



**FINAL MINUTES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION**

April 20, 2022

Final Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jack Carter (VC), Gerhard Eschelbeck, Ilango Ganga (C)

Absent: Erik Lindskog

Staff: Marlon Aumentado, Assistant Engineer, Staff Liaison

Others Present: Susan Michael, Capital Improvements Program Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 16, 2022 Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Eschelbeck moved, seconded by Vice Chair Carter to approve the minutes as presented.

MOTION PASSED: 3-0, Lindskog Absent

POSTPONEMENTS

No Postponements

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

Commissioner Eschelbeck commented that some of the commissions were meeting in a hybrid format (mixed in-person and teleconference.) There was perfect attendance when the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission (Commission) meetings were held via teleconference. Meeting in-person restricted abilities and it made sense for all meetings to move to a hybrid format. He wrote a recommendation to the Council about that. Chair Ganga said since this was not an item on the agenda, Commissioners could express their wishes before the Council. Vice Chair Carter did not want to look at meeting in person as a matter of convenience.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

2. Future Agenda Items (Ganga)

Carmen Road Bridge

Public Places for Bike Racks (include e-bike parking)

Education on How to Use Two-Stage Left Turn Boxes

Path between Lincoln Elementary and Monta Vista High School

The Impact of Semi-Rural Designation on Bike and Ped Projects/Priorities

Adaptive Traffic Signal Pilot Update

Multi-Modal Traffic Count Pilot Update

Reassess the Intersection at Bubb Road/McClellan Road

Stevens Creek Boulevard, Phases 1-3

Legally Allowed Behavior at Stop Signs for Bicyclists

Vision Zero

School Walk Audit – Review the process

Lead Pedestrian Walk Interval

Diagonal Crosswalks

Lawson Middle School Bike Path

Input from Seniors on the Bicycle Pedestrian Improvements

Bollinger Road Safety Corridor Project

Discuss the role of engagement for the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission – Specifically for School

Walk Audit projects, including other transportation projects

AB 43 – Summary and how Commission can support implementation

Bicycle Licensing (to prevent bike theft)

Rodriguez/Lozano Pedestrian Pathway to Regnart Creek Trail, including crossing

Improvement of existing Class IV Bike Lanes, including maintenance

NEW BUSINESS

3. Capital Improvements Program Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2022-23 (Michael)

Susan Michael, Capital Improvements Program Manager gave a presentation on the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) recommendations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23.

Chair Ganga asked about the I-280 Trail, west segment; he wanted to know if this was from De Anza to the Don Barnett Bridge. Ms. Michael replied that the east and central segment were being designed. The east segment was going to continue, and the central segment was going to be on hold until the east segment had more progress. Vice Chair Carter asked if that was going to be the official name. Ms. Michael said the naming of the trail will come to the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission (Commission) later and added that the boundaries of the trail were found on the CIP dashboard.

Commissioner Eschelbeck commented that some funding for projects came from Apple Inc. It was good to see bicycle and pedestrian projects taking a priority.

Vice Chair Carter inquired if there was funding for the Vision Zero Program, which was not solely bicycle and pedestrian related. He wondered, if there was funding, how the funds would be split up. Ms. Michael said Vision Zero was proposed by the Commission and was a City Work Program (CWP) item, which was an expression of the City Council's priorities; Vision Zero was not part of CIP.

Ms. Michael commented that there were some projects that the Commission recommended, such as the Bollinger Road Bike Improvements, Carmen Road Bridge Design and Stevens Creek Boulevard Separated Bikeway, Phase 3 Design; those projects did not make the final recommendation. The reason for that was the CIP group was busy with current projects and wanted to finish the current projects at hand. Regarding the Carmen Road Bridge Project, time was needed to scope out the project before it moved forward. She added that there was a five-year projection and the projects that did not make the recommendation for this coming fiscal year could be put on the five-year projection list. Vice Chair Carter commented that it helped for the City Council to get input on these projects, which he thought would help projects go through.

Commissioner Eschelbeck observed that CIP projects for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 had a significant step down from past years, in terms of how many projects were recommended. He wondered about the total investment being discussed.

Vice Chair Carter remarked on the De Anza Boulevard Buffered Bike Lanes Project and emphasized that it was important to think about the car door buffer, as well as one for vehicles. Chair Ganga observed that the buffer will be on both sides of the lane, which means it will restrict the existing lanes on De Anza Boulevard. Marlon Aumentado, Assistant Engineer confirmed, the existing travel lanes will be reduced from four lanes to three lanes in some areas, to make room for the buffer, from Homestead, all the way down to Bollinger Road. Vice Chair Carter thought it would help resolve the speed limits problems at that time. Mr. Aumentado answered that this would ease speeding traffic.

Commissioner Eschelbeck wanted to understand how the priorities shifted for the FY 22/23 recommendation and how the De Anza Boulevard Buffered Bike Lanes Project got the top priority. Mr. Aumentado spoke to the Bollinger Road Project and said last year the consultant did a corridor study and made two recommendations. One recommendation was to reduce the lanes from three to two and the other was to maintain the existing lanes. This project did not become a CIP recommended project because the scope needed to be narrowed. Once the project scope was narrowed, then it would need to be taken back to the public for their feedback. Chair Ganga interjected that he had been to public meetings and people wanted data.

Commissioner Eschelbeck did not think anything was going to be happening on Bollinger Road in the next year, as there was a need for more community input. Ms. Michael suggested making this a future agenda item so decisions could be made; it was also possible to have things added mid-year. Commissioner Eschelbeck iterated that there were two deaths on Bollinger Road, so this was a priority. He thought it was good to keep the energy on the project going, rather than postpone it.

