



City of Oakland, Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Minutes from the April 20, 2017 meeting
City Hall, 2nd Floor, Sgt Daniel Sakai Hearing Room (aka Hearing Room 4)

Meeting agenda at www2.oaklandnet.com/oak062348

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm by BPAC Vice-Chair, Robert Prinz.

Item 1. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum/Introductions

At roll call, quorum was established with eight commissioners present and the ninth arriving shortly thereafter.

Commissioners	Present
Reginald K Burnette Jr	X
Ryan Chan (Chair)	X
Chris Hwang	X
Christopher Kidd	X
Fred McWilliams	X
Robert Prinz (Vice-Chair)	X
Midori Tabata	X
Rosa Villalobos	X
Kenya Wheeler	X

Introductions were made.

- Other attendees: Eric Fischer, Ashley Moretz, Jennifer Anderson, Amanda Leahy, Mike Alston, Carol Levine, Bob Fearman
- Staff: Jennifer Stanley, Iris Starr, Matt Nichols, Menaka Mohan, Carissa Lee

Item 2. Approval of meeting minutes

- A motion to **adopt the Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission meeting minutes from March 16, 2017** was made (Tabata), seconded (Kidd), and passed with one abstention (Burnette, Jr who was excused from the March meeting). Adopted minutes online at www.oaklandbikes.info/BPAC.

Item 3. Open Forum / Public Comment

- Bob Fearman reported persisting problems with motorists driving in the bike lane on Oak St under I-880, an outcome of the recent bike lane project. He recommends that car parking be removed to alleviate the pinch point.
- Eric Fischer reported persisting problems with traffic signal timing near the MacArthur BART station and that he has received no response from multiple reports to the Call Center. As a next step, it was suggested that he consider contacting his Council member.

Item 4. 2017 Draft Pedestrian Master Plan Update

Iris Starr with the Department of Transportation (DOT) gave an update on the draft Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP). Menaka Mohan is managing the project. **See Powerpoint.**

Key points:

- The values in the DOT Strategic Plan (Safety, Equity, Responsiveness, and Vitality) form a basis for the PMP.
- The PMP needs to be updated every five years to be eligible for certain funding sources.
- A safety analysis resulted in a High Injury Network, followed by a needs analysis, 38 recommendation actions, and a prioritization scheme that weights Safety, Equity, and Walkability equally. Walkability was defined as access to walking destinations—proximity, it was suggested, is a better term.
- No projects require CEQA analysis based on traffic impacts.
- Next step is review by the Planning Commission (May 17), presentation to the Community and Economic Development Committee (June 13), followed by a presentation to the City Council (June 20).
- People are encouraged to explore data in this map (<http://oakbec.s3.amazonaws.com/MapLanding/maps/CapitalImprovementProjectAnalysis.html>), which is referenced in Appendix G of the draft plan.

Summary of discussion:

- The analysis identified the correlation between high injury locations and low-income areas.
- Contributing factors are analyzed in Chapter 6.
- The funding plan is related to the City's Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Budget programmatically (specific projects aren't called out); prioritization factors include availability of funding/"bang for the buck."
- Consider improvements that benefit pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users simultaneously (e.g. road diets).
- The Plan doesn't highlight enforcement due in part to equity concerns.
- Not every action is informed by the Equity value (Temporary Traffic Control, for example).
- Pedestrian improvements should be integrated with paving projects.
- Can the plan address economic development/vibrancy?
- Use the plan to enhance areas with an already low-carbon footprint where many people are not driving currently.
- The Plan should address that many don't ride the bus because some bus stops are unsafe due to the presence of drug dealers, etc.
- Be aware that SWITRS data/reports from Oakland may get reflected, instead, in adjoining jurisdictions.
- High injury corridors were not adjusted for volumes.
- Routine upgrades deserve attention to detail.
- Freeway on/off ramps are a barrier to walkability and should be addressed. Also surface level crossings.
- Enforcement is identified as lowest tier solution. However, cars that block sidewalks are a problem. Education is needed to communicate this.
- Specific projects are listed in the plan appendix.
- Can the vision be updated to be larger and more compelling? As it stands, the document is practical, but not very visionary.
- The Plan refers to what City staff will do, but doesn't refer much in the text to the community's involvement.
- Developer-funded improvements are supported via processes already in place, such as Traffic Impact Fee funds—the Plan could make this more explicit.
- The City has hired a new Vision Zero Coordinator, and an engagement process is forthcoming.

