

Oakland BPAC, February 21, 2013

Attendees

Brian Toy, Carol Levine, Chris Hwang, Chris Kidd, Daniel Schulman, Dave Campbell, Ina Gerhard, Jason Patton, Jennifer Stanley, Midori Tabata, Rebecca Saltzman, Robert Prinz, Ryan Chan, Tom Willging, Darin Ranelletti, Sam Tabibnia, Jamie Parks, Jennifer Anderson, Chris Andree, Bruce Williams, Valerie Winemiller, Kenya Wheeler, John Stehlin, Najari

Agenda

Minutes Adoption
OBAG Grant Application
Safeway EIR
Latham Square
TDA3 Project Finalization
Nominations for BPAC Chair/Vice Chair

Minutes Adoption

There were no changes to the January minutes and they were adopted by the BPAC unanimously.

OBAG Grant Application

Bruce Williams from the City of Oakland presented the final list of projects for which the City is submitting OBAG (One Bay Area Grant) applications.

ACTC (Alameda County Transportation Commission) is holding a combined Call For Projects, which includes OBAG funding and other state and local funding sources. The Call For Projects deadline is March 15th and Bruce wanted to get an idea of the BPAC's prioritization preference for "Bike and Ped Discretionary" projects, as well as getting a statement of support from the BPAC for the listed projects.

Bruce's presentation was a carry-over from previous BPAC meetings, where he sought feedback on which projects to pursue in the Call For Projects.

Some of the projects are being applied for under the "PDA Supportive Application" process, meaning that the projects are located within "Priority Development Areas" (PDAs). PDAs are areas of transit emphasis that are eligible for large amounts of OBAG funding. The City is submitting 6 PDA projects during the Call For Projects, totaling \$20.1 million. The county as a whole has \$38 million for distribution to PDA during this Call.

There are four projects applying for "Bike and Ped Discretionary" funds, totaling \$1.025 million. The City of Oakland automatically receives \$3.8 million by formula for paving.

The projects are attached to these meeting notes.

Motion: A letter of support from the BPAC for all of the projects being submitted in the ACTC Call For Projects.

Action: Motion carried unanimously

Individual advocacy organizations are encouraged to submit their own letters of support, outlining their priorities among the currently submitted projects by March 10. Application is due March 15.

Safeway EIR

Darin Raneletti from City Planning presented the latest update for the Safeway rebuild project at Broadway & Pleasant Valley. Comments on the Draft EIR are due **February 25th**, so get cracking! Darin reminded the group that comments must be submitted in writing to the Planning Department. They anticipate the project going before the planning commission in either April or May.

New elements in the plan:

- New traffic signal at Broadway & Coronado for new access road in the development.
- Bike lane on the access road and a continuous sidewalk that goes from Broadway to the pond.
- Continuous sidewalk from the Pleasant Valley entrance to the pond and to the Safeway.
- More active street frontages along Broadway and Pleasant Valley.
- Loading dock in the street-adjacent area has been lowered to reduce impact.
- A closure of the slip-lanes for right turns at the intersection of Broadway and Pleasant Valley. Safeway will likely be required to maintain any landscaping or hardscaping where these slip lanes are closed.
- Improved and enlarged pedestrian refuge islands in the intersection of Broadway and Pleasant Valley.
- Intersection reconfiguration will allow a shorter signal cycle, with less pedestrian waiting time.
- The northbound bus stop on Broadway is being moved so it is adjacent to the development.
- Some of the median breaks on Broadway for the Wendy's would be closed. There is the possibility of reconfiguring the intersection of College Ave at Broadway to accommodate these changes (though they are not currently required of Safeway as part of their required EIR mitigations)

Issues Discussed:

- The sidewalk from Pleasant Valley is indirect.
- The southbound bus stop on Broadway should also be improved.
- There should be more bicycle infrastructure within the project area.

- Median islands should be done with paint and not concrete in order to provide future flexibility for roadway reconfigurations.
- Left turn lanes should have bike boxes at intersections to make left turns easier for bicyclists.
- Bike-Ped Facilities staff will follow up with Darin to reconcile bicycle facility differences between drawings and other design drawings already reviewed by BPAC.

Mitigation Issue:

- Some of the mitigations for traffic include widening the roadway and removing the possibility of bicycle infrastructure in the future. The City currently considers those mitigations infeasible, and supports a statement of overriding considerations in order not to produce those mitigations. Some residents, however, may ask for road widening. For those interested in maintaining bikeways, they should submit comments supporting the current EIR.

Motion:

The BPAC supports the City’s current position that road widening is infeasible and that bicycle infrastructure should not be removed or precluded in order to provide greater auto capacity.

Action:

Approved by the BPAC. A written comment will be submitted before the February 25th deadline.

