



City of Oakland, Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Minutes from the October 17th, 2019 meeting
Fruitvale-San Antonio Senior Center, 3301 E 12th St, Suite 201, Oakland, CA 94601

Meeting agenda at:

https://cao-94612.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/Oct_2019_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 all nine commissioners present (X).

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

Introductions were made.

- Other attendees: John Minot, Grey Gardner, Roger Rudick, Samah Itani, Patricia Schader, Thalia Leng, Debra Israel, Rosa Villalobos, Matthew Ruggiero, Amy Lopez, Dianne Yee
- Staff: Jason Patton, Noel Pond-Danchik, Susan Katchee, Wladimir Wlassowsky

Item 2. Approval of meeting minutes

- A motion to **adopt the Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission meeting minutes from September 19, 2019** was made (Tabata), seconded (Mangrum), and approved by consent. Commissioner Parreiras abstained. Adopted minutes online at www.oaklandbikes.info/BPAC.

Item 3. Open Forum / Public Comment

- John Minot: AC Transit Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) construction has been creating dangerous conditions for pedestrians in East Oakland.
 - AC Transit should present on BRT at BPAC soon.
 - OakDOT should employ more inspectors to address these kinds of complaints for all developments.
- Commissioner Tabata on behalf of Mrs. Ford: Some residents on 90th Ave are upset about the bikeway because of the loss of a travel lane.
 - People are also upset because police are using the bikeway to park in.
 - The project manager has committed to adding signage to make it clear it is a bikeway.
 - Doing projects part by part causes constituents to be upset.
- Dianne Yee: Cars have been parking in the bike lane on southbound Mandela Pkwy near Granite Expo. It may be related to a nearby encampment. She submitted the issue on seeclickfix and

contacted a council aide who put her in contact with the encampment manager. The cars have since moved but she has not gotten any responses.

Item 4. Committee Report Back

Committees of the BPAC with activities in the past month provided brief updates to the Commission. A list of active committees is included in the agenda packet.

- Infrastructure Committee met on October 3rd. They discussed Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycles 7 and 8, 20th St BART improvements, the bus lane on Broadway, and the West St Project. The minutes are online at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TBnVJvDzDY9iUkeWeEl1AOnUnUZ-wffDYY0cW4MTvj4/edit>.
 - On Market/Adeline, Ade Oluwasogo, OakDOT Supervising Transportation Engineer, and Phillip Ho, OakDOT Transportation Engineer, are returning to the project to make it safer.
 - Ade Oluwasogo waited until late in the planning process to show the committee the plans for the HSIP projects.
 - The 20th St project has come to the full BPAC once and Infrastructure Committee twice and recommendations still have not been incorporated.
- A report back and handouts from the Affordable Housing & Infrastructure Bond Public Oversight Committee (Measure KK) Liaison are included in the minutes.
- Legislative Committee met and drafted a resolution of support to prioritize safety over parking and vehicle circulation. They have met with advocates and Councilmember Noel Gallo's aides. They are incorporating very specific asks about OakDOT hiring, using consultant support, and lowering speed limits near schools into the resolution.
- Planning Commission Review Committee met last Tuesday and discussed potential bicyclist and pedestrian improvements to a proposed development on 98th Ave and San Leandro St and the Downtown Specific Plan. They heard that Planning Department staff prefers the committee provide input through OakDOT staff. The committee will propose a process to DOT staff for submitting comments.
- Police Relations Committee will meet next month. They are hoping to engage the community and other City agencies more in their work.

Speakers other than commissioners: Dianne Yee

Item 5. BPAC Commissioner Appointment Recommendations

The Nominating Committee, created at the September 2019 BPAC meeting, reported back with recommendations from its review of applications of people seeking to be appointed to the BPAC. There were a record 40 applicants, with every Council District represented except District 4. The committee tried to ensure diversity in terms of gender, ethnicity, background, and location and gave weight to people who have already participated with the BPAC in some way. The committee made recommendations for three new commissioners for the 2020-2022 term. They are recommending: Patricia Schader (D7), Grey Gardner (D2), and Dianne Yee (D3). They are recommending Vrinda Manglik (D3) as an alternate. The recommended candidates will be sent to the Mayor who will make recommendations to City Council. If confirmed by City Council, the new recruits may begin in January. Recruitment, especially from deep East

Oakland was emphasized for next year's recruitment process as well as additional women commissioners. It was pointed out that out of 9 commissioners, we have had at most 3 women at any given time.

- A motion to **accept the Nominating Committee's recommendations** was made (Tabata), seconded (Parreiras), and approved with all commissioners voting in favor. The motion passed.

Speakers other than commissioners: John Minot, Jason Patton.

Item 6. Rapid Response: Foothill Blvd/26th Ave Case Study

Susan Kattchee, Interim Manager of OakDOT's Safe Streets Division, discussed OakDOT's work in responding rapidly to fatal and severe traffic crashes involving Oakland's most vulnerable roadway users. OakDOT is creating a procedure to quickly and consistently respond to tragedies while juggling proactive work. OakDOT's rapid response to the tragic death of a mother and child at Foothill Blvd/26th Ave in April 2019 was presented as a case study. For information on the recent crash at Foothill Blvd and 22nd Ave, there will be a meeting on Thursday, October 24th, 2019 at 9 am at Garfield Elementary. That crash is also being responded to using Rapid Response protocol. See the attached presentations for further details.

