



**Palo Alto Pedestrian and  
Bicycle Advisory Committee**

**Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 6:15 P.M.**

**Join Meeting Via Zoom**

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**Meeting ID: 854 2333 3426**

**PART I: TDA 3 – BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (BPTP) UPDATE**

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:15 PM
2. Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Use of Teleconferencing for Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee Meetings During Covid-19 State of Emergency (See attached Resolution) 6:16 PM
3. AGENDA CHANGES 6:18 PM
4. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES 6:19 PM
  - a. January 10, 2023 PABAC meeting: Part I: TDA 3—Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan Update and Part II: Other Items
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS 6:20 PM  
Note: Written comments submitted by email to [Transportation@CityofPaloAlto.org](mailto:Transportation@CityofPaloAlto.org) between 12:00pm on December 12, 2022, and 12:00pm on January 19, 2023 are attached with the agenda packet. [NOTE: None for this meeting packet]
6. STAFF UPDATE 6:23 PM
  - a. 2022 BPTP Update (*Ozzy Arce, OOT*)
7. ADJOURNMENT 6:25 PM

**PART II: OTHER ITEMS**

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:25 PM
2. AGENDA CHANGES 6:26 PM
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS 6:27 PM
4. STAFF UPDATE 6:30 PM
  - a. 2023 Bike to Work Day—May 18, 2023
5. DISCUSSION ITEMS 6:35 PM
  - a. City sidewalk repairs & improvements—See Attachment 1 for visuals & Attachment 2 for District Sidewalk Map  
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- b. Location and logistics for the 2023 in-person PABAC meetings 6:45 PM
6. STANDING ITEMS 7:05 PM
- a. Grant Update – S. Palo Alto Bikeways Project Update (*Sylvia Star-Lack, OOT*)
  - b. CSTSC Update – January 26, 2023 CSTSC Meeting summary will be provided in the next PABAC meeting agenda packet
  - c. VTA BPAC Update (*R. Neff*)
  - d. Subcommittee Reports
    - i. Rail Grade Separation Subcommittee (*B. Arthur*)
    - ii. Bike Bridge Maintenance Subcommittee (*Chair Ellson*)
    - iii. Repaving Subcommittee (*R. Neff*)
    - iv. Muni Code Subcommittee (*E. Nordman*)
    - v. Sight line and Safety Problem Reporting on Bike Routes (*E. Nordman*)
    - vi. Open Space & Parks E-Bikes Subcommittee (*P. Goldstein*)
  - e. Announcements
  - f. Future Agenda Items
    - Muni code clean-up progress update (Committee report delivered: 2018; Last update from staff: 11/1/2022)
    - PAUSD Hoover school campus reconstruction update (Last review: 5/3/2022)
    - S. Palo Alto Bikeways project status/grant proposal (Last update: 10/6/2022)
    - Rail Grade Separations (Last update: 8/2/2022)
    - Municipal Code re: micromobility issues
    - BPTP Update Implementation Status Item for the City website
    - PABAC assistance reporting sight line/safety issues on bike/ped network (Requested by Staff: 10/6/22)
    - Explore alternatives for bike/ped non-injury collision and near-miss reporting
    - Bike parking code updates for converting existing business-owned auto parking spaces to bicycle parking
    - Park Blvd to Portage Ave. (last discussion: 11/1/2022)
    - Annual update on Office of Transportation projects
7. ADJOURNMENT 7:30 PM

**END OF AGENDA**

Resolution No. \_\_

**Resolution of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PABAC) of the City of Palo Alto**

Resolution Making Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code Section 54953(e)

R E C I T A L S

- A. California Government Code Section 54953(e) empowers local policy bodies to convene by teleconferencing technology during a proclaimed state of emergency under the State Emergency Services Act so long as certain conditions are met; and
- B. In March 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of emergency in California in connection with the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic, and that state of emergency remains in effect; and
- C. In February 2020, the Santa Clara County Director of Emergency Services and the Santa Clara County Health Officer declared a local emergency, which declarations were subsequently ratified and extended by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, and those declarations also remain in effect; and
- D. On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361, a bill that amends the Brown Act to allow local policy bodies to continue to meet by teleconferencing during a state of emergency without complying with restrictions in State law that would otherwise apply, provided that the policy bodies make certain findings at least once every 30 days; and
- E. While federal, State, and local health officials emphasize the critical importance of vaccination and consistent mask-wearing to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Santa Clara County Health Officer has issued at least one order, on August 2, 2021 (available online at [here](#)), that continues to recommend measures to promote outdoor activity, physical distancing and other social distancing measures, such as masking, in certain contexts; and
- F. The California Department of Industrial Relations Division of Occupational Safety and Health (“Cal/OSHA”) has promulgated Section 3205 of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, which requires most employers in California, including in the City, to train and instruct employees about measures that can decrease the spread of COVID-19, including physical distancing and other social distancing measures; and
- G. The City’s Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PABAC) has met remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic and can continue to do so in a manner that allows public participation and transparency while minimizing health risks to members, staff, and the public that would be present with in-person meetings while this emergency continues; now, therefore,