Latham Square

Jamie Parks is seeking feedback on bicycle connectivity options for Latham Square and feedback on the proposed reconfiguration of Telegraph between 16th Street and 18th Street.

The public workshop for Latham Square is Saturday, February 23rd.

The new plan for Telegraph maintains travel in both directions, with a turnaround at 16th Street. It is designed with maximum flexibility, so it can easily be changed and/or fit in to the plans to restriped Telegraph up to 20th Street.

Jamie also sought feedback on how bicyclists should move through Latham Square from Broadway to Telegraph. One option had them moving through the middle of the square and one option had them moving through the side of the square beside the Rotunda Building. The City is also looking at adding more bike parking for the square, likely near Awaken Café.

Comments:

- Bicycle should be slowed through the square and not channelized, which would hurt the pedestrian experience.
- Bicycles should pass through closer to the Rotunda Building, which would create more space for pedestrians than bicyclists passing through the center.

- There should be signage to warn pedestrians that bicyclists are coming through.
- Some members wanted bike markings while others wanted the design of the square to unconsciously guide bicyclists without markings.

TDA3

Jason Patton presented the City's finalized list of projects for TDA 3 funding. There will be a large increase in funding for the repair and refurbishment of public walkways and stairways. Bike parking will no longer be funded through TDA, but instead through TFCA, which gives the City more flexibility than with TDA. The City also has flexibility to borrow from other funding sources to pay for TDA-funded projects, and can borrow up to \$200,000 extra dollars as long as they get paid back in future years.

Comments:

- Members wanted to see electronic bike lockers get included into the bike parking program. Staff outlined a number of logistical issues surrounding such an arrangement. This topic will be agendaized for a future BPAC meeting.

BPAC Elections

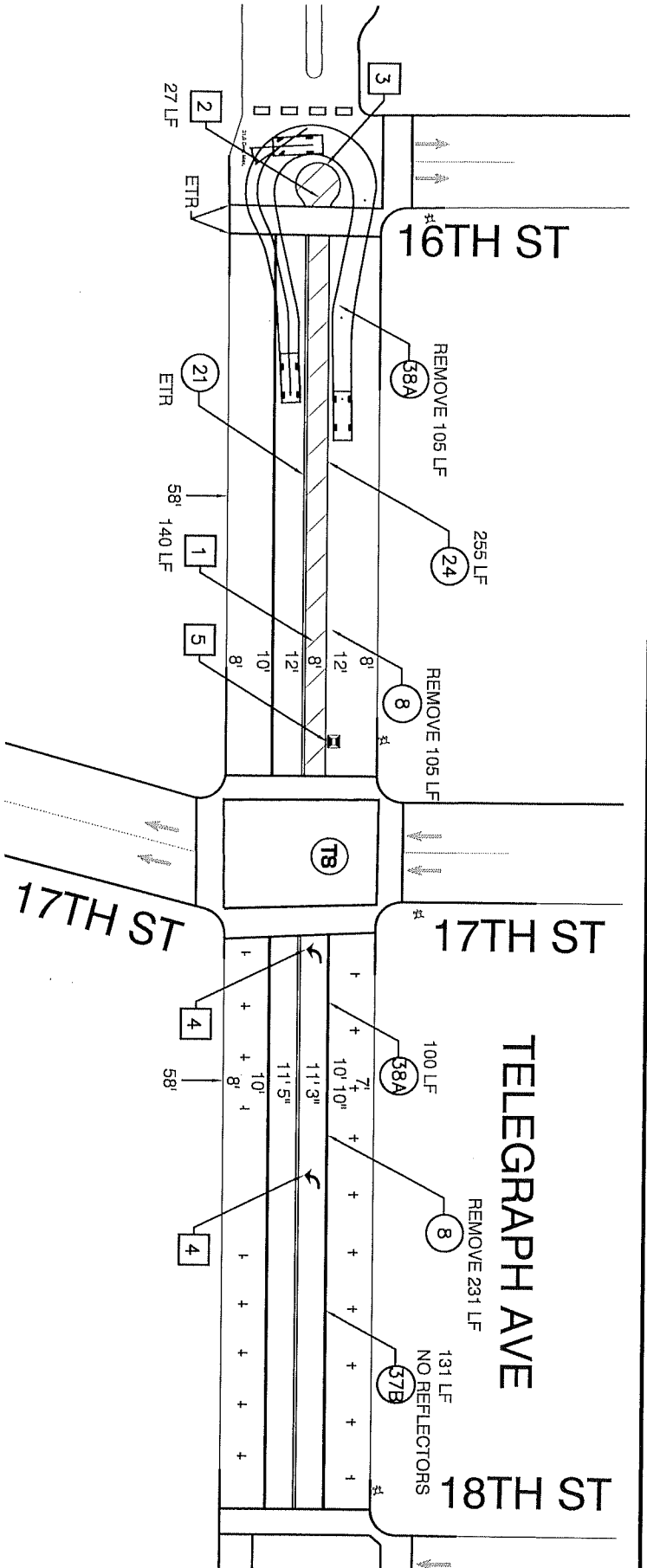
Chris Hwang was nominated to continue serving as Chair of the BPAC. Rebecca Saltzman, current Vice Chair, removed herself from consideration for the coming year. Christopher Kidd was nominated to serve as Vice Chair. Further nominations will be taken via email until March 14th.

