

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Monthly Meeting  
 Minutes of June 18, 2009 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.  
 Oakland City Hall: Hearing Room 4, Second Floor**

**Attendees:** Jonathan Bair (Chair), Ron Bishop, Dave Campbell, Jim Dexter, Mark Dieter, Julia Griswold, Brett Hondorp, Chris Hwang (Vice Chair), Chris Kattenberg, Carol Levine, Fred McWilliams, Joel Ramos (TransForm), Zach Seal, Karen Smulevitz, Midori Tabata, Brian Toy

**City Staff:** Jason Patton, Andrea Potter, Jennifer Stanley

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion/Decisions/Action Items</b>
<p><b>1. 1. Introductions, Appointment of note taker</b></p>	<p>Meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Chair, Jonathan Bair. Midori Tabata had volunteered to take minutes for this meeting.</p>
<p><b>2. Approval of Meeting Minutes</b></p>	<p>Minutes of May meeting were approved by consensus following a few corrections that Jennifer Stanley will make: deleting a specific date for a presentation to the Public Works Committee on signal prioritization, and adding two meeting attendees that were not included.</p>
<p><b>3. AC Transit Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and Telegraph Ave. Bike Lanes</b></p>	<p>Jason Patton presented information about the next phase of AC Transit’s BRT project: development of the “locally preferred alternative” for the affected cities of Oakland, Berkeley and San Leandro. Public meetings in Oakland are being planned for this fall. For this project, Fehr and Peers are consultants to the City, in cooperation with AC Transit.</p> <p>Jason asked for input from the BPAC on how the BRT proposal be analyzed for its impact on the proposed bike lanes on Telegraph Ave. He explained that the currently proposed plan is to have Fehr and Peers design the BRT project using the best available information about required turn pockets, size of platforms, lane widths, parking removal, etc. to determine whether bike lanes are truly viable on Telegraph Ave. If the bike lanes start and stop too often, the design may be so compromised as to be undesirable and/or unsafe. Jason feels that it won’t be possible to have an informed conversation without this level of detail.</p> <p>If the analysis shows that the bike lanes and BRT project are not compatible, Jason explained that the proposal is to have data from bicycle travel time studies for Telegraph and routes proposed as “alternatives.” This data will help determine whether true alternatives exist.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion ensued about bike lanes on Telegraph Ave., how it should be configured, removal of parking lanes, and if there were suitable alternatives to Telegraph</p>

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	<p>Ave.</p> <p>Jason asked for BPAC volunteers to test travel time and distances between Telegraph Ave. and potential alternative routes. Ron Bishop volunteered.</p> <p>The BPAC was reminded that the City Council had approved safe bike access on Telegraph Ave. as well as the BRT. Also, it was mentioned that Telegraph Ave. is an important corridor for emergency vehicles.</p> <p>Joel Ramos representing TransForm said that AC Transit is looking to the City for direction.</p> <p>Jason specifically wanted to know what information the BPAC thought should be provided at the meetings in fall. There was no definitive accord reached among the BPAC members.</p> <p><b>Action item:</b> Jason Patton will develop possible study parameters and will follow up with the BPAC.</p>
<p><b>4. New bikeway striping this summer</b></p>	<p>Jennifer Stanley provided an update on the restriping of existing bikeways and the installation of new bikeways that will be completed this summer. A list of the project had been provided with the meeting agenda. Jennifer stated these projects are not associated with resurfacing. The stripes are all thermoplastic, not paint, to reduce fading.</p>
<p><b>5. Webster/Franklin bikeway design</b></p>	<p>Jason Patton was seeking input from the BPAC on the design of the segment of the Webster/Franklin bikeway between Franklin/Broadway and Webster/25<sup>th</sup> Sts. The approved bikeway design will need a City Council resolution and may be implemented in 2010.</p> <p>Currently, there are three travel lanes on Webster St, two in southbound direction and one northbound from 25<sup>th</sup> to Grand Ave. At that point, the roadway becomes one-way southbound.</p> <p>Three potential new designs were considered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Keep existing 2/1 configuration and add sharrows in both directions.</li> <li>2) Two travel lanes, one in each direction with bike lane in southbound direction. This will make the northbound lane very narrow.</li> </ol>

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	<p>3) Two travel lanes, one in each direction with sharrows.</p> <p>The BPAC finally took a non-binding straw poll.</p> <p>1) 3 votes  2) 7 votes  3) 4 votes</p>
<b>6. Agenda brainstorming</b>	<p>The BPAC took time to brainstorm agenda ideas for upcoming meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Crosswalk standards</li> <li>▪ Curb ramps/ADA accessibility</li> <li>▪ Transportation agencies that affect Oakland</li> <li>▪ Parking regulation enforcement—blocking sidewalks</li> <li>▪ Transportation commission</li> <li>▪ Bike lanes on 14<sup>th</sup> St. (West Oakland to Lake Merritt)</li> <li>▪ Construction zones (suggestion for sharrows, plus bike/ped access generally)</li> <li>▪ Requesting crosswalks</li> <li>▪ Illegal parking fees and enforcement</li> <li>▪ Fixing broken sidewalks</li> <li>▪ City schools—evacuation plans and pedestrian safety</li> <li>▪ Traffic signal push buttons for crosswalks</li> <li>▪ Street tree standards</li> </ul>
<b>7. Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 7/4/09 Kick off of Oakland Municipal Band (Ron Bishop)</li> <li>▪ 7/5/09 Bike criterium</li> <li>▪ 12<sup>th</sup> St. Dam environmental work is complete and construction is expected to begin in Spring 2010 (Jennifer Stanley)</li> <li>▪ 6/25/09 Kaiser community meeting—transportation issues</li> </ul>
<b>8. Adjournment</b>	Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.