



City of Oakland, Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Minutes from the February 18th, 2021 meeting
Teleconference

Meeting agenda at <https://cao-94612.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/February-2021-BPAC-Agenda.pdf>.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by BPAC Chair Andy Campbell.

Item 1. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum/Introductions

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

Commissioners	Present
Reginald K Burnette Jr	X
Andrew Campbell (Chair)	X
Grey Gardner	X
Mike Lok	X
Jesse Jones	X
Phoenix Mangrum	x
David Ralston	X
Patricia Schader (Vice-Chair)	X
Dianne Yee	X

Introductions were made.

- Other attendees: Mike Alston, Dave Campbell, Tim Courtney, Gordon Douglas, Tom Holub, Jeremiah Maller, RionFrancis Manning, John Minot, George Naylor, Elizabeth Osborne, Andrew Park, Bret Peterson, Colin Piethe, Brendan Pittman, Robert Prinz, Midori Tabata, Jean, H W
- Staff: Audrey Harris, Catherine Payne, Jason Patton, Ofurhe Igbinedion, Noel Pond-Danchik, KTOP

Item 2. Open Forum / Public Comment

- Dave Campbell noted a draft recommendation (#59) to the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force (<https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/reimagining-public-safety>) for moving traffic enforcement from the Police Department to the Transportation Department. Contact dave@bikeeastbay.org for more information and to share your ideas. He has been participating in a Task Force committee that proposed this recommendation.
- John Minot supports an item for next month's BPAC agenda on the police reform work under discussion.
- Chair Campbell attended a Bella Vista Neighborhood Council meeting last week that included a presentation by OakDOT staff on the 14th Ave streetscape project. Neighbors expressed concerns that sidewalk widening was not a more prominent feature of the proposed project.

Item 3. Approval of meeting minutes

- A motion to **adopt the Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission meeting minutes from January 21st, 2021** was made (Jones), seconded (Schader), and approved by consent. Adopted minutes online at www.oaklandbikes.info/BPAC.

Item 4. Annual Major Development Projects

Catherine Payne (Planning Department) and Audrey Harris (Transportation Department), key members of the major projects review team, reported on current development applications under consideration (and recently approved), and how to participate in the application review process. The following projects were noted: Brooklyn Basin, California College of the Arts, 500 Kirkham, 98th & San Leandro, Lake Merritt BART, Howard Terminal, and West Oakland BART, with more detailed information on these last four projects. The presentation is attached to these minutes.

Summary of Discussion:

- The 98th & San Leandro project is market rate, and the developers have their approvals for the “horizontal improvements” (i.e., the streets and infrastructure). The project also has approvals for its number of units (a PUD, or “planned unit development”). Additional approvals are needed before buildings can be constructed.
- The 98th & San Leandro project includes a small park, a shared street (i.e., a “woonerf”), and sidewalk improvements along 98th Ave. The project sponsor will also contribute \$350,000 to the development of neighborhood bike routes in the Elmhurst district.
- If the East Bay Greenway is built on the alignment of the existing railroad tracks, the developer will create a direct connection from the 98th & San Leandro project to the Greenway. (If the railroad tracks remain and the Greenway is built along San Leandro St, this connection would not be possible because of the railroad tracks.)
- With large multi-phase development projects, sometimes the community benefits are associated with later phases in the overall project. The later phases have not always been built, resulting in the loss of the community benefits. Staff is aware of this possible sequence of events, and is working to associate improvements with early phases of projects.
- Tracking conditions of approval and community benefits is best done through the case planner for each project. This person in the Planning Department stays with their projects for their entire time in the Planning Department. Case planners appreciate input from the public on how projects are implemented, as sometimes this happens years after the case planner was intensively involved.
- There is ongoing discussion between the City of Oakland and the Alameda County Transportation Commission regarding maintenance of the East Bay Greenway. With developers make contributions to the East Bay Greenway, consider the maintenance needs.
- A transportation demand management (TDM) plan is a condition of approval, whereby large projects must have a plan for reducing environmental and community impacts by shifting car trips to more sustainable modes. TDM plans are now going to the Planning Commission as part of a development project’s file, and this has become standard practice to make the TDM process more transparent. Monitoring TDM plans through time has been a challenge. DOT recognizes this challenge and is seeking resources to improve this monitoring.

Speakers other than commissioners: Robert Prinz, Dave Campbell, George Naylor

NOTE: The item on the BPAC Strategic Plan was heard before the BPAC Legislative Committee Recommendations, the reverse of the order listed in the published agenda.

Item 5. BPAC Strategic Plan Update

BPAC Strategic Planning Committee member Commissioner Jones led the BPAC in a discussion on updating the BPAC Strategic Plan from 2020. A copy of the 2020 BPAC Strategic Plan was included in the agenda packet. The presentation is attached to these minutes.