Handouts

- ACTC Coordinated Call for Projects list
- Latham Square: draft striping plan; alternatives for bicyclist path of travel through plaza; invitation to community workshop

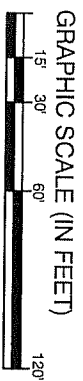
ACTC Coordinated Call For Projects Proposed Funding Applications

Project Name	Cost	Need	PDA
<i>PDA Supportive Applications</i>			
Lake Merritt BART Bikeways	\$2.0 M	\$2.0M	Transit Corridors, Downtown/Jack London
Lakeside Green Street Project (Measure DD)	\$10 M	\$4.9 M	Downtown/Jack London
Peralta Street/MLK Streetscape	\$5.3 M	\$5.3 M	West Oakland
7 th Street Streetscape/Phase 2	\$3.5 M	\$3.5 M	West Oakland
Coliseum Industrial Infrastructure	\$2.7 M	\$2.4 M	Coliseum BART Area
Tyrone Carney Park Improvements	\$2 M	\$2 M	Transit Corridor (East Oakland)
<i>Subtotal PDA Supportive</i>	<i>\$25.5</i>	<i>\$20.1M</i>	
<i>Bike and Ped Discretionary</i>			
Park Boulevard Path		\$300 K for feasibility	<i>Not applicable</i>
Lake Merritt to Bay Trail Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge		\$300 K for feasibility	<i>Not applicable</i>
Fruitvale Alive Streetscape (Phase II) from East 10 th to Estuary		\$125 K for PE	<i>Not applicable</i>
Telegraph Avenue Streetscape		\$300 K for feasibility	<i>Not applicable</i>
<i>Subtotal Bike and Ped Discretionary</i>		<i>1.025 M</i>	
Paving – OBAG LSR		\$3.8 M	<i>Not applicable</i>



- LEGEND**
- STRIPING CONSTRUCTION NOTE NUMBER
 - DETAIL NUMBER PER CALTRANS STD PLANS
Traffic lines as cardinal number
Arrows as roman numeral
 - TRAFFIC SIGNAL
 - FIRE HYDRANT
 - BLUE FIRE HYDRANT MARKER
 - ETR EXISTING TO REMAIN
 - LF LINEAR FEET

- CONSTRUCTION NOTES**
- 1 YELLOW BUFFER STRIPING
Install 6 inch yellow striping every 15 feet at 45 degree angle, or as noted.
 - 2 YELLOW BUFFER STRIPING
Install 6 inch yellow striping every 8 feet at 45 degree angle, or as noted.
 - 3 CIRCLE / U-TURN
Install Detail 24 with 8 foot radius as shown.
 - 4 TYPE IV (LEFT) ARROW
Install one arrow behind crosswalk and one at beginning of 38A striping.
 - 5 INSTALL BLUE FIRE HYDRANT MARKER
 - 6 REMOVE CONFLICTING STRIPING
 - 7 REMOVE CONFLICTING MARKINGS



CITY OF OAKLAND

TEMPORARY STRIPING PLAN
FOR TELEGRAPH AVE.