NOT YET APPROVED

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee RESOLVES as follows:

1. As described above, the State of California remains in a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At this meeting, PABAC has considered the circumstances of the state of emergency.
2. As described above, State and County officials continue to recommend measures to promote physical distancing and other social distancing measures, in some settings.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for at least the next 30 days, meetings of PABAC will occur using teleconferencing technology. Such meetings of PABAC that occur using teleconferencing technology will provide an opportunity for any and all members of the public who wish to address the body and its committees and will otherwise occur in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of parties and the members of the public attending the meeting via teleconferencing; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the PABAC staff liaison is directed to place a resolution substantially similar to this resolution on the agenda of a future meeting of PABAC within the next 30 days. If PABAC does not meet under the Brown Act within the next 30 days, the staff liaison is directed to place a such resolution on the agenda of the immediately following Brown Act meeting of PABAC.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED:

AYES:

NOES:

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ATTEST:

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Staff Liaison

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Chair of PABAC

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Assistant City Attorney

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Chief Transportation Official



Palo Alto Pedestrian and  
Bicycle Advisory Committee

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

6:15 P.M.

**VIRTUAL MEETING**

Palo Alto, CA

Members Present: Penny Ellson (Chair), Alan Wachtel, Bill Courington, Bill Zaumen, Bruce Arthur (late), Eric Nordman, Jane Rosten, Kathy Durham, Ken Joye, Nicole Rodia, Richard Swent, Robert Neff (late), Steve Rock

Members Absent: Art Liberman (Vice Chair), Arnout Boelens, Cedric le la Beaujardiere, Nicole Zoeller Boelens, Paul Goldstein

Staff Present: Ozzy Arce

Guests: Chief of Police Andrew Binder, Police Lieutenant Ben Becchetti

**PART I: TDA 3 – BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (BPTP) UPDATE**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ellson called the meeting to order.

**2. Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Use of Teleconferencing for Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee Meetings During Covid-19 State of Emergency (See attached Resolution)**

Chair Ellson introduced the Adoption of the Attached Resolution Authorizing Use of Teleconferencing PABAC meetings during the State of Emergency and asked for a motion to Adopt.

Mr. Steve Rock moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Bill Zaumen.

Upon call of the roll, the adoption carried unanimously.

1 **3. AGENDA CHANGES**

2 None

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4 **4. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES**

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6 **A. November 1, 2022 PABAC meeting: Part I: TDA 3 – Bicycle and Pedestrian**  
7 **Transportation Plan Update and Part II: Other Items**

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9 Mr. Eric Nordman motioned to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2022 PABAC meeting.  
10 Mr. Steve Rock seconded. Approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

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13 **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

14 *Written comments submitted by email to [Transportation@CityofPaloAlto.org](mailto:Transportation@CityofPaloAlto.org) between*  
15 *12:00 pm on October 12, 2022, and 12:00 pm on December 12, 2022 were attached with*  
16 *the agenda packet.*

17 None

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19 **6. STAFF UPDATES**

20 **A. 2022 BPTP Update (Ozzy Arce, OOT)**

21 Mr. Ozzy Arce, Senior Transportation Planner & Project Manager, provided an update of the  
22 BPTP. They are in the middle of the procurement process for consultant services. Several  
23 proposals were received. The proposals have been scored, and they were moving to interviewing  
24 two finalists. He will continue to provide updates as the process continued and they hope to have  
25 a vendor selected soon to help with the update.

26 Chair Ellson declared a link to the RFP was in the agenda.

27 **7. ADJOURNMENT**

28 Chair Ellson adjourned Part I of the TDA 3 portion of the meeting.

29 **PART II: OTHER ITEMS**

30 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

31 Chair Ellson called the section to order.

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**2. AGENDA CHANGES**

None

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**4. STAFF UPDATES**

**A. PABAC Google Group implementation follow-up  
[Thank you Richard Swent for organizing the new Google Group!]**

Mr. Ozzy Arce let the group know PABAC had switched over to the PABAC Google Group and appeared to be functioning as intended. He thanked Mr. Richard Swent for organizing the new Google Group and asked Committee members to let Mr. Richard Swent know if there were any issues.

Mr. Richard Swent explained how the Google Group worked with regard to messages.

