



City of Oakland, Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Minutes from the January 19th, 2023 meeting
Teleconference

Meeting agenda at <https://www.oaklandca.gov/meeting/january-2023-bicyclist-pedestrian-advisory-commission-bpac-virtual-meeting>.

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

Item 1. Teleconference Protocol/Roll Call/Determination of Quorum/Introductions

At roll call, quorum was established with nine commissioners present (X).

Commissioners	Present
Andrew Campbell	X
Alex Frank	X
Grey Gardner	X
Mike Lok	X
Phoenix Mangrum	X
David Ralston	X
Patricia Schader (Chair)	X
Nick Whipps	X
Dianne Yee (Vice Chair)	X

Introductions were made.

- Other attendees: Daniel Payne, Hancel ChavezFerreya, Midori, Koushik Roy, RB, Deepak Jagganath, a phone number ending in 1220, Jose Feroso, Roza, Jimmy Jessup, Jess LaFrank.
- Staff: Pierre Gerard, Jason Patton, Mike Munson.

Item 2. Open Forum / Public Comment

- Koushik asked about what bikeway projects are planned for San Pablo Avenue; Commissioners shared that ACTC is leading transportation improvement project development along the San Pablo Avenue corridor and has a webpage on this work: <https://www.alamedactc.org/programs-projects/multimodal-arterial-roads/sanpabloave>

Item 3. Approval of meeting minutes

→ A motion to **adopt the Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission meeting minutes from December 15th, 2022** was made (Gardner), seconded (Whipps), and approved by roll call vote with the following Commissioners voting in favor: Campbell, Frank, Gardner, Lok, Mangrum, Ralston, Schader, Whipps, and Yee (unanimously). Adopted minutes online at www.oaklandbikes.info/BPAC.

Item 4. Renewal of Resolution to Continue Teleconference Meetings

The Commission considered renewing a resolution determining that conducting in-person meetings of the Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission and its committees would present imminent risks to attendees' health, and electing to continue conducting meetings using teleconferencing in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(e), a provision of Assembly Bill 361 (AB-361).

→ The Commission ***adopted a resolution determining that conducting in-person meetings of the Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission and its Committees would present imminent risks to attendees' health, and electing to continue conducting meetings using teleconferencing in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(e), a provision of AB-361.*** The motion was made (Ralston), seconded (Frank), and adopted by roll call vote with the following Commissioners voting in favor: Campbell, Frank, Gardner, Lok, Mangrum, Ralston, Schader, Whipps, and Yee (unanimously).

The resolution is attached to these meeting minutes.

Speakers other than commissioners: None

Item 5. Recent Bicyclist and Pedestrian Fatal Traffic Crashes

Chair Schader led the commission in a discussion of recent fatal and other high-profile traffic crashes in Oakland involving bicyclists and pedestrians.

- On Thursday, 12/29/22, a pedestrian was killed in a crash with a motor vehicle. Additional information was not available at the time this agenda was published.

Summary of Discussion:

- The following correction has been made to the published agenda that a pedestrian was killed on 12/24/22, not 12/29/22:
 - "On Saturday, 12/24/22, a pedestrian was killed in a crash with a motor vehicle. Additional information was not available at the time this agenda was published. [NOTE: The originally published agenda incorrectly gave the date of this crash as occurring on 12/29/22. The crash occurred on 12/24/22 at 11:16pm on the 2100 block of San Pablo Ave. The pedestrian was a 35-year old male Oakland resident who died on the scene. The preliminary investigation indicates that the pedestrian was struck in the roadway by a driver who fled the scene.]"
- Commissioners discussed whether more detailed information about traffic violence could be shared widely and more quickly after each fatality and severe injury. The City's traffic fatalities web map is now updated through 2022:
<https://oakgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=2b5d94fa6f774f578a022046692e0f84>.

Speakers other than commissioners: None

Item 6. 2022 BPAC Chair's Report

2022 BPAC Chair Patricia Schader (patricias.oakland@gmail.com) will present for the BPAC's review and approval the draft 2022 BPAC Chair's Report to the Oakland City Council.