PROJECT NO.
C369640




REVIEWED BY	
DESIGNED BY	JASON PATTON
DRAWN BY	NICK CARTAGENA

SCALE: 1" = 60'	SHEET NO.
DATE: 02/21/2013	1 OF 1

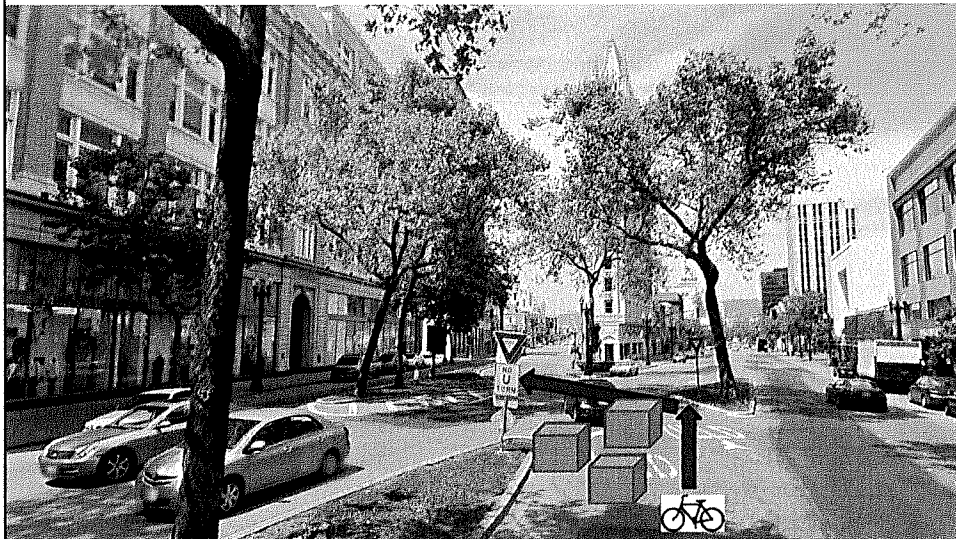


Alternative 1

- Provide clear path (un-programmed) on Telegraph along *east* side of median
- No specific bicycle markings

-  - Bike path of travel
-  - Existing pedestrian space
-  - New pedestrian space




- Use placement of obstructions in Broadway median to encourage perpendicular bike crossing



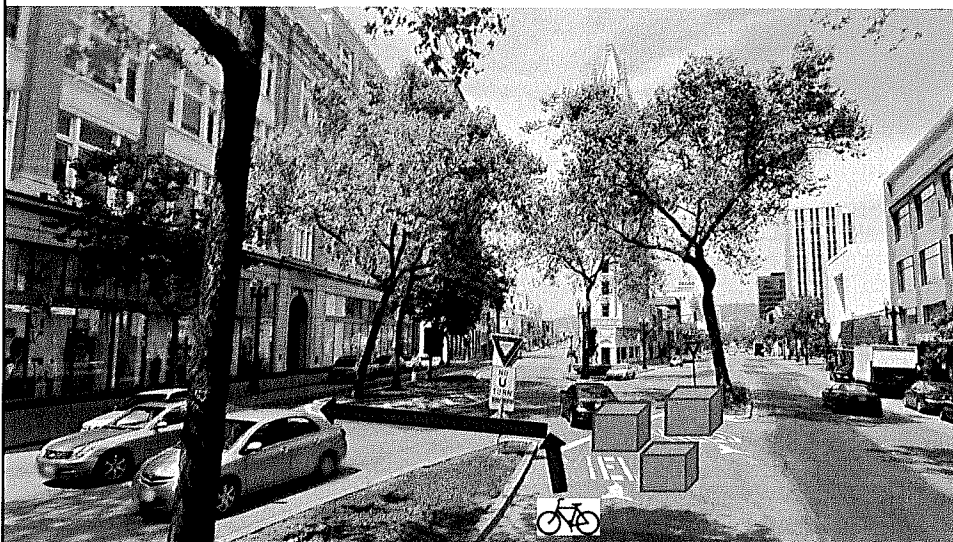


Alternative 2

- Provide clear path (un-programmed) on Telegraph along *west* side of median
- No specific bicycle markings

-  - Bike path of travel
-  - Existing pedestrian space
-  - New pedestrian space

- Use placement of obstructions in Broadway median to encourage perpendicular bike crossing



What's the future of your downtown Oakland?

DESIGN YOUR CITY!

Join us for a
**community
design workshop**

for the Latham Square Plaza Pilot
(corner of Telegraph & Broadway)

the cathedral building
1615 Broadway, Oakland
Sat. Feb 23, 2013
noon - 4 pm



open to all ages!
no design experience necessary!
come share your ideas!

LATHAM SQUARE PLAZA | **COMMUNITY DESIGN WORKSHOP**

WHO | YOU! All members of the community are welcome. No design experience needed!

WHEN | **Saturday February 23, 2013, 12pm - 4pm.** Presentations from 12pm - 1:15pm,
Drop-in workshops from 1:15pm - 4pm

WHERE | Ground Floor, Cathedral Building @ Broadway and Telegraph Ave, Oakland

WHAT | Join City of Oakland staff and Rebar for a creative community gathering to envision the Latham Square Plaza pilot.

*Art and design activities for children and adults!
Help design the future of Downtown Oakland!*

Fill this out and bring to the design workshop. Can't make the meeting? Share your thoughts on what Latham Square needs at:
lathamsquare@gmail.com -or- visit: www.oaklandnet.com/LathamSquare

Latham Square needs: _____

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Latham Square needs: Seating. Plants. A hella cool scraper bike rodeo.