**5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. New Chief of Police Andrew Binder & Lieutenant Ben Becchetti:  
Introduction and Q&A**

Chair Ellson commented Chief Binder’s role had been affirmed by City Council in August and hoped the upcoming conversation would enrich partnership between PABAC and PAPD.

Police Chief Andrew Binder introduced himself and gave a brief background of his PAPD career. He supported biking and reducing emissions. It was important that PAPD and PABAC reconnect, and he looked forward to the continued partnership. He would love to accept the invitation he received to go on a bike ride with the group.

Chair Ellson had sent Chief Binder and PABAC a compilation of the Committee’s questions. Chief Binder was asked how he saw the place of bicycles in the transportation system and vehicle law. He was asked to explain PAPD’s policy regarding filing of reports for noninjury bicycle versus vehicle crashes and also for solo [individual] bike crashes with injuries.

Chief Binder expressed how he saw the place of bicycles in the transportation system and vehicle law. Regarding policy in regard to crashes, he stated data was important and wanted to share data that was allowable by law with the Committee. He encouraged the Committee to use Lieutenant

1 Becchetti as a resource and tool and to communicate with him what they were seeing, which  
2 could help supplement the data.

3 Ms. Jane Rosten thanked Chief Binder for his attitude toward biking and that he connected it to  
4 the climate issue.

5 Chief Binder referenced the Gold-Level Bicycle Friendly Community and wanted to keep it  
6 going.

7 Mr. Eric Nordman asked if in the future there could be a system providing redacted versions of  
8 traffic reports on a particular intersection to help in understanding causes of accidents.

9 Chief Binder indicated they would share the information allowable by law. If there was a  
10 technological means of doing that, they were open to exploring it. He encouraged the Committee  
11 to contact Lieutenant Becchetti if there were questions as to specific accidents or intersections.

12 Lieutenant Ben Becchetti indicated they were working to implement a data system in regard to  
13 Crossroads, which would enable them to work with the City's Office of Transportation and  
14 would also provide information to the public.

15 Mr. Robert Neff asked what information in a police report for a collision was confidential and  
16 what was sharable and the difference in information recorded in the Crossroads versus the  
17 SWITRS system.

18 Lieutenant Becchetti referenced some information that could and could not be shared, which the  
19 standards were set by the State of California and the Highway Patrol. He recalled previously  
20 talking about more specifics, and he would research what could and not be provided and would  
21 give a more concrete answer at a later time. The information recorded in the Crossroads system  
22 versus the SWITRS system was very similar. He understood it had to do more with timeliness  
23 and access.

24 Mr. Alan Wachtel inquired what would be the priorities for traffic law enforcement in terms of  
25 violations by motorists affecting the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians and violations by  
26 bicyclists and pedestrians.

27 Chief Binder noted safety was his biggest concern. When it came to enforcement, officers were  
28 given discretion as to issuing tickets, giving warnings, or providing intervention. If the  
29 Committee thought an issue needed to be brought to the attention of the PAPD, he encouraged  
30 calling. A traffic sergeant had been reinstated a couple days ago, and a goal was to bring back  
31 the Traffic Unit.

32 Mr. Bill Zaumen commented time of day and direction of travel would be very useful statistics in  
33 determining what measures might mitigate accidents.

34 Mr. Steve Rock questioned if the police reported blockage of bike lanes so they could be  
35 addressed. He indicated that some of the conditions remained for a long time. In reporting an  
36 incident to the PAPD, the dispatcher would ask detailed questions that the one reporting would  
37 often not have the answers to. He voiced it should be easier for people to report such incidents.



1 He opined it would be more appropriate to have guidelines for officers handling the most  
2 dangerous violations rather than officer discretion.

3 Chief Binder remarked officers reported dangerous conditions. He saw an opportunity for  
4 continued conversations and training through Lieutenant Becchetti for the PAPD and what  
5 officers should look for. He expected that any such reported hazardous condition was handled  
6 appropriately by the officers. He voiced the point was well taken as far as reporting an incident.  
7 The dispatchers were trained to get a lot of information for the responding officers.

8 Chair Ellson asked for clarification of the training officers received related to dangerous  
9 infractions of vehicles parking in bicycle lanes, etc. She hoped officers were viewing vehicles  
10 parked in bicycle lanes as a hazard.

11 Chief Binder voiced training started with the Police Academy, which he outlined. Bicyclists and  
12 pedestrians were a component of the training. They were focused on dangerous conditions on the  
13 road, which officers were trained to prioritize.

14 Mr. Richard Swent pointed out the Committee would like to see police reports related to vehicles  
15 colliding with bicyclists and pedestrians and solo bicycle collisions, which may indicate  
16 problems with infrastructure.

17 Chief Binder commented solo biking incidents should be reported. He suggested getting in touch  
18 with Lieutenant Becchetti if it was not occurring so it could be addressed.

