



City of Oakland, Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Minutes from the September 17, 2020 meeting
Teleconference

Meeting agenda at <https://cao-94612.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/September-2020-BPAC-Agenda-1.pdf>.

Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm by BPAC Chair George Naylor.

Item 1. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum/Introductions

At roll call, quorum was established with eight commissioners present (X). One commissioner (x) arrived shortly after roll call.

Commissioners	Present
Reginald K Burnette Jr	X
Andrew Campbell (Vice-	X
Grey Gardner	X
Jesse Jones	X
Phoenix Mangrum	X
George Naylor (Chair)	X
Mariana Parreiras	x
Patricia Schader	X
Dianne Yee	X

Introductions were made.

- Other attendees: Jon Bauer, Tom Holub, Chris Hwang, Amy Lopez, Natalie Mall, Jeremiah Maller, Robert Prinz, Susan Smith, Kristine Snell, Midori Tabata, Mana Tominaga, Paul, Syed
- Staff: Noel Pond-Danchik, Jason Patton, Teresa Peterson, Shayna Hirshfield-Gold, KTOP

Item 2. Open Forum / Public Comment

- Robert Prinz, staff with Bike East Bay and member of the BPAC's Infrastructure Committee, noted that the Lakeside Green Streets project has issues with bicycle detection at traffic signals, despite the project's ribbon-cutting having occurred in 2019. He also noted a public records request pending with OPD on traffic stop data. He submitted the request in June and is awaiting a response.
- Tom Holub noted that Nicole Ferrara, OakDOT staff, had presented police stop data at a meeting in July that used more recent than what is otherwise available.
- Jon Bauer, District 1 resident and bike commuter, attended the Telegraph Ave forum item at August's BPAC meeting. He noted the discussion was robust, and he asked what the Commission plans to do next on this project. George Naylor, BPAC Chair, responded that the District 3 City Council Office is convening a group of key stakeholders and that Chair Naylor recommended to Ryan Russo, OakDOT Director, that Commissioner Dianne Yee be included to represent the BPAC. Jon Bauer asked BPAC to help ensure the City process includes bicycle advocates who are not affiliated with Bike East Bay.

- Chris Hwang, WOBO, noted that she and Bike East Bay are part of this group discussing next steps for Telegraph Ave in Northgate. She explained that there are plans for two community meetings. Also, remember Bike to Wherever Day on Thursday, 9/24, and see www.wobo.org for information.

Item 3. Approval of meeting minutes

The approval of the August 2020 meeting minutes was deferred to the October meeting.

Item 4. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grant Cycle 10 Applications

OakDOT Staff Teresa Peterson (tpeterson@oaklandca.gov) presented the projects selected for HSIP Cycle 10 grant applications. Teresa presented one systemic project (pedestrian crossing improvements at uncontrolled locations on two-way streets) and two corridor specific projects (14th St from Mandela Pkwy to Adeline St, and 98th Ave from Edes Ave to MacArthur Blvd), and solicited feedback on the projects' designs. See the agenda for a copy of the presentation.

Summary of Discussion:

- OakDOT is advocating for more treatments, like protected intersections, being added to the HSIP treatments that are counted as countermeasures.
- Traffic signals are more challenging to install than rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) because traffic signals are more expensive and they require certain warrants to be met (e.g., volumes of users, number of previous crashes).
- Trench drains could be an option to address the drainage issues with raised crosswalks, but trench drains need to be cleaned manually of debris.
- It would be helpful to have a better understanding of costs for various counter-measures like traffic signals, RRFBs, and raised crosswalks. Accurate costs can be difficult to obtain because there are a lot of variables. The Pedestrian Plan (<https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/pedestrian-plan-update>) has an appendix with a toolkit of treatments that includes high-level cost estimates.
- Information on Oakland's high injury network (HIN) analyses is available at:
 - <https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/planning-data> (Pedestrian Plan HIN)
 - <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/traffic-safety-1> (All Modes HIN)
- The Transportation Injury Mapping System (TIMS) is a publicly available tool for querying and mapping crash data: <https://tims.berkeley.edu/>.
- There was specific discussion of traffic operations at 14th St and Adeline St, and along 98th Ave. Emergency response is a concern with 98th Ave, which is in tension with raised elements in the median. At the same, people are driving recklessly in the two-way center turn lane.
- For the 98th Ave project, there has not been a community process specific to the grant application. (This is not unusual for HSIP applications, as they are based on benefit-cost analyses and not on community support.) There is an interest amongst staff about letting residents know, and the proposed project is seeking to respond to known issues and the crash history along 98th Ave.
- OakDOT staff is seeking to complete the applications in the next month and requesting a letter of support from the Commission.
- The Infrastructure Committee has not reviewed these applications, as the Commission has heard multiple items on the HSIP process and Committee is seeking to avoid duplication with the Commission's agenda items.