Summary of Discussion:

- Chair Schader will present this agenda item at a future BPAC, as the report is not yet ready.
- The BPAC Chair's reports from past years are available at:
<https://www.oaklandca.gov/documents/bicyclist-pedestrian-advisory-commission-bpac-annual-chairs-reports>.

Speakers other than commissioners: None

Item 7. Nominations & Elections for BPAC Chair and Vice Chair

Staff will facilitate nominations and elections for 2023 BPAC Officers, following the process described in BPAC's By-Laws (<https://cao-94612.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/BPAC-By-Laws.pdf>.)

Summary of Discussion:

- Chair Schader nominated Vice Chair Yee for Chair.
 - Vice Chair Yee accepted the nomination.
- A vote by show of hands to **elect Commissioner Dianne Yee as the 2023 BPAC Chair** was conducted and approved with the following Commissioners voting in favor: Campbell, Frank, Gardner, Lok, Mangrum, Ralston, Schader, and Whipps, with Yee abstaining.
- Chair Yee nominated Commissioner Gardner for Vice-Chair.
 - Commissioner Gardner accepted the nomination and shared that his top priorities are motor vehicle speed reduction and road safety for all modes of transportation.
 - Commissioner Ralston nominated Commissioner Frank for Vice-Chair.
 - Commissioner Frank accepted the nomination and shared that his priorities are bicycle and pedestrian safety and maintaining a business environment, including a desire to improve communications with City Council and the Mayor's Office.
- A vote by show of hands to **elect Commissioner Grey Gardner as the 2023 BPAC Vice Chair** was conducted with the following Commissioners voting in favor: Schader, Lok, Yee, Whipps, Campbell, and Mangrum. A vote by show of hands to **elect Commissioner Alex Frank as the 2023 BPAC Vice Chair** was conducted with the following Commissioner voting in favor: Ralston. The vote to **elect Commissioner Grey Gardner as the 2023 BPAC Vice Chair** was approved.

Speakers other than commissioners: RB.

Item 8. Committee Overviews, Report Backs, and New Assignments

Committees of the BPAC provided brief overviews and updates to the Commission. All commissioners will be given the opportunity to volunteer for, switch, or remove themselves from the Commission's committees and liaison positions. A list of active committees is included in the agenda packet and at

Summary of Discussion:

- The Committee list published in the agenda contains meeting times and the names of the Chair(s) of each Committee.
- **Legislative Committee:** Commissioner Frank volunteered to chair and provided a description of the Committee's goals. The Legislative Committee technically meets first Mondays of each month, beginning 2/6/23, and will determine during the February meeting whether to change the frequency of meetings. Commissioners Frank, Lok, and Gardner serve on this committee.
- **Infrastructure Committee:** Commissioner Ralston spoke about having a good experience with the Infrastructure Committee. The Infrastructure Committee meets on the first Thursday every two months for two hours. RB will stay on this Committee, and it is assumed that other volunteer members of the public will stay on.
- **Open Forum Committee:** this Committee does not currently have a regular meeting time; Jimmy will set one. A list of public comments is available via a Google Doc that Jimmy manages. Commissioner Lok will join, with Commissioner Schader and Midori staying on with the Committee.
- **Liaison to Affordable Housing and Infrastructure Bond Public Oversight Committee:** Commissioner Ralston to remain in this role, expressed frustration due to challenges learning when this Committee's meetings are held.
- **Liaison to Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities:** Commissioner Schader will remain in her role as Chair of this Committee; she has attended a couple of their meetings when bicycle or pedestrian issues came up in the agenda.
- **Bicyclist and Pedestrian Police Relations Committee:** Commissioner Mangrum provided a background of the origin of this Committee, which included responding to the jailing of a bicyclist who was detained at Santa Rita Prison for playing loud music during a First Friday Red Bike and Green bicycle ride. The Committee meets on second Thursdays of each month. Commissioners Mangrum, Campbell, and Frank will stay on. RB and Robert Prinz will stay on the Committee.
- **Planning Commission Review Committee:** Commissioner Whipps reported that this Committee did not meet in 2022, and that he would like to work with Bicycle and Pedestrian Program staff to find a point of contact with the Planning Commission. He will remain Chair and believes that George Naylor, RB, and Kenya Wheeler will stay on (RB confirmed).
- **Recruitment Committee:** chaired by Midori (who will likely remain as Chair), which hosts one open house (virtual during the pandemic) every year to meet potential BPAC Commissioner candidates. Commissioners Mangrum, Schader, and Frank will stay on; Commissioner Campbell will join.