19 Mr. Alan Wachtel expressed that in the absence of officers receiving direction regarding  
20 enforcement the judgment of officers on the road might differ from the Committee's thoughts of  
21 best policy.

22 Chief Binder encouraged the Committee to continue to discuss enforcement policies with  
23 Lieutenant Becchetti, and he could continue to work with officers.

24 Mr. Ken Joye thanked Chief Binder and Lieutenant Becchetti for attending the meeting.

25 Chair Ellson questioned how e-bike specific laws fit into Chief Binder's answers about bikes; if  
26 he and his officers were interested in additional education and training with materials specific to  
27 bike safety; and how PABAC and PAPD could work more effectively in partnership to improve  
28 road-user safety.

29 Chief Binder noted e-bikes were a new technology they were learning about and growing with.  
30 E-bikes would be treated as bicyclists on the road. He was interested in additional education and  
31 training with materials specific to bike safety through Lieutenant Becchetti. Road-user safety  
32 started with meetings with the Committee and Lieutenant Becchetti, training opportunities, and a  
33 commitment to work together.

34 Lieutenant Becchetti indicated attention was being paid to the Committee's conversations about  
35 e-bikes, and he welcomed guidance.

1 Mr. Alan Wachtel requested Lieutenant Becchetti's contact information so everyone on the  
2 Committee knows how to contact him.

3 Lieutenant Becchetti stated he would provide his email and phone number to Mr. Ozzy Arce who  
4 would send it to the group.

5 Ms. Jane Rosten asked if once every one or two quarters there could be a meeting with police  
6 presence.

7 Chief Binder could not commit as he did not know Lieutenant Becchetti's schedule, but there  
8 was an opportunity to meet when police presence was needed, which they could commit to.

9 Chair Ellson requested Mr. Ozzy Arce send an email to the Committee with Lieutenant  
10 Becchetti's contact information.

11 Ms. Kathy Durham suggested there be a once-a-year check-in set up with PABAC prioritizing  
12 police presence to ensure there was a time, which she believed had been done in the past. She  
13 invited Chief Binder to the next round of the third-grade bicycle program on bike rodeos, an  
14 educational program.

15 Chief Binder would do his best to make it to the third-grade bicycle program.

16 Mr. Steve Rock inquired if it did any good for a bicyclists to call the police with license plate  
17 information, etc., if dangerous behavior of a driver was observed.

18 Chief Binder encouraged such incidents be called in, and a BOL could be issued. They could not  
19 take action on past infractions the officer did not see, but an enforcement stop could be made if  
20 the officer should see a later infraction by the driver.

21 Lieutenant Becchetti remarked they would routinely get those types of scenarios, and most of the  
22 time behaviors could be corrected with the PAPD talking with the individual, which they were  
23 happy to do if they had time and availability.

24 **B. Nominations and election of 2023 PABAC Chair and Vice Chair**

25 Chair Ellson informed the Committee that the Chair role had no job description, but she  
26 described what the role entailed. She opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

27 Mr. Steve Rock nominated Mr. Bruce Arthur and stated his reasoning for the nomination.

28 Mr. Bruce Arthur stated he would do the job if no one else wanted to do it. It required more time  
29 and effort than he had, and he was concerned he would not be able to do a great job.

30 Ms. Kathy Durham nominated Mr. Eric Nordman who might have the time and skills to do the  
31 job.

32 Mr. Eric Nordman did not think he did a good job in terms of maintaining timing in the meeting  
33 the last time he was Chair, but he could do it if nobody else wanted to do it.

1 Mr. Bruce Arthur indicated the Committee's work was very important. He was reluctant but  
2 happy and willing to put the work in if it was his turn. He voiced Mr. Eric Nordman did a fine  
3 job before.

4 Mr. Bill Courington would like to see Mr. Bruce Arthur as Chair and Mr. Eric Nordman as Vice  
5 Chair.

6 Mr. Eric Nordman was open to that.

7 Ms. Jane Rosten asked that whoever was elected to let the Committee know if they could support  
8 them in the position.

9 Chair Ellson stated the Committee supported and advised the Chair and Vice Chair in the roles.

10 Mr. Robert Neff commented that the Nominating Committee for the VTA VPAC would ask  
11 everyone ahead of time if there was interest in being nominated, and they would report back, so  
12 it did not all happen at the meeting. An idea was the Vice Chair role was a training role. He was  
13 happy with any combination of Mr. Bruce Arthur and Mr. Eric Nordman being Chair and Vice  
14 Chair but thought being a Vice Chair was an excellent opportunity for a newer member who  
15 wanted exposure to the City and the issues.