- A motion to ***provide letters of support for the three proposed projects*** was made (Parreiras), seconded (Gardner), and approved unanimously.

Speakers other than commissioners: Robert Prinz

Item 5. BPAC Blog

Commissioner Dianne Yee (yee.bpac@gmail.com) gave an overview of the goals and features of the BPAC Blog, <https://oaklandbpac.org>, and presented ideas for discussion. The presentation was included as an attachment to the meeting agenda. What additional information and features are commissioners interested in having?

Summary of Discussion:

- Consider adding information on the high injury network, as this is a topic that the public is very interested in.
- The blog will be a great resource for orienting new commissioners.
- An important purpose of the BPAC is to connect Oaklanders to what is going on in City government, and the blog will help BPAC achieve this purpose.
- Some thought is needed on the messaging to differentiate the BPAC Blog from the City of Oakland's website (www.oaklandca.gov).
- Consider including bike/ped-related calendar items that are not BPAC commission and committee meetings.
- Commissioner Yee is seeking help from the committee chairs and liaisons to provide more complete information on committee work.
- Consider adding geographic information on the City's projects so people can scrutinize the City's work by equity considerations.
- Multiple commissioners and members of the public offered praise for the extensive and well-organized information included in the blog.

Speakers other than commissioners: Robert Prinz, Liz Binning, Chris Hwang

Item 6. Equitable Climate Action Plan (ECAP)

City of Oakland Acting Sustainability Program Manager Shayna Hirshfield-Gold (shirshfield-gold@oaklandca.gov) provided an overview of the adopted 2030 Equitable Climate Action Plan (ECAP), with a focus on the transportation related elements of the plan. The presentation was included as an attachment to the meeting agenda.

Summary of Discussion:

- The ECAP has an action to “align all planning policies & regulations with ECAP goals & priorities.” This is particularly important in the context of the Downtown Specific Plan, as the downtown has the density and transit for significant reductions in the use of private automobiles.
- Oakland Public Works collaborated closely with multiple staff in OakDOT as there are many transportation-related actions that involve many OakDOT staff. The strategic approach is advancing work that is already underway, and using the ECAP to push that work further for its climate change benefits.

- Progress on plan implementation will be evaluated and communicated in an annual report (as was done for the previous ECAP), and staff intends to create a dashboard to help communicate progress. Shayna welcomed input on how to measure outcomes from the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plans.
- A motion to **extend the meeting to 8:15pm** was made (Parreiras), seconded (Schader), and approved unanimously.

Speakers other than commissioners: None

Item 7. Committee Report Back

Committees of the BPAC provided brief updates to the Commission. A list of active committees and report backs from committees was included in the agenda packet.

Summary of Discussion:

- Infrastructure Committee: The next meeting will be held in October.
- Legislative Committee: A small meeting was held since the last BPAC meeting, and Commissioner Gardner is interested in convening a meeting in October to discuss OakDOT's draft legislation on advancing traffic safety.
- Liaison to Affordable Housing & Infrastructure Bond Public Oversight Committee: No meetings since the beginning of shelter-in-place
- Liaison to Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities: No meetings since the beginning of shelter-in-place
- Open Forum Committee: No update
- Bicyclist Pedestrian Police Relations Committee: The Committee met 9/9/2020 to discuss their strategic plan goals, as well as issues with 90th Ave. There is a new agreement with the Oakland Police Department to not park in the 90th Ave Scrapper Bikeway unless in the case of an emergency. They are also seeking to provide input on the hiring of the new police chief.
- Planning Commission Review Committee: No update
- 2020 Strategic Plan Task Force: The group's work is done with the adoption of the Strategic Plan by the BPAC at its August 2020 meeting.
- 2021 Recruitment Committee: The committee had two open houses for prospective applicants and received 14 applications. They will bring a recommendation to the October BPAC meeting.

Speakers other than commissioners: None.

Item 8. Three-month look-ahead, suggestions for meeting topics, announcements

Three-month look-ahead

- A list of upcoming items was included in the agenda packet.

Announcements

- Bike to Anywhere Week is next week, 9/20-26, and Bike to Wherever Day is Thursday, 9/24. Go ride a bike.

Suggestions for meeting topics

- Commissioner Gardner noted that the Legislative Committee may be interested in bringing a recommendation to the Commission if OakDOT staff does not advance the draft safety legislation that has been under discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Minutes recorded by Jason Patton, Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Supervisor, emailed to meeting attendees for review on Friday, September 18, 2020 with comments requested by 5pm, Friday, October 2, 2020 to NPond-Danchik@oaklandca.gov. Revised minutes will be attached to the October 2020 meeting agenda and considered for adoption at that meeting.