



City of Oakland, Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Minutes from the March 21st, 2019 meeting
City Hall, 2nd Floor, Sgt Daniel Sakai Hearing Room (aka Hearing Room 4)

Meeting agenda at <https://cao-94612.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/Mar-19-BPAC-Agenda.pdf>.

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm by BPAC Chair Kenya Wheeler.

Item 1. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum/Introductions

At roll call, quorum was established with six commissioners present (X). One (-) was excused (provided notice of absence as specified in by-laws). Two (x) arrived just after roll call.

Commissioners	Present
Reginald K Burnette Jr	x
Andrew Campbell	X
Jesse Jones	X
Phoenix Mangrum	X
George Naylor (Vice-Chair)	-
Zachary Norris	x
Mariana Parreiras	X
Midori Tabata	X
Kenya Wheeler (Chair)	X

Introductions were made.

- Other attendees: Stephen Cunningham, Charlotte Duruisseau, Grey Gardner, John Minot, Robert Prinz, and Patricia Schader
- Staff: Pierre Gerard, Julieth Ortiz, Si Lau, Jason Patton, Noel Pond-Danchik, Eric Uddenberg, and Bruce Williams

Item 2. Approval of meeting minutes

- A motion to **adopt the Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission meeting minutes from February 21, 2019** was made (Tabata), seconded (Parreiras), and approved by consent. Adopted minutes online at www.oaklandbikes.info/BPAC.

Chair Wheeler encouraged the commissioners and attendees to sign a card for AC Transit Drivers after the meeting.

Item 3. Open Forum / Public Comment

- Stephen Cunningham asked if enhancements including railings would be added to the stairway on E 20th St ascending to 5th Ave which is being improved as part of the Stairs and Paths program. He was directed to save his comment for Item 5.
- John Minot noted that Caltrans is planning a reconfiguration of the MacArthur Maze and is taking public comments. He encouraged people to go to their website [<http://www.dot.ca.gov/d4/macarthurmazeproject/macarthurmaze-comments.html>] and make comments advocating for more bicyclist and pedestrian amenities.

- Grey Gardner noted that that the City of Oakland is going to revitalize the currently defunct Kaiser Convention Center between Lake Merritt and Laney College. He urged people to support a bike/pedestrian throughway. He also recommended a Streetsblog article on the project [<https://sf.streetsblog.org/2019/03/20/why-does-oaklands-kaiser-convention-center-plan-have-so-much-parking/>].
- Ulises Toledo recommended a bikeway connection between Brookfield Village and the Coliseum BART Station. He also asked about plans for bikeshare expansion into East Oakland.
 - Commissioner Burnette Jr. noted that a community based bike share loaner bike program is in the works in East Oakland.
 - Motivate (the operator of the Oakland bike share which is currently sponsored by Ford and now owned by Lyft) is planning on distributing some electric bikes to East Oakland in addition to the coming bike lending library.
- You can subscribe to bike plan updates at https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAOAKL/subscriber/new?topic_id=CAOAKL_168.

Item 4. Committee Report Back

Committees of the BPAC with activities in the past month provided brief updates to the commission and committees noted their committee leads. A list of active committees updated to reflect the leads and a summary of the recent work of the Legislative Committee provided by Commissioner Parreiras are attached.

Summary of Discussion:

- Commissioner Parreiras of the Legislative Committee announced that the Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) just hired someone into a policy and legislation position, Nicole Ferrara, who will be the committee's point of contact with OakDOT. Commissioner Parreiras has scheduled a time to meet with Ferrara.
- Chair Wheeler of the Bicyclist Pedestrian Police Relations Committee announced that at their last meeting, they reviewed analysis done by committee members. They are currently requesting more information from Oakland Police Department (OPD) and OakDOT to determine if the stops were lawful or not. They are also reviewing the impact of the Federal Consent Decree and the use of the STEP Grant which OPD received to improve safety including bicyclist/pedestrian safety.
- The Planning Commission Review Committee will have its first meeting in the next month which Commissioner Jones volunteered to organize.

Speakers other than commissioners: Jason Patton

Item 5. TDA Article 3 Projects: Recommended List

Bruce Williams, DOT Funding Program Manager, presented a draft project list for fiscal year 2019-20 Transportation Development Act Article 3 funding. This year's recommendation is to spend about \$444,000 total split between the bicyclist signage program, the bicycle parking program, bicyclist safety education, and two stairs and paths projects. They are also considering using these funds for maintenance in future years including maintenance of current and future portions of the East Bay Greenway. See the attached presentation for more details.

