



DRAFT MINUTES
CUPERTINO BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION
Thursday, August 20, 2025

At 7:01 p.m. Chair Ilango Ganga called the Regular Bicycle Pedestrian Commission meeting to order at the Quinlin Conference Room, 10185 North Stelling Road.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Ilango Ganga, Vice Chair Gerhard Eschelbeck, and Commissioners Munisekaran Madhhipatla, Hervé Marcy, and Joel Wolf. Absent: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Subject: July 16, 2025 Bicycle Pedestrian Commission minutes
Recommended Action: Approve the July 16, 2025 Bicycle Pedestrian Commission Minutes

MOTION: Eschelbeck moved and Madhhipatla seconded to approve the July 16, 2025 Bicycle Pedestrian Commission minutes. The motion passed with the following vote:
Ayes: Ganga, Eschelbeck, Madhhipatla, Wolf. Noes: None. Abstain: Marcy. Absent: None.

POSTPONEMENTS – None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None

OLD BUSINESS

2. Subject: Fall Bike Fest Coordination (Werner)
Recommended Action: Discuss and Coordinate Bicycle Pedestrian Commission Involvement in 2025 Fall Bike Fest

Safe Routes to School Coordinator Birgit Werner gave a presentation.

Commissioners asked questions which staff responded to.

Chair Ganga opened the public comment period, and seeing no one, closed the public comment period.

3. Subject: Cupertino Active Transportation Plan, Phase 2 Kickoff (Schroeder)
Recommended Action: Receive a Presentation from Alta Planning + Design Summarizing Phase 1 Work and Introducing Phase 2 with a Focused Discussion to Provide Feedback on the Draft Project Prioritization Criteria

Chair Ganga introduced Christopher Kidd from Alta Planning + Design who gave a presentation.

Commissioners asked questions which the presenter responded to.

Chair Ganga opened the public comment period and the following people spoke:

- Pam Hershey
- Jennifer Shearin
- Stuart Chessen
- Evan Lojewski
- Ishan Khosla

Chair Ganga closed the public comment period.

Commissioners asked questions and made comments, which the presenter responded to.

Commissioners provided the following feedback and recommendations:

- Emphasis was placed on considering road maintenance before approving new projects, along with the importance of balancing both positive and negative public feedback.
- There was strong support for prioritizing safety, particularly for cyclists, pedestrians, seniors, and disabled individuals, with extra points suggested for projects near schools and along high-injury corridors.
- Calls were made to ensure decisions are based on data rather than emotions, and to avoid penalizing projects that involve parking or lane removal, as those decisions should be left to City Council.
- The evolving nature of the city was acknowledged, with a push to ensure plans address both current and future needs, particularly in growing residential areas.
- Concerns were raised about including public dislikes and emotional comments in the evaluation process, and it was suggested they be treated cautiously.
- A comprehensive, citywide vision for active transportation was encouraged, rather than treating projects in isolation.
- Recommendations included identifying a few key focus areas—like school access or pedestrian safety—for the next 5–10 years, supported by clear implementation

packages and measurable outcomes.

- Speed reduction on streets beyond main corridors was advocated, with support for non-barrier bike lanes and solutions that slow vehicles without removing car lanes.
- Staff were asked to return with a list of top projects and a structured plan highlighting three or four main priorities to guide the commission's work moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS - None

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

4. Subject: Staff Update and Commissioner Activity Report (All)

Recommended Action: Receive Updates from Staff and Commissioners Regarding Recent Activities

Commissioner Marcy shared that many community members express interest in riding bicycles on expressways, a comment frequently received from the public

Transportation Manager Stillman shared a video about Summer CERT Academy.

FUTURE AGENDA SETTING –

- Cupertino Active Transportation Plan (& November)
- Discuss how the city can gather Use Data for recent infrastructure projects (may be in September)
- Vision Zero next steps (October)

Grants

- Know/Understand Fed Grant Funding with Caltrans on updated bike-ped planning
- Understand/Educate on what funding standards are (Fed/State)

Studies / Plans

- Kennewick Drive/Homestead Road Study
 - Stop Gap Measures/Temporary Solutions
- Study on McClellan Ave bike lanes in front of Monte Vista High School (October maybe)
- Examine Pedestrian Walkways for Safety
- Install Bollards at existing buffered bike lanes (Public Request)
- Path between Lincoln Elem and Monta Vista HS
- Speed Limits Studies

Projects

- Staff update - Stevens Creek Boulevard, Phases 2B (Bus stop review in September)
- Staff update on CIP Project updates (6 mo.)

- Tamien Innu
- Signaling Improvements

Education

- Adult Bicycle Education
- Impact of Semi-Rural Designation on Bike and Ped Projects/Priorities
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety

Miscellaneous

- Review Progress toward BPC Objectives & Grant Applications (6 mo.)
- Inventory of Traffic Lights (triggering traffic light from a detector) – Staff update
- Pedestrian safety on Torre Avenue (Muni) (Sep/Oct)
- Before and after data on separated bike lanes and major intersections for improvement – Use of data for future decisions
 - Combine this data with the data on safety (Muni/Marcy)

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:17 p.m. Chair Ganga adjourned the Regular Bicycle Pedestrian Commission Meeting.

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