Speakers other than commissioners: RB, Jimmy Jessup, Midori Tabata.

Item 9. 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 Lok would like to discuss emergency preparedness for pedestrians and bicyclists relating to the recent storms, with help from Commissioner Schader.
- Commissioner Frank would like to discuss the formation of a Liaison or Committee that would interact with the City's Public Safety and Services Violence Prevention Oversight Commission (SSOC).
- Vice-Chair Gardner is interested in analyzing trends in traffic fatalities and severe injuries across all categories, relating to the Safe Oakland Streets update.

Announcements

- **BPAC Agenda Sign-Up List:** To receive these BPAC agendas by email when available, sign up at <https://oaklandca19202.activehosted.com/f/20>.
- **Completed Installation of Pedestrian Crossing Medians on Bancroft Ave at 61st and 62nd Avenues:** City crews installed paint-and-post pedestrian crossing medians at these two intersections in late December. The project was done in response to three pedestrian fatalities on Bancroft Ave near 61st and 62nd Avenues between 2020 and 2022.
- **Completed Installation of Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements at 7th/Filbert Streets:** In early December, the east and westbound approaches to the existing crosswalk across 7th St were reduced to two lanes from three in each direction, using signs, delineators, and thermoplastic striping. In late December, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) were installed to provide warning lights upon activation by push button.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Attachments

- Resolution to Continue Teleconference Meetings
- 2023 Active BPAC Committees/Task Forces/Liaisons

Minutes recorded by Pierre Gerard, Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Transportation Planner II, emailed to meeting attendees for review on Tuesday, January 24, 2022, with comments requested by 5pm, Tuesday, February 7, 2023, to PGerard@oaklandca.gov. Revised minutes were attached to the February 2023 meeting agenda and adopted at that meeting.

OAKLAND BICYCLIST & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting of January 19th, 2022, Item #4

ADOPT A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT CONDUCTING IN-PERSON MEETINGS OF THE BICYCLIST & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION AND ITS COMMITTEES WOULD PRESENT IMMINENT RISKS TO ATTENDEES' HEALTH, AND ELECTING TO CONTINUE CONDUCTING MEETINGS USING TELECONFERENCING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e), A PROVISION OF AB-361.

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency related to COVID-19, pursuant to Government Code Section 8625, and such declaration has not been lifted or rescinded. See <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.4.20-Coronavirus-SOE-Proclamation.pdf>; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the City Administrator in their capacity as the Director of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), issued a proclamation of local emergency due to the spread of COVID-19 in Oakland, and on March 12, 2020, the City Council passed Resolution No. 88075 C.M.S. ratifying the proclamation of local emergency pursuant to Oakland Municipal Code (O.M.C.) section 8.50.050(C); and

WHEREAS, City Council Resolution No. 88075 remains in full force and effect to date; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends physical distancing of at least six (6) feet whenever possible, avoiding crowds, and avoiding spaces that do not offer fresh air from the outdoors, particularly for people who are not fully vaccinated or who are at higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends that people who live with unvaccinated people avoid activities that make physical distancing hard. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/about-covid-19/caring-for-children/families.html>; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends that older adults limit in-person interactions as much as possible, particularly when indoors. See <https://www.cdc.gov/aging/covid19/covid19-older-adults.html>; and