Vice Chair Carter commented that the only way to cross Bollinger Road was to jay walk. Chair Ganga said both fatalities on Bollinger Road were pedestrians and part of Bollinger Road was in a school zone. Ms. Michael thought it was helpful to have the Commission give more detail on Bollinger Road and Carmen Road Bridge; there was a two-fold problem with those projects. There was simply not the bandwidth to take on more projects. She suggested a Study Session. Vice Chair Carter suggested a single road lane with stoplights as a solution. Vice Chair Carter thought Bubb Road was a good place to gather data.

Chair Ganga said the questions he was hearing were, questions such as: why is the CIP list much lighter, as opposed to the past, when there was a good momentum, and why can't that momentum continue? Ms. Michael answered that she had a list of 50 projects, and 40 of them were active. The priority was to clear the active projects first. She thought it was a priority to finish the project she has, as long as there were not health and safety issues.

Ms. Michael went through the list of projects that was recommended to explain why they were the final choice. Regarding the Blackberry Farm (BBF) Pool Splash Pad, that was recommended because there was a slide in place now which was damaged and hazardous. The second item was Jollyman All-Inclusive Playground, Adult Assisted Bathroom Facility. This was connected to the All-Inclusive Playground that was being put in because the nearest bathroom facility to the playground was across the park, and there needed to be one closer, to assist persons with disabilities. The third item was the Major Recreation Facilities: Use and Market Analysis. It was identified that the City did not have a major recreation facility, so it was recommended to have something such as an aquatic center, performing arts center, or a major recreation center, in line with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This item would provide funding just to perform a study. The fourth was the De Anza Boulevard Buffered Bike Lanes, which was a Commission recommendation. The fifth was the City Lighting Light Emitting Diode (LED) Improvements. This year the City hired someone to look at all the City's lighting, to make sure it complied with the Dark Sky Ordinance. She just received the survey and will need to read through the findings. The Sixth item was City Hall and Library Parking Garage: Design and Construction. The City is in the process of renovating City Hall, and in the process, there will be a need to improve the parking facilities. When the Library Project was done, staff amended the Environmental Study and the Traffic Study that was done. Seventh was the Stocklmeir, Byrne and Blesch: Inspection Reports and Analysis. Ms. Michael said the City owned three houses named Stocklmeir, Byrne and Blesch, and they were sitting vacant. These properties have continually come up with the City Council, so staff is proposing to have inspection reports done. She explained it like this: when you sell your house, you get an inspection and facilitate a strategy to address the property and then facilitate a strategy to see what the best use of those properties would be.

Commissioner Eschelbeck relayed that the Commission had a concern about priorities. He wanted to know if there was a way to do a trade-off with the project that was recommended by the Commission. Ms. Michael answered that most of the projects were not stand-alone projects, there was no addition to the complication of resources. For example, the pool at Blackberry Farm can be folded into another project, the bathroom at Jollyman goes along with an existing

park construction at Jollyman Park. De Anza Boulevard Buffered Bike Lane was an achievable project, that was why it was chosen. Chair Ganga observed that there were only seven projects being added, can there be more than that.

Matt Morley, Public Works Director emphasized what Ms. Michael said, there was not enough people to dedicate to more projects and she was trying to be responsive to the projects that she already had proposed. Another change the CIP group made was carrying a five-year CIP list, so projects could be tracked over a five-year period, along with the year the project was intended to be worked on.

Chair Ganga reiterated that the resources were locked into existing projects. He understood Ms. Michael was trying to make some meaningful progress with the available resources. He suggested that there be a five-year CIP recommendation from the Commission, listing the year that the project is intending to be addressed. Commissioner Eschelbeck said there was a lot of Commission time spent on recommending projects, and it was surprising that none of those projects made the recommended list. This made him uneasy, but he understood all the constraints and challenges.

Commissioner Eschelbeck thought it was important to communicate the Commission's recommendation to the Council. Chair Ganga suggested making a Motion, which was to be brought before the Council with the Commission's CIP recommendation; that way the Council heard the Commission's thoughts.

MOTION: Commissioner Eschelbeck moved, seconded by Vice Chair Carter to recommend to the City Council, as recommended previously at the January 19, 2022 meeting, for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission to reaffirm the following priorities to the City Council, regarding the following Capital Improvement Programs items, ranked from first to last as follows:

1. Bollinger Road Improvements (from completed Fiscal Year 20/21 Study)
2. Carmen Road Bridge (plans, specifications, and estimates)
3. Stevens Creek Boulevard Phase 3
4. De Anza Boulevard Buffered Bike Lane
5. Touchless Pedestrian Push Buttons

MOTION PASSED: 3-0, Lindskog Absent

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

4. Staff Update and Commissioner Activity Report (All)

Marlon Aumentado, Assistant Engineer discussed the reappointment of Commissioner Lindskog to the VTA BPAC. Another item was a Resolution of Local Support to file an application for funding for Stevens Creek Boulevard Phase 2 construction. Matt Morley,

Director of Public Works commented that this was not a design but a funding discussion. There was feedback on the design and that part will come to the Commission at a later time.

Commissioner Eschelbeck attended the Safe Routes to School (SR2S) and the Mayor's Meeting for April. The Vision Zero Subcommittee did not meet last month but Vice Chair Carter relayed that there were some funding opportunities that came through; he forwarded them to David Stillman, Transportation Manager.

Chair Ganga announced that he would support the Mayor's Meeting for May, after that he will be out of town.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

David Stillman

David Stillman, Staff Liaison

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