Summary of Discussion:

- All the stair projects funded by this source will be ADA compliant as a condition of this funding including railings and easy to negotiate tread and risers so that the elderly, semi-ambulatory, and visually impaired may use the stairs.
 - It was recommended that the stairs in the Eastmont Hills connect to the Sunkist Path.
 - It was recommended that the Eastmont Hills stairs increase access for parents to the King Estates Open Space by making them stroller accessible.
 - The Bicyclist Signage Program does most of the green wayfinding signs around the City with distances, directions, and destinations. Currently signage projects around Lake Merritt BART and the Foothill Bancroft Bikeway are underway.
 - There was discussion about the need for housing, but that OakDOT staffing has little capacity for additional projects. Bruce Williams agreed that if it came down to housing vs. safety, safety will win out.
 - While currently about \$25,000 every other year from this funding source is spent on education, up to \$22,000 could be spent, although the classes offered through Bike East Bay get about ten participants per class, so there may not be much more benefit to adding more classes.
 - It was recommended instead of adding more classes, the money be used to promote the program or add incentives for the participants to increase attendance.
 - The money can be used for “Swift and Effective” projects including projects on the High Injury Network, but there were no submissions from staff this year for any such projects, likely due to staff capacity. Many more intensive safety improvement projects are being done with Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant funds. In general, OakDOT is trying to do more citywide improvements like the recent high visibility crosswalk upgrades at schools across the city.
 - Williams offered to send a list of projects this funding source has been used for in recent years so Commissioners can see the trajectory of this funding source.
- A motion to **support the projects identified in the presentation** was made (Norris), seconded (Mangrum), and approved with all Commissioners voting in favor except Commissioner Burnette Jr, who abstains. The motion passed.

Speakers other than commissioners: Stephen Cunningham, Jason Patton, Robert Prinz, and Eric Uddenberg

Item 6. AHSC Grant Applications

Julieth Ortiz, Strategic Planning & Administration Analyst, provided an overview of the applications OakDOT recently submitted for cycle 4 of this state grant. The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC) is administered by the Strategic Growth Council and implemented by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. AHSC is one of the CA Climate Investment programs whose goal is to integrate affordable homes and sustainable transportation. Some of the transportation improvements proposed include bike lanes, curb ramps, crosswalk upgrades, bus stops, and pedestrian scale lighting. They began the process with four to five projects and ended up submitting two, the Fruitvale Transit Village project phase IIB with 181 units, and the 95th Ave and International Blvd project with 40 units. They tried to use existing projects already planned by OakDOT but are under budget to leverage the funding to OakDOT’s existing priorities, but that was not always possible. See the attached presentation for more information.

Summary of Discussion:

- Since the grant cannot be used to fund maintenance, it is difficult to include street trees because the Public Works Department cannot maintain the trees.

- Oakland Planning Code requires new multi-family housing developments to provide both short and long term bicycle parking.
- Both project applications propose free AC Transit passes for all residents.
- Every year about one to two projects submitted in Oakland has been awarded the grant. Previous winners include the International Blvd and 23rd Ave Camino Project, the Lakehouse and E 12th St project which has not begun construction yet, one downtown, and two in the Coliseum area.
- If the grant is awarded to either project, the design could come back to BPAC or the Infrastructure committee later in the process.
- It can be difficult to weigh the staff and time constraints for such an extensive application process with the need to support affordable housing. As such, OakDOT staff are trying to create a “menu” of types of projects that could be implemented many places throughout the city depending on where the developments are.

Speakers other than commissioners: Ulises Toledo

Item 7. Bike to Work Day Planning

Chris Hwang from Walk Oakland Bike Oakland (WOBO), a nonprofit advocacy organization, shared preliminary plans and volunteer roles throughout the city for Bike to Work Day celebrations and Bike Month activities. May is Bike Month and May 9th is Bike to Work Day. Commissioners will lead pedal pools (group rides) from designated locations in their districts to ride to City Hall. Commissioners were encouraged to ask their City Councilmembers to join in on the ride. Bike to Work Day will include energizer stations throughout the East Bay and pancakes and a transportation fair at City Hall. There are also other events throughout Bike Month like a CycloFemme ride on Mother’s Day. Bike to Work Day and Month needs many volunteers in all kinds of capacities. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, go to <https://wobo.org/bike-to-work-day-2019/>. See the attached handout for more details.