WHEREAS, the CDC, the California Department of Public Health, and the Alameda County Public Health Department all recommend that people experiencing COVID-19 symptoms stay home. *See* <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>; and

WHEREAS, persons without symptoms may be able to spread the COVID-19 virus. *See* <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>; and

WHEREAS, fully vaccinated persons who become infected with the COVID-19 Delta variant can spread the virus to others. *See* <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>; and

WHEREAS, the City's public-meeting facilities are indoor facilities that do not ensure circulation of fresh / outdoor air, particularly during periods of cold and/or rainy weather, and were not designed to ensure that attendees can remain six (6) feet apart; and

WHEREAS, holding in-person meetings would encourage community members to come to City facilities to participate in local government, and some of them would be at high risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 and/or would live with someone who is at high risk; and

WHEREAS, in-person meetings would tempt community members who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms to leave their homes in order to come to City facilities and participate in local government; and

WHEREAS, attendees would use ride-share services and/or public transit to travel to in-person meetings, thereby putting them in close and prolonged contact with additional people outside of their households; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2021 the Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission adopted a resolution determining that conducting in-person meetings would present imminent risks to attendees' health, and electing to continue conducting meetings using teleconferencing in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(e), a provision of AB-361; now therefore be it:

RESOLVED: that the Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and hereby adopts and incorporates them into this resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that, based on these determinations and consistent with federal, state and local health guidance, the Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission renews its determination that conducting in-person meetings would pose imminent risks to the health of attendees; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission firmly believes that the community's health and safety and the community's right to participate in local government, are both critically important, and is committed to balancing the two by continuing to

use teleconferencing to conduct public meetings, in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(e), a provision of AB-361; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission will renew these (or similar) findings at least every thirty (30) days in accordance with California Government Code section 54953(e) until the state of emergency related to COVID-19 has been lifted, or the Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission finds that in-person meetings no longer pose imminent risks to the health of attendees, whichever occurs first.

For more information on the BPAC's Committees and Liaisons see
<https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/bicyclist-and-pedestrian-advisory-commission-bpac-committees-and-liaisons>

2023 Active BPAC Committees/Task Forces/Liaisons

Committee Name / Liaison Role	Purpose	Commissioners	Community Members	Meeting Time	Agendas, Notes, and Minutes
Infrastructure Committee	Review and comment on the design of projects	Ralston , Schader, Yee	George Naylor, Robert Prinz , Midori Tabata, Brendan Pittman, RB Burnette Jr	The first Thursday of every other month from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gqS46y3dWNeAxMVwU3HTwjunj-b0pwAntZix-CisiWA
Legislative Committee	Research and develop policy recommendations for consideration by the BPAC	Frank , Gardner, Lok, Whipps	Kenya Wheeler	The first Monday of each month at 5:00 PM	
Liaison to Affordable Housing & Infrastructure Bond Public Oversight Committee	Monitor Committee activities and report back to the BPAC	Ralston			
Liaison to Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities	Monitor MCPD activities and report back to the BPAC	Schader			
Open Forum Committee	Review and analyze comments received during Open Forum	Schader	Midori Tabata , Jimmy Jessup		https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1v0nDQC83kYuR8rW_ofuDLSTOy0LdRg9otR63Yp0u5Qw/htmlview
Bicyclist & Pedestrian Police Relations Committee	Rectify inequitable policing and racial profiling through analysis, dialog, and recommendations	Campbell, Frank , Mangrum	Tom Holub, George Naylor, Zachary Norris, Kenya Wheeler	The second Thursday of each month from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	
Planning Commission Review Committee	be a resource to the Planning Commission and provide input on bicycle and pedestrian elements of proposed projects	Schader, Whipps	George Naylor, Kenya Wheeler, RB Burnette Jr		
2023 Recruitment Committee	Outreach and recruitment for new BPAC commissioners beginning January 2022	Frank, Mangrum, Schader, Campbell	Midori Tabata		

*Committee Chairs in **bold**