16 Mr. Alan Wachtel wondered if Ms. Nicole Rodia would be interested in being Vice Chair.

17 Ms. Nicole Rodia was potentially interested in the role, but she did not have a lot of time to put  
18 into it in the coming year, so she did not want to commit to something she would not be able to  
19 do to the best of her ability.

20 Mr. Bruce Arthur asked Chair Ellson about how many hours a month she spent being Chair.

21 Chair Ellson outlined tasks the Chair required to do and additional tasks she chose to do that  
22 were not required, and tasks that could be delegated to Committee members. She outlined the  
23 responsibilities of Vice Chair, and encouraged Ms. Nicole Rodia to accept the nomination.

24 Ms. Nicole Rodia declined the nomination but could maybe accept the role in the future.

25 Ms. Kathy Durham thought Mr. Bruce Arthur and Mr. Eric Nordman would be a great team.

26 Mr. Bruce Arthur was happy to be either Chair or Vice Chair but thought he would be a better  
27 Chair if he were Vice Chair first, which would enable him to learn the process.

28 Mr. Eric Nordman had confidence Mr. Bruce Arthur could be Chair.

29 Chair Ellson declared there was a slate nomination on the floor with the motion from Mr. Steve  
30 Rock to approve Chair Bruce Arthur and Vice Chair Eric Nordman, seconded by Mr. Robert  
31 Neff. Upon a hand vote, the committee voted unanimously to pass the motion.

32 Mr. Ozzy Arce would reach out to Chair Arthur and Vice Chair Nordman to schedule the  
33 agenda-setting meeting for the February PABAC meeting.

1 Chair Ellson offered to turn the meeting over to Chair Arthur.

2 Chair Arthur declined and would do it at the next meeting.

3 **C. 2023 PABAC meetings post-expiration of State of Emergency Ordinance**

4 Chair Ellson understands members were curious about this item but she waited to put this item  
5 on the agenda because she thought it would impact the next Chair and Vice Chair more than her,  
6 so she suggested the new Chair and Vice Chair participate heavily in the discussion.

7 Mr. Ozzy Arce did not have the details of where PABAC would host future meetings. He  
8 indicated the State Proclamation State of Emergency for COVID-19 was scheduled to sunset on  
9 February 28 and was in part what had been legally permitting entirely virtual meetings. Starting  
10 March 1, 2023, entirely virtual Brown Act meetings would no longer be allowed. It appeared the  
11 February meeting would be the last entirely virtual PABAC meeting, and meetings would be in  
12 person starting in March. He specified what would be exceptions for virtual meetings. If there  
13 was a virtual Committee member attendee, he explained their meeting site would become a  
14 public meeting site. They were confirming if the public could join virtually. More information  
15 would be coming regarding virtual public participation, and where PABAC would host the  
16 meetings.

17 Mr. Bill Courington indicated PABAC was not under jurisdiction of the Brown Act, except for  
18 the BPTP, and inquired if the BPTP could be done and then revert to virtual meetings.

19 Mr. Ozzy Arce said he could take the question to the City Attorney's Office. The BPTP Update  
20 is scheduled to be an 18- to 24-month process, and he assumed that every PABAC meeting  
21 would have a BPTP item for the foreseeable future.

22 Chair Ellson questioned what challenges the change would present for staff who worked  
23 remotely a lot.

24 Mr. Ozzy Arce noted that some OOT staff would be in person with the Committee to help  
25 facilitate the meeting, but he needed to confirm if visitors, such as the Police Chief, or other staff  
26 could join virtually and if the technology is available to support people joining virtually.  
27 Hopefully there was not a requirement that presenters or the public attend in person. All the  
28 issues brought up would be defined by February.

29 Chair Ellson declared, since a decision did not need to be made at this meeting and the  
30 Committee was waiting on answers to questions, the item needed to be agendaized for February to  
31 have a decision by March. She indicated it should be in agenda next month.

32 Mr. Ozzy Arce said he would add the item to February's agenda.

33 **6. Standing Items**

34 **A. Grant Update**

35 None

1           **B.     CSTSC Update – October 20, 2022 & November 17, 2022 CSTSC Meeting**  
2           **summaries, attached.**

3     There were no comments.

4           **C.     Caltrans Project – ECR Repaving 2023 Project Update**

5                     **See Attachment 1, Emails between Chair Ellson and Caltrans Staff**

6                     **See Attachment 2, Caltrans’ responses to PABAC comments**

7                     **See Attachment 3, Caltrans’ responses to City Comments**

8     Mr. Ozzy Arce had nothing to report other than the packet of comments from Caltrans had been  
9     received, so next steps needed to be determined.

10    Chair Ellson suggested the Committee read through the 95 percent plans and responses from  
11    Caltrans. She is pleased to see that Caltrans made some confirmations of certain things staff had  
12    asked for in the 95 percent plans.

