



Palo Alto Pedestrian and  
Bicycle Advisory Committee

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.  
FLEX ROOM, PALO ALTO CITY HALL  
Ground Floor, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:00
2. AGENDA CHANGES
3. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES
4. SRTS UPDATE
5. STAFF UPDATES:
  - a. CALTRAIN BIKE PARKING MANAGEMENT PLAN
6. AMBLUR WAYFINDING DISCUSSION 7:00
7. ADDITIONAL BIKE/PED WAYFINDING SIGNAGE CITYWIDE
8. STANDING ITEMS:
  - a. BIKE SHARE UPDATE
  - b. GRANT FUNDING UPDATE
  - c. VTA BPAC UPDATE
9. ANNOUNCEMENTS
10. ADJOURNMENT 8:00



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

Members Absent: Ken Joye

Staff Present: Chris Corrao, Sylvia Star-Lack, Cherie Walkowiak

Guest: Greg Unangst

**1. CALL TO ORDER** at 6:03 p.m.

**2. AGENDA CHANGES**

Mr. Corrao requested Item 4 be delayed until Ms. Star-Lack arrived.

Greg Unangst, Mountain View's VTA BPAC representative, invited everyone to attend a bike advocacy meeting in San Jose on May 7, 2017, to talk about bicycle culture in Silicon Valley.

**3. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES**

Chair Neff added the Bol Park Path to the projects on which PABAC preferred funds be spent (Item 11a).

Bill Courington advised that he was present for the meeting.

**MOTION**

Motion by Mr. Goldstein, second by Vice Chair Nordman, to approve the draft minutes of the January 10, 2017 meeting as revised. Motion passed unanimously.

[The Committee proceeded to Item 5.]

1     **4.     SRTS UPDATE**

2     Ms. Star-Lack reported the Safe Routes to School visioning process was mostly complete and  
3     provided draft lists of five-year goals and ongoing priorities. Staff was beginning the update  
4     process for Walk and Roll Maps. A Stanford University class would be assisting staff with  
5     creating police training curriculum for bicycle enforcement issues and analyzing bike and  
6     pedestrian crashes amongst school children. Mr. Robinson volunteered to represent PABAC at  
7     City/School Traffic Safety Committee meetings.

8     In response to Mr. Goldstein's question, Ms. Star-Lack would support reallocation of VERBS  
9     funding to Measure B if Measure B funding supported bicycle education programs.

10    Ms. Walkowiak requested volunteers for Bike to Work Day scheduled for May 11.

11    **5.     STAFF UPDATES**

- 12       a.     PABAC Schedule
- 13       b.     Bike Blvd. Project Update
- 14       c.     Mid-Peninsula Bicycle Route

15    Mr. Corrao had provided members with an updated schedule of PABAC meetings. Alta would  
16    submit 100-percent plans the following day for AMBLR bike boulevard projects. Those plans  
17    incorporated comments from all parties. He would send committee members a link to the design  
18    plans. Staff planned one final round of comments on the 100-percent plans prior to preparation  
19    of construction documents. Staff requested Fehr & Peers prepare and submit a 95-percent design  
20    and a 100-percent design for the second group of bike boulevard projects. AMBLR bike  
21    boulevard projects would likely be constructed in the summer of 2017 and the second group in  
22    the summer of 2018.

23    Mr. Robinson expressed his disappointment that the second group of projects was further  
24    delayed. In response to questions, Mr. Corrao clarified that two segments of the bike network  
25    would be constructed, one in 2017 and the other in 2018. The Council approved the two  
26    segments, one at a cost of approximately \$500,000 and the other at a cost of approximately  
27    \$300,000. Committee members discussed project funding and CIP appropriations. Vice Chair  
28    Nordman agreed to review the 100-percent plans and submit comments regarding directional  
29    signage. Mr. Corrao announced he would be presenting bicycle boulevard plans to the  
30    Architectural Review Board on February 16.

31    Mr. Corrao explained the concept of a Mid-Peninsula Bicycle Route created by the City  
32    Managers' Mobility Partnership. He requested committee members provide thoughts and  
33    feedback for a proposed route. Committee members discussed advantages and disadvantages of  
34    biking along El Camino Real, Middlefield Road, and Alma Street in Menlo Park to Ravenswood.  
35    Chair Neff suggested including connections to frequently visited destinations across city  
36    boundaries.

1 **MOTION:**

2 Motion by Mr. Goldstein, second by Mr. Robinson, to notify the City Managers of PABAC's  
3 support for a route to Menlo Park along Middlefield Road and efforts to make that route low  
4 stress and safer. Motion passed.

5 In response to Mr. Zauman's question, Mr. Corrao advised that the County was not part of the  
6 City Manager group.

7 **6. STANDING ITEMS**

- 8 a. Bike Share Update
- 9 b. Grant Funding Update
- 10 c. VTA BPAC Update

11 Mr. Corrao indicated the Council was scheduled to hear a bike share update on February 27.  
12 Staff would be submitting a formal application for a \$1 million grant to MTC for expansion of  
13 the bike share system in 2018.

14 Mr. Goldstein reported Mr. Mello had provided him with the City's concerns for the BPAC  
15 meeting the following day and requested Mr. Goldstein lobby for allocation of Measure B funds  
16 for local shuttle systems. At the last meeting, BPAC had a presentation on VTA's brand refresh  
17 and a preliminary overview of the Next Network Initiative. The previous plan prioritized  
18 coverage at 30 percent and ridership at 70 percent. The Next Network Initiative prioritized  
19 ridership at 85 percent and coverage at 15 percent. Routes with low ridership could be  
20 eliminated. The County announced Gist Road was closed.

21 In response to inquiries, Mr. Goldstein stated mini buses were actually more expensive than  
22 standard buses and the 85/15 ratio was definite. Mr. Arthur suggested VTA adopt a regional  
23 view of transportation.

24 Mr. Corrao suggested a future agenda item regarding the Dumbarton Corridor Study.

25 Chair Neff asked if anyone wished to sign a letter to VTA advocating for stops on the 522 route  
26 at Embarcadero and around Barron Avenue or Ventura neighborhood.

27 **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 28 a. Approved Middlefield Rd Plans

29 Ms. Rothstein thanked committee members for spreading the word about the winter biking class.

30 Vice Chair Nordman noted the number of summer versus winter cyclists at Wilkie Bridge.  
31 People seemed to be biking in both winter and summer. Mr. Rock requested statistics on winter  
32 accident rates compared to summer.

33 Mr. Corrao indicated federal funding for Caltrain electrification could be in jeopardy. The  
34 Council approved the Middlefield North Project with paved shoulders/edge lines.

35 **8. ADJOURNMENT** at 7:27 p.m.