Summary of Discussion:

- The process will be triggered by a pedestrian or bicyclist fatality or a pedestrian or bicyclist severe injury of a youth or senior. These criteria are being tested for sustainability. This is to move away from responding to crashes based on how much attention they get and making responses consistent.
- The middle lane on Foothill Blvd should be removed and replaced with a bike lane because it is being used as a parking space or to speed around the exterior lanes.
- Foothill Blvd and Bancroft Ave have many diagonally intersecting streets that are dangerous for pedestrians.
- Delivery trucks are parking in the center lane on Fruitvale Ave between Coolidge Ave and 35th Ave causing visibility issues for pedestrians staging to cross.
- Before and after evaluations should be done for treatments.
- Long uncontrolled corridors should be controlled. Stop signs can be used as interim measures until pedestrian counts are high enough to warrant signals.
- Oakland's wide streets create high levels of risk and exposure for pedestrians.
- Painting curb red near crosswalks should be done citywide.

Speakers other than commissioners: Jason Patton, Noel Pond-Danchik, Wlad Wlassowsky, Roger Rudick

Item 7. SFMTA's Counts Program

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) is working towards achieving Vision Zero, an initiative to prioritize street safety and eliminate traffic deaths in San Francisco. To meet this goal, the City needs to track progress and measure projects. This work, through the Safe Streets Evaluation Program, further bolsters the city and agency's commitment in achieving safer streets for all. In this presentation, Thalia Leng discussed the data-driven metrics, methods, and results of project evaluations completed over the past year using Valencia Street as an example. They focused on before and after studies and used consultants to do monitoring. They are planning to make the data public. See the Safe Streets Evaluation website (www.sfmta.com/safestreetsevaluation) and attached presentation for more information.

Summary of Discussion:

- Batching projects for evaluation brings the cost down.

- Three staff members dedicate 10-15% of their time on this project in addition to consultants brought on.
- Many project managers were grateful for the new evaluation process. Some project managers participate directly in evaluating their projects while others have deferred entirely to the evaluation team. Evaluation processes and money set aside for evaluation should be institutionalized.
- New technologies like count cameras and databases will be helpful in evaluating projects.

Speakers other than commissioners: Amy Lopez

- A motion to ***extend the meeting by twenty minutes*** was made (Tabata), seconded (Mangrum), and approved with all commissioners voting in favor. The motion passed.

Item 8. Choosing a 14th St Project Liaison

Kenya Wheeler, BPAC Chair, sought a motion to designate a BPAC commissioner as liaison to the 14th Street, A Great Route in the Town project. Commissioner Mangrum offered to do it with the support of Chair Wheeler until he terms out at the end of the year at which point Vice Chair Naylor or a new commissioner will support Commissioner Mangrum. For more information about the project, see: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/projects/14th-street>.

- A motion to ***designate Commissioner Mangrum with support from Chair Wheeler or Vice Chair Naylor as liaison to the 14th Street, A Great Route in the Town project*** was made (Wheeler), seconded (Campbell), and approved with all commissioners voting in favor. The motion passed.

Speakers other than commissioners: Jason Patton

Item 9. Committee Chair By-Laws Discussion

Kenya Wheeler, BPAC Chair, and OakDOT staff described proposed changes to the Commission By-Laws that would address the qualifications of Committee Chairs and make other minor changes to the by-laws to incorporate current BPAC practices. Two options were provided in the agenda.

- A motion to ***nullify the motion made at the January 2019 BPAC meeting which required each committee be chaired by a commissioner*** was made (Naylor), seconded (Parreiras), and approved with all commissioners voting in favor. The motion passed.

Item 10. Three-month look-ahead, suggestions for meeting topics, announcements

Three-month look-ahead

- The AC Transit Bus Rapid Transit item should come as early as possible

Suggestions for meeting topics

- Commissioner Mangrum: E-Scooter usage with an emphasis on sidewalk riding and scooter/pedestrian crashes.

Announcements

- There will be monthly community cleanups on 90th Ave beginning this Saturday, October 19th from 10 am to 12 pm.
- Thank you to Chair Wheeler for organizing this meeting outside of City Hall. It is a huge stride in accessibility.
- The end of the year happy hour needs to be planned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Attachments

- Report back from the Affordable Housing & Infrastructure Bond Public Oversight Committee (Measure KK) Liaison
- Handouts from the Affordable Housing & Infrastructure Bond Public Oversight Committee (Measure KK)
- Item 6. Rapid Response: Foothill Blvd/26th Ave Case Study presentation
- Item 7. SFMTA's Counts Program presentation

Minutes recorded by Noel Pond-Danchik, Pedestrian Program Coordinator, emailed to meeting attendees for review on October 24, 2019 with comments requested by 5pm, Wednesday, October 6th, 2019 to npond-danchik@oaklandca.gov. Revised minutes were attached to the November 2019 meeting agenda and adopted at that meeting.