

**Minutes—February 18, 2009 Meeting of the  
Oakland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
City Hall Hearing Room 4, 5:30-7:00 pm**

Attendees: Jonathan Bair, Ron Bishop, Dave Campbell, Jake Coolidge, Liz Fleck, Chris Hwang, Carol Levine, Jason Patton, Josh Peterman, Robert Raburn, Michael Reed, Paul Rosenbloom, Karen Smulevitz, Jennifer Stanley, Midori Tabata, Brian Toy, Chris Wells, Cameron White

| AGENDA ITEM  | DISCUSSION   |
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| <p><b>1. Introductions, Appointment of Note Taker (Ad)</b></p>                 |  |
| <p><b>2. Approval of Meeting Minutes (A)</b></p>                               | <p>Approval by consent without changes</p>   |
| <p><b>3. Median Modifications on MacArthur Blvd at Richmond Blvd (A)</b></p>   | <p>Josh Peterman, Fehr &amp; Peers on behalf of Kaiser, presented a proposal to close the existing opening in the median on W. MacArthur Blvd using painted stripes and 4" tall "chatter bars" (like parking stops) to restrict vehicular cut-through traffic in the Echo Creek neighborhood. The proposal intends to permit bicycle and ADA access across W. MacArthur. Jason Patton noted "the stakes are lower" than when Kaiser initiated the solid curb closure of the Shafter median. Jennifer said the closure would induce sidewalk riding. BPAC declined to offer substantive comments or specific recommendations.</p>   |
| <p><b>4. Bicycle &amp; Pedestrian Facilities Program one-year plan (A)</b></p> | <p>Jason Patton reported that almost all the objectives of the initial one-year plan in 2009 were accomplished. He added a caveat that the projects in the 2010 plan are all bicycle related. He added, however, that a significant portion of his time is spent providing bike- and pedestrian-related technical assistance on other staff projects.</p> <p>A few highlights of his presentation include his emphasis that the program lacks "sufficient bandwidth" to deliver projects and that despite budget dilemmas; he seeks a third intern position. The focus of new guidelines will be on intersections. Project delivery will continue to take advantage of paving contracts, but add thermoplastic capability. A new bikeway feasibility study will examine Park Blvd between E18th and MacArthur Blvd where political and neighborhood support is strong. Six bikeway striping plans for 2010 largely represent easy-to-accomplish projects. "We are gunshy" about embarking on controversial projects, said Patton. He expects the 40<sup>th</sup> St bikeway implementation to absorb significant time in community meetings. Regarding bike parking there are two novel (for Oakland) projects under consideration: in-street parking design effort is underway to accommodate demand and keep sidewalks clear; and, a minor encroachment \$117 fee could be waived for property owners who want to install racks on private property. Finally, Oakland will apply for LAB Bicycle-Friendly Certification.</p> |

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| 4 (cont.)  | BPAC discussion included a suggestion by Chris to prioritize projects concentrated in neighborhoods to increase the visibility of impact and results. Other district representatives urged geographic equity. Midori urged prioritization of the San Leandro corridor. Jonathan likes the ideas of in-street parking, removal of permit fees, and easy signage proposals. He questions the 40 <sup>th</sup> St prioritization. Robert urged Oakland to collaborate with BART on BART parking proposals for MacArthur and 19 <sup>th</sup> St Stations. He also reminded staff that the report requested by the Planning Commission for Fruitvale Ave remains to be completed. Dave's query about how Oakland would reflect the reformed CEQA guidelines to enable tackling the hard projects brought about a productive discussion. Jonathan suggested that CEQA be an agenda topic at the next BPAC. |
| 5. I [BIKE] Oakland 2010 Bikeways Map Design Review (A)    | Jake Coolidge presented a draft of the 1:24000 scale, shaded relief, pocket-size map depicting bikeways on the Master Plan. The low-cost map project is funded by Measure B and is intended to be ready for distribution by Bike to Work Day. Comments on the draft available at <a href="http://www.oaklandpw.com/AssetFactory.aspx?did=3770">http://www.oaklandpw.com/AssetFactory.aspx?did=3770</a> .  |
| 6. BPAC Chair and Vice Chair nominations (A)               | Jason Patton noted that the bylaws call for the Vice Chair to be the nominee for Chair. Vice Chair Chris Hwang declined to serve but expressed willingness to continue as Vice Chair and she nominated Jonathan Bair to continue as Chair.  |
| 7. Announcements, suggestions for next meeting topics (Ad) | Brian Toy announced that WOBO was hosting Willie Weir on Feb 19. Raburn shared that AC Transit would be evaluating a prototype triple bike rack on Feb 19; Assembly Member Nancy Skinner would be acknowledged for passing AB652, allowing triple racks on buses, at AC Transit headquarters at 10am on Feb 26; and that the SFOBB approach Gateway Park planning workshop would take place on Feb 25 starting at 5pm. Dave announced that nominations for Bike Friendly Businesses are due by March 26. Jonathan suggested CEQA be discussed at the March 18 BPAC meeting.   |

(Ad) Administrative  
(A) Action Item  
(I) Information Item

**ADJOURN:** 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Raburn