Summary of Discussion:

- The BPAC should support Slow Streets becoming permanent and there should be a related task in the 2021 Strategic Plan.
- The main recommendations of the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force will be presented and advanced to City Council in the next couple of months, and thus there is a need to coordinate the timing of the BPAC's involvement.
- The 2021 Strategic Plan is a reworking of the 2020 Plan, updating it with current topics, making the goals more high-level while simultaneously making the overall Plan more concise.
- The Strategic Plan can be a helpful tool in communicating with City Council, including meeting individually with City Councilmembers. In past years commissioners have divvied up to meet individually with Councilmembers to educate them on the BPAC's work.
- Parking is a looming policy issue with many implications, and the BPAC should consider a place for parking policy in its work for the year.

Speakers other than commissioners: John Minot

Item 6. BPAC Legislative Committee Recommendations

Commissioner Gardner, lead of the BPAC Legislative Committee, facilitated a discussion about the Legislative Committee's recommendations. The presentation is attached to these minutes.

Summary of Discussion:

- Consider amplified music and loud mufflers as a legislative issue deserving attention.
- As a friendly amendment to the quick fix ideas, add traffic circles and islands as means to discourage donuts and speeding around schools.
- The speed tables on 81st Ave are a good example for what could be done in school zones and near libraries. The speed tables are like speed humps, but longer (in the direction of travel).
- Potentially sideshows could be allowed to take place in a sanctioned location to reduce the risk to the public of informal sideshows.
- Consider advocating for a 25mph maximum speed limit, rather than 30mph. Alternately, advocate for the possibility of a maximum speed limit with the specific speed to be determined.
- AB 117 proposes extending a State incentive for electric cars to electric bikes, which should be supported for promoting bicycling.
- Quick build strategies and tactical urbanism should be used to reduce speeding.
- The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has a forthcoming funding program for quick build projects, and this could be a source of funding for OakDOT.
- Bad driving behavior has gotten particularly bad during the pandemic, and thus the importance of these recommendations.

- While recent changes to State law allow lower speed limits near schools, a City Council resolution is needed to implement these lower speed limits.
- A motion to **extend the meeting by 15 minutes** was made (Campbell), seconded (Burnette), and approved by consent.
- A motion to **adopt “Proposed BPAC Safety Priorities (Local Legislative)”, per the slide of this title in Commissioner Gardner’s presentation, and amended to include speed tables and traffic circles as Quick Fix Traffic Calming strategies**, was made (Gardner), seconded (Mangrum), and approved by consent.

Speakers other than commissioners: John Minot, Gordon Douglas, George Naylor, Midori Tabata

- A motion to **extend the meeting by 10 minutes** was made (Campbell), seconded (Burnette), and approved by consent.

Item 7. Committee Report Back Attachment

Committees of the BPAC provided brief updates to the Commission. A list of active committees was included in the agenda packet and at <https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/bicyclist-and-pedestrian-advisory-commission-bpac-committees-and-liaisons>.

Summary of Discussion:

- Infrastructure Committee: Robert Prinz reported on their 2/4/2021 meeting that had Commissioners Schader, Yee, and Burnette in attendance. Robert confirmed that Commissioner Ralston will be included on future communications. Items at the meeting included the Grand Ave Mobility Plan, a proposal from the Laurel business improvement district for a road diet on MacArthur Blvd, an update on the draft Neighborhood Bike Route Implementation Guide, and a presentation on 8th St in West Oakland made by Time Courtney, a neighborhood advocate for traffic calming. The next meeting will be on 4/1/2021 with possible items on the 14th Ave streetscape project, 14th St ATP project (which may come later), and some paving projects.
- Police Relations Committee: Commissioner Mangrum reported that the Committee continues to pursue the multi-departmental discussion on police stops. The Committee is also discussing organizing rides with OPD and community members, and putting a greater emphasis on pedestrian issues in the Committee’s work.

Speakers other than commissioners: None

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

The three-month look-ahead was included in the agenda packet.

Suggestions for meeting topics

- Commissioner Gardner suggested an update on the proposed path for the western span of the Bay Bridge from Ben Kaufman at Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.
- Commissioner Ralston suggested a presentation on the General Plan Update from Strategic Planning in the Planning Department.

Announcements

- See the substantive announcements published in the February meeting packet.
- The Scraper Bikes recently hired a new Executive Director, Rion Manning.
- City Council approved funding for the purchase of a mini street sweeper to clean protected bike lanes. This topic was discussed by the BPAC as a recent Open Forum item.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Attachments

- Annual Major Development Projects – Presentation
- BPAC Strategic Plan Update – Presentation
- BPAC Legislative Committee Recommendations - Presentation

Minutes recorded by Jason Patton, Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Supervisor, emailed to meeting attendees for review on February 22, 2021 with comments requested by 5pm, Monday, March 11, 2021 to NPond-Danchik@oaklandca.gov. Revised minutes will be attached to the March 2021 meeting agenda and considered for adoption at that meeting.