13           **D.     VTA BPAC Update (R. Neff)**

14    Mr. Robert Neff provided an update. He outlined the items VTA wants included in the VTA Plan  
15    2050, and noted feedback is still being requested from the public. It was time to look at what the  
16    future VTA Plan 2050 would look like and if it should look like the 2030 or the 2040 Plan or if it  
17    should be different. VTA may be the agency changing it, but likely other agencies needed to go  
18    to them with suggestions. More could be found and comments made at the VTA website. The  
19    VTA’s Visionary Network was getting input related to transportation around the Valley,  
20    especially around transit. He proposed what should be included in the network. He had sent a  
21    note to the organizer asking them to consider not just the VTA-supplied transportation network  
22    but the public network transportation Palo Alto should have. He encouraged the Committee to  
23    look at the planning work underway and provide feedback.

24    Chair Ellson expressed the policy piece of land use and sustainability was outside VTA’s scope  
25    and belonged with the Board of Supervisors, and questioned how VTA was approaching it and  
26    asked to understand how it was working better. She asked if they were planning to make  
27    recommendations on land-use and sustainability policies in addition to their transportation  
28    recommendations and to whom they would make the recommendations.

29    Mr. Robert Neff declared that was a confusing aspect of the whole matter. He wondered if VTA  
30    was going to give feedback to cities regarding land use and the impacts on transportation, which  
31    they could specify housing be put closer to people’s jobs, etc. He was confused regarding their  
32    recommendations. VTA had some land-use control and owned some property. He did not know  
33    if they could make suggestions to the County and the Cities. VTA recognized land-use choices  
34    were an input to what the transportation network had to be. It was not clear to him if VTA should  
35    seek inputs on land use. The VTA did have input into what other planning agencies would tell  
36    them the land use would be.

1 Chair Ellson recommended the Committee review the minutes from that meeting and ask  
2 questions.

3 Mr. Robert Neff noted the presentations could be accessed online.

4 Mr. Bruce Arthur asked if the VTA saw themselves building a transportation plan for the world  
5 as it was and trying to transition to something more constructive and proactive.

6 Mr. Robert Neff thought VTA had an aspirational idea that the plan would be a little different  
7 this time, but he was not sure how they would get there. If the direction of the 2050 Plan was not  
8 changed, it would look like the 2030 and 2040 plans.

9 Ms. Jane Rosten stated the VTA was sponsoring a winter biking class with an impressive  
10 schedule of VTA adult education series.

11 Mr. Robert Neff indicated the VTA and the County were doing more adult education, which was  
12 a different part of VTA. Some of the Measure B funding had gone to the County for bicycle  
13 education programs.

14 Mr. Eric Nordman questioned who the VTA reported to. It seemed reasonable that they have a  
15 consulting role, but the land-use discretion seemed misplaced.

16 Mr. Robert Neff remarked the VTA reported to the Board of Supervisors and had a board  
17 consisting of people from San Jose and representatives from many cities, and he thought Palo  
18 Alto was represented. Santa Clara County and San Jose had most of the say. It was described to  
19 him as a staff-driven agency. Land-use choices would determine whether transportation plans  
20 were successful.

21 **E. Subcommittee Reports**

22 **1. Rail Grade Separation Subcommittee (B. Arthur)**  
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24 Mr. Bruce Arthur commented the Rail Grade Separation Subcommittee had not met. The last  
25 update had been in November, which had been shared with the Committee. He hoped there  
26 would be updates next month.

27 Chair Ellson suggested colleagues on the Committee look at the last City Council Rail Grade  
28 Separation Committee meeting video. She did not think there were minutes.

29 **2. Bike Bridge Maintenance Subcommittee (Chair Ellson)**

30 **See Attachment 4, Email update from Megha Bansal,**  
31 **Public Works**

32 Chair Ellson noted some of the surveys were in, and surveys would be continued. Work on the  
33 Bol Park bridges was being done, which was outlined in the letters. She proposed the Committee  
34 read the letters.





1 Mr. Robert Neff indicated the City Clerk did an educational training for all commissions on how  
2 to run a committee. They could ask that training be given to PABAC Chairs. He asked Mr. Eric  
3 Nordman if he could provide a photo album of code violations he was looking for, which would  
4 help the Committee in knowing what to look for and report. He thought the code enforcement  
5 was for uncontrolled intersections and wondered if having stop signs made intersections  
6 controlled; therefore, the rules would not apply.

7 Mr. Eric Nordman did make and would send out a photo album. He would look at code  
8 enforcement in regard to controlled and uncontrolled intersections but thought the site-line  
9 restrictions would not apply if there was a stop sign.