Email comments to mmohan@oaklandnet.com.

- A motion to authorize the Chair and Vice Chair to write a letter of support to the Planning Commission, Public Works Committee, and CED committee supporting the PMP update was made (Chan), seconded (Tabata), and passes with all voting favor.

Speakers other than commissioners: Eric Fischer, Carol Levine, Mike Alston

Item 5. iBond & Equity Analysis

Matt Nichols, Policy Director for Infrastructure & Transportation for the Mayor's Office gave an overview of the work to date developing an equity analysis for the ibond; the measure (which passed by over 80%) requires various analyses, including equity and cost. The Mayor's budget will be released on April 30 or May 1, and includes proposals to use the first tranche of bond funds. After the release of the budget, there will be more public forums and chances to comment. (Matt expressed his willingness to return to the BPAC when there is a draft budget available to discuss.) The process to date for developing proposals for the use bond funds included an Infrastructure Working Group convened by the Mayor, which held three meetings. At these meetings the group adopted six factors for how to prioritize and weight projects. Factors include safety, leveraging outside funds, preventative maintenance and hazard elimination. The results of the analysis are in an online map at http://oakbec.s3.amazonaws.com/Dev/Equity_Dashboard_2.html. It was acknowledged that the Mayor's working group wasn't an adequate public process—and more engagement will come in the fall. The budget includes proposals for new DOT staff, but not all at once. Additional staff might be approved as part of a mid-year budget adjustment. The bond can't fund all operations costs, but additional new (and more flexible) funding from the state gas tax gives the City options.

Other items:

- Matt noted that State legislation allowing a five-year pilot project in San Francisco and San Jose for automated speed enforcement has made it out of privacy committee. Oakland supports this legislation and encourages others to support it. Oakland's new Vision Zero Coordinator (starting in May) comes to us from San Francisco where she helped spearhead this legislation.
- Matt also invited people to attend a bike ride on May 2 with the Mayor, Jeanette Sadik-Kahn (former NYC Transportation Commissioner), and new DOT Director Ryan Russo from base of the Bay Bridge path to a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of path on weekdays. Matt will provide details via to Jennifer for distribution to the group.

Item 6. Three month look-ahead, suggestions for meeting topics, announcements

Three-month look-ahead

No changes were made since the agenda packet was circulated.

Suggestions for meeting topics

Move the San Leandro Creek Trail project to DOT (also requested in March).

Announcements (other than those printed in the agenda)

- **Stylish Spokes: A Celebration of Women and Biking**, a short film by Claire Bonham-Carter and Greg Miller, is looking for screening opportunities. "Biking in heels. In a long dress. In the rain. You can always make it work. Stylish Spokes celebrates the freedom of biking, as demonstrated by stylish women riding in unconventional cycling attire. These women are noticed through the eyes of

several frustrated commuters who marvel at the style and ease with which these cyclists navigate their city.”

- Commissioner Burnette, Jr: The Scraper Bike Team will be fixing up bikes in May at First Friday and Off the Grid and will be holding a fix it class at the 81st Ave Library on May 3. Other bike month events can be found on the Oakland Library web page.
- Commissioner Burnette Jr (and Anthony Propernick, both of whom work at the 81st Ave Library) were named “movers and shakers” by the Library Journal, recognized for their bicycling-related work in the innovation category that honors those doing transformative work in their communities.
- Commissioner Prinz: There will be a grand opening/ribbon cutting for Oakland’s newest cycle track on upper Broadway, Monday, May 8/TBD based on time availability of Council Member Kalb. The facility includes a bike signal and protected bike phase. Check Bike East Bay website for more information.
- Commissioner Hwang: Citizen Jane, a new film about Jane Jacobs is being released in New York, and then coming to SF and Berkeley, Friday, April 28 at the Shattuck Theaters.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07p.

Attachments

- Draft Pedestrian Master Plan (Powerpoint)

Minutes recorded by Jennifer Stanley, City of Oakland Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Coordinator, emailed to meeting attendees for review on April 26, 2017, with comments requested by 5pm, Tuesday, May 2 to jstanley@oaklandnet.com. Revised minutes were attached to the May 2017 meeting agenda and adopted at that meeting.