NABSA CONFERENCE UPDATE (NORTH AMERICAN BIKE
SHARE ASSOCIATION) | |
| 8. STANDING ITEMS: | 7:57 |
| a. BIKE SHARE UPDATE | |
| b. GRANT FUNDING UPDATE | |
| c. VTA BPAC UPDATE | |
| 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS: | |
| a. ART ON 101 BRIDGE | 7:58 |
| 10. ADJOURNMENT | 8:00 |



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Members Present: Robert Neff (Chair), Eric Nordman (Vice Chair), Bruce Arthur, Ann Crichton, Cedric de la Beaujardiere, Paul Goldstein, Ken Joye, Rob Robinson, Steve Rock, Jane Rothstein, Richard Swent

Members Absent: Bill Courington, Bill Zauman

Staff Present: Chris Corrao, Rosie Mesterhazy, Sylvia Star-Lack

Guest: None

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:01 P.M.

2. AGENDA CHANGES

a. December Meeting?

Chair Neff understood the VTA/BPAC update had been moved to follow the Safe Routes to School update. Items regarding Middlefield Road were continued to the December meeting. PABAC would hold a meeting on December 6, 2016.

3. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES

Ken Joye inquired about the status of the mini roundabout mentioned on page 27, line 14 of the minutes. Chair Neff indicated the question would be answered in Staff Updates.

MOTION: Vice Chair Nordman moved, seconded by Rob Robinson, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed 7-0 with 1 abstention.

4. VIMOC DASHBOARD OVERVIEW

Chris Corrao briefly demonstrated the VIMOC dashboard. PABAC members would receive login information for the dashboard. Costs were approximately \$1,200 per camera for installation and an annual service fee of \$600-\$800. The 1-year pilot program would determine the usefulness and success of the cameras.

1 Rob Robinson wished to compare counts he had obtained at the Homer tunnel with VIMOC data.
2 The City did not have data on the Homer tunnel, which a large number of Paly students used for
3 commuting to school

4 In response to questions, VIMOC representatives reported error rates depended on lighting and
5 other features around the cameras. Data processing occurred in a box located near the camera,,
6 and data was transmitted via LTD links. Video footage was not streamed or archived to maintain
7 anonymity. Generally, bicyclists and pedestrians were slightly under-counted in an effort to be
8 conservative in scenarios. Image sensors utilized infrared illumination in low light.

9 Mr. Corrao was unsure whether VIMOC data would be added to the City data website. A
10 camera had not been located at the Homer tunnel; they were located near schools because a
11 VERBS grant funded the purchase of equipment. Initially, a few community members had
12 voiced concerns regarding a couple of locations. Thus far, no equipment had been stolen or
13 vandalized.

14 **5. SRTS UPDATE**

15 Rosie Mesterhazy reported the City was searching for a part-time Safe Routes to School
16 Specialist and Wheel Kids was searching for instructors for summer classes. She provided
17 school bicycle counts. Travel data would be collected electronically and include middle school
18 and high school counts. A number of schools were participating in Walk and Roll to School.
19 The helmet fitting event was successful.

20 Sylvia Star-Lack advised that the School District had no policies regarding Safe Routes to
21 School. She had spoken with the City/School Liaison Committee and a PAUSD representative
22 about such policies. She taught a Bringing Up Bicyclist class at Ohlone during Walk and Roll
23 week. Hoover Elementary School would be modernizing rather than expanding.

24 Mr. Rock noted an error in the spreadsheet. Ms. Star-Lack explained that the data was not
25 completely accurate. Ms. Mesterhazy would provide updated data.

26 Staff had presented information to PAPD managers and supervisors. At those meetings, officers
27 raised bicycle enforcement issues. Ms. Star-Lack requested PABAC members provide input
28 regarding children bicyclists and enforcement in Palo Alto.

29 **VTA BPAC Update**

30 Mr. Goldstein reported the meeting discussed bike sharing, prioritization for the countywide
31 bicycle plan, and a strategic plan. He was appointed to the Nominating Committee.

- 1 **6. STAFF UPDATES**
- 2 **a. City Staffing Update**
- 3 **b. Churchill Avenue Update**
- 4 **c. CA Bike/Ped State Transportation Plan Update**
- 5 **d. Undercrossing/Overcrossing IFB**

6 Mr. Corrao shared that Sue-Ellen Atkinson, Traffic Manager, had left the City. Two people had
7 been hired for transportation positions. Regarding Churchill Avenue, staff was working on the
8 encroachment issue. Hopefully the issue would be resolved soon as parents were expressing
9 concerns over the delay. He attended the California State Bike/Ped Transportation Plan
10 workshop in Oakland the prior week and provided a brief overview of the Plan.

11 Mr. Swent advised that Caltrans District 4 was starting work on a Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan, which
12 would contain the same goals and objectives as the State Plan.

13 Mr. Corrao provided a list of bollard and chicane changes for the IFB project. Committee
14 members discussed pros and cons of locations and proposed changes.

15 The roundabout at Park and Stanford would be landscaped and signage added.

16 **7. AMBLUR BIKE BLVD/TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT**

17 Chair Neff reported this item concerned half of the bike boulevard plans (Amarillo, Montrose,
18 Moreno, Bryant, Louis and Ross). A public meeting at the end of the month would discuss the
19 second half of plans.

20 Mr. Corrao indicated staff would present 75 percent design plans for the Neighborhood Traffic
21 Safety and Bicycle Boulevards to the community on November 29 at Mitchell Park Community
22 Center. He reviewed the design plans.

23 Committee members discussed traffic circle dimensions, pedestrian refuges, spacing of speed
24 cushions, parking and traffic on Louis, stop signs, turn radius for driveways, bicycle traffic from
25 Ohlone Elementary School, the width of West Bayshore around Amarillo, the need for the traffic
26 circle at Palo Alto Avenue, increased number of sharrows on Bryant, signage indicating a
27 bikeway, right turn only on Homer, directional arrows, signage directing bikes to California
28 Avenue, mountable islands at the bridge, the two-way stop at Campesino, a stop sign between
29 Middlefield and Meadow, bicycle detection on Louis/Montrose, dashed lines, bike lanes on both
30 sides of Colorado, and riding on sidewalks.

- 31 **8. STANDING ITEMS**
- 32 **a. Bike Share Update**
- 33 **b. Grant Funding Updates**

34 **9. COUNTERS (ECO-COUNTERS, VIMOC, ETC.)**

1 **10. BOL PARK PATH DISCUSSION**

2 Chair Neff noted an informal committee was formed for this project. The County would allow
3 the City to apply funds not spent on the Matadero Creek Trail to the proposed two-way cycle
4 track on Loma Verde Avenue. It would be more appropriate to spend those funds on the Bol
5 Park project. Mr. Corrao clarified that the County Board of Supervisors would not vote on the
6 proposed use of funds until December 6.

7 **MOTION:** Chair Neff moved, seconded by Paul Goldstein, to authorize the Chair on behalf of
8 PABAC to write a letter to the Council in strong support of applying funds from the Matadero
9 Creek Trail project to the Bol Park project rather than the two-way cycle track on Loma Verde.
10 PABAC did not recommend a two-way cycle track on Loma Verde. The motion passed
11 unanimously.

12 Cedric de la Beaujardiere was named as PABAC's representative to the informal committee.

13 **11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 14 **a. 11/29/16 Bike Blvd - Traffic Calming**
- 15 **Construction Document Review Meeting**

16 **8. ADJOURNMENT – 8:38 P.M.**