10 Mr. Bill Courington stated there had been a Bylaws Subcommittee. He looked in the bylaws, and  
11 there was no guidance on succession, so it would be wise to revivify that subcommittee.

12 **6. Open Space & Parks E-Bikes Subcommittee (P. Goldstein)**

13 [Did not bring up agenda item—no updates].

14 **E. Announcements**

15 Mr. Ken Joye announced his appreciation for Chair Ellson and Vice Chair Liberman’s service as  
16 PABAC Chair and Vice Chair for 2023.

17 **F. Future Agenda Items**

18 *Please forward any future Agenda requests to Vice Chair Nordman or Chair Arthur.*

- 19 ➤ El Camino Real (SR-82) plans from Caltrans (Last discussion: 10/6/2022)
- 20 ➤ Muni code clean-up progress update (Committee report delivered: 2018; Last update  
21 from staff: 11/1/2022)
- 22 ➤ PAUSD Hoover school campus reconstruction update (Last review: 5/3/2022)
- 23 ➤ S. Palo Alto Bikeways project status/grant proposal (Last update: 10/6/2022)
- 24 ➤ Rail Grade Separations (Last update: 8/2/2022)
- 25 ➤ Municipal Code re: micromobility issues
- 26 ➤ BPTP Update Implementation Status Item for the City website
- 27 ➤ PABAC assistance reporting sight line/safety issues on bike/ped network (Requested by  
28 Staff: 10/6/22)
- 29 ➤ Explore alternatives for bike/ped non-injury collision and near-miss reporting
- 30 ➤ Bike parking code updates for converting existing business-owned auto parking spaces to  
31 bicycle parking
- 32 ➤ Park Blvd to Portage Ave. (last discussion: 11/1/2022)

33 Ms. Jane Rosten requested putting on the agenda learning more about e-bikes and how to coexist  
34 with them.

35 **8. ADJOURNMENT** at 8:15 p.m.