Summary of Discussion:

- Three BART station energizer stations need people to captain them: West Oakland, Rockridge, and Coliseum. Anyone who wants to help or suggest businesses or community groups who could captain an energizer station can contact Bike East Bay Events Manager Hyeran Lee (hyeran@BikeEastBay.org).
- Someone from District 7 is needed to run the pedal pool.
- Motivate, the Ford Go Bike company, will get bikes to people who need one.
- Commissioner Mangrum also offered to loan people bikes from Cycles of Change if they let him know two weeks ahead of time.
- Scrapper Bikes is planning a group ride, to paint 90th Ave, and to have a block party.

Speakers other than commissioners: Robert Prinz, Patricia Schader

Item 8. Strategic Plan Check-In

Kenya Wheeler, BPAC Chair, provided an update of the BPAC 2019 Strategic Plan goals, with a recap of the specific goals, BPAC Commissioner assignments, and progress to date. See the attached handout for more details.

Summary of Discussion:

- Commissioner Parreiras recommended Commissioner Naylor for Task 6.3 (Monitor what happens to projects after they leave OakDOT ie. How much did they end up costing? How did they affect bicycling rates, etc.)
- Commissioner Mangrum volunteered for Task 6.1 (Begin tracking Measure B and BB funds)
- Commissioner Tabata volunteered for Task 2.3 (Create a list of major projects and get information about projects before they are too far along in the process for meaningful input)
 - Jason Patton volunteered to work with Commissioner Tabata on the task
- Commissioner Parreiras updated the commission that the meeting from Task 1.1 (Meeting with Joanne Karchmer to discuss 2019 adopted Council Legislative agenda and determine timeframe) happened last month and that there is a meeting planned for her to meet with her District 1 Councilmember.
- Commissioner Mangrum met with Councilmember Gallo and is having trouble getting in touch with Councilmember Reid.
- Four Commissioners (Burnette Jr, Tabata, Norris, and Mangrum) met with Councilmember Taylor who agreed to participate in Bike to Work Day.
- Commissioners Naylor, Tabata, and Wheeler met with Councilmember Thao's Chief of Staff.
- Commissioner Campbell met with Councilmember Bas and her transportation advisor.
- Councilmember Parreiras has a meeting planned with Julie Wedge, staff to Councilmember Kaplan.
- Ahmed Ali-Bob from OakDOT sent Commissioner Jones a list of over three-hundred community groups.
- The strategic plan tracking document should be attached to future agendas and stand as a reoccurring item.

Speakers other than commissioners: Jason Patton, Noel Pond-Danchik

Item 9. Three-month look-ahead, suggestions for meeting topics, announcements

See the attached three-month look-ahead and announcements for more information.

Suggestions for meeting topics

- Grey Gardner suggested an update of hiring and vacancies in OakDOT since Human Resources is coming out with an update to the vacancies report.
 - Grey Gardner suggested a presentation by Motivate, now owned by Lyft, about bike share expansion to East Oakland.
- A motion to **extend the meeting by five minutes** was made (Wheeler), seconded (Campbell), and approved with all commissioners voting in favor. The motion passed.

Announcements

- All commissioners must file a Form 700 by April 1st. The form and more information can be found at <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html>.
- Commissioners were reminded to sign the card for AC Transit Drivers.
- Commissioner Norris switched membership from the Open Forum Committee to the Bicyclist / Pedestrian / Police Relations Committee.
- Commissioner Burnette Jr. announced that the Bay Area BMXers are having a bike ride on Sunday March 24th at 11 am on Sunday at 426 E 11th St.
- Commissioner Burnette Jr. announced that there will be a ride put on by the Scraper Bikes, Bike East Bay, and Rails to Trails on April 13th from Fruitvale BART to the East Bay Greenway.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Minutes recorded by Noel Pond-Danchik, Pedestrian Program Coordinator, emailed to meeting attendees for review on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 with comments requested by 5pm, Wednesday, April 10, 2019 to NPond-Danchik@oaklandca.gov. Revised minutes will be attached to the April 2019 meeting agenda and considered for adoption at that meeting.