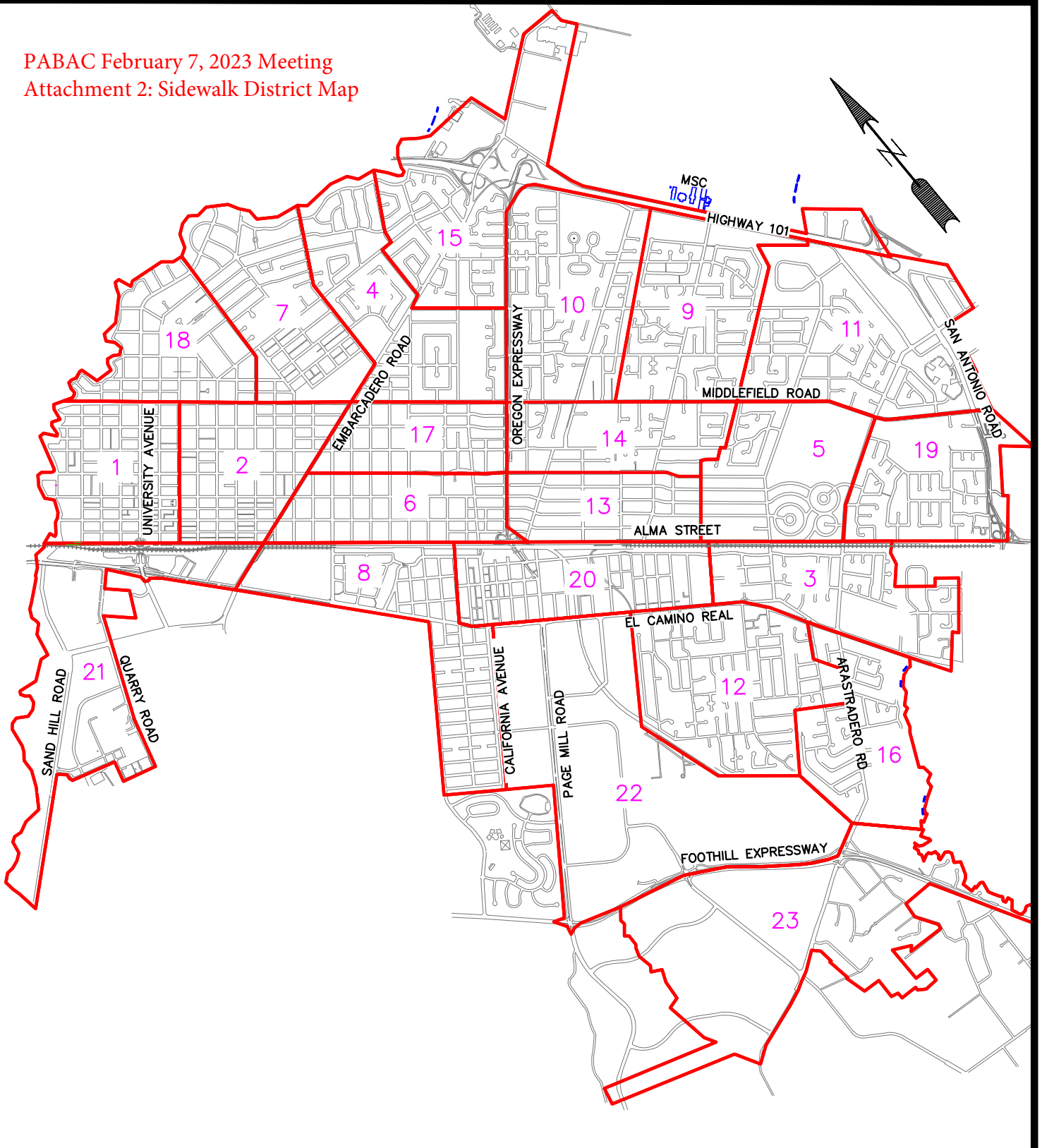


**Cracking (Shattered Slab)** – Cracks that cut through the concrete slab, dividing the slab into multiple pieces. These cracks are commonly caused by a combination of repeated heavy loading (in the case of sidewalks adjacent to a driveway), or thermal gradient curling, shrinkage/swelling of the underlying subgrade or tree root uplift.



**Patching** – Areas where the original sidewalk has been removed and replaced with a new material, or where the sidewalk has been overlaid with a new material such as concrete or asphalt concrete.

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Attachment 2: Sidewalk District Map



**LEGEND**

36 - DISTRICT NUMBER AND BOUNDARY

DRAWN BY: BL <b>DATE:</b> <b>MAY 13, 2019</b>	<b>SIDEWALK DISTRICT MAP</b>	APPROVED BY: _____ PE NO. _____ DATE: _____
SCALE: 1"=3600'	City of Palo Alto	DRAWING NO. _____

## Public Comments for City of Palo Alto Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan Update

This Packet Includes:

A compilation of written comments on the City of Palo Alto Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan Update submitted by email to [Transportation@CityofPaloAlto.org](mailto:Transportation@CityofPaloAlto.org).

**NOTE: No public comments received for this meeting packet**





## Public Comment Instructions For City of Palo Alto Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan Update

Members of the Public may provide public comments on the City of Palo Alto Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan Update as follows:

1. **Written public comments** (including visuals such as presentations, photos, etc) may be submitted by email to [Transportation@CityofPaloAlto.org](mailto:Transportation@CityofPaloAlto.org). Please follow these instructions:
  - A. Please email your written comments **by 12:00 pm (noon) on the Monday the week before (eight days before)** the upcoming Palo Alto Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PABAC) meeting, unless otherwise indicated. Details of upcoming PABAC meetings are available on the City's [PABAC webpage](#).
    - Written public comments will be attached to the upcoming PABAC meeting agenda packet.
    - Written comments submitted after 12:00pm (noon) on the Monday before the upcoming PABAC meeting will be attached to the following PABAC meeting agenda packet.
  - B. Please **lead your email subject line with "BPTP Update"**.
  - C. When providing comments with reference to the current [City of Palo Alto Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan 2012](#), please be as specific as possible by indicating the chapter number, section heading number, and/or page number.
2. **Spoken public comments using a computer** will be accepted through the teleconference meeting. To address the Committee, click on the URL in the agenda packet for Zoom. Please follow these instructions:
  - A. You may download the Zoom client or connect to the meeting in-browser.
    - If using your browser, make sure you are using a current, up-to-date browser: Chrome 30+, Firefox 27+, Microsoft Edge 12+, Safari 7+. Certain functionality may be disabled in older browsers including Internet Explorer.
  - B. You may be asked to enter an email address and name. We request (but do not require) that you identify yourself by name as this will be visible online and will be used to notify you that it is your turn to speak.
  - C. When you wish to speak, click on "raise hand." Staff will activate and unmute speakers in turn. Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called to speak.
  - D. When called, please limit your remarks to the time limit allotted by the Chair.



3. **Spoken public comments using a smart phone app** will be accepted through the teleconference meeting. To address the Committee, download the Zoom application onto your smart phone from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and enter the Meeting ID in the agenda. Please follow the instructions B-D above.
  
4. **Spoken public comments using a phone (cell or land line) without an app** will be accepted through the teleconference meeting. Use the telephone number listed in the agenda. When you wish to speak, press \*9 on your phone to “raise hand.” You will be asked to provide your first and last name before addressing the Committee. When called, press \*6 on your phone to unmute. Please limit your remarks to the time limit allotted by the Chair.