



DRAFT MINUTES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION
December 19th, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Present: Erik Lindskog, Sean Lyn, Jennifer Shearin, Gerhard Eschelbeck, Pete Heller
Staff: David Stillman (Senior Civil Engineer), Julie Chiu (Transportation Associate Civil Engineer)

Others Present: Larry Dean (Walk-Bike Cupertino), Ilango Ganga and other citizens.

1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commission did not receive the draft minutes and thus did not vote on approval of the prior month's minutes.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Ilango Ganga made public comments on the decision procedure of public construction. Mr. Ganga wondered why there was more public comments for the Junipero Serra Trail than the Regnart Creek Trail.
- b. Larry Dean made a suggestion on the connection of a bike boulevard from south to north in Cupertino. The suggestion is to encourage San Jose to make Blaney Blvd. (south of Bollinger Blvd.) better. A good implementation example is what Cupertino has done for bike lanes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

No written communications.

OLD BUSINESS

2) Junipero Serra Trail Feasibility Study (Stillman)

Recommended Action: Receive Final Draft of Junipero Serra Trail Feasibility Study. Make Recommendation Regarding Study Adoption and Trail Alternative Selection (Stillman)

The commission received presentation on the Trail from Dave Ruben. The commission discussed whether the City can take over the maintenance and the response from the staff was positive. Alternative #1 is more fundable compared to alternative #2 due to its smaller scale of construction.

Commissioner Lindskog preferred to hold on the bridge project and explore options to align alternative #1 and #2 together. Commissioner Lyn preferred not to take the cheaper solution and agreed any options for De Anza crossing. He is in favor of alternative #2.

Commissioner Eschelbeck supports the projects and was in favor of alternative #1 except where alternative #2 is absolutely necessary. He voted for an at grade crossing for De Anza and suggested to plan for the future for a bridge crossing type.

Commissioner Heller wondered about the feasibility to implement all segments in using alternative #1. The response from the consultant was positive on the feasibility to all sections. A similar example is the San Tomas trail, which is not very wide but still serves its purpose.

Commissioner Shearin agrees with Commissioners Eschelbeck and Heller and shares the concerns for the costs if the BPC chooses a bridge crossing at De Anza. She would prefer alternative #1 and only having a box culvert where necessary.

Motion: BPC to endorse alternative #1 alignment, trail entry from the bike boulevard will be connected from the west at Mary Ave, Stelling Road undercrossing, and De Anza at grade crossing alternative #1.

Vote results: 4 to 1 passed. (Lyn dissents)

NEW BUSINESS

3) Cupertino High School Bicycle Safety Improvements (Shearin)

Recommended Action: Discuss Design Options for Improving Safety for Bicycle Access to Cupertino High School (Shearin)

The commission received the draft of improvement plan and discussed it.

Motion: To recommend the improvement plan that to (1) add bike facility on the city property along the sidewalk next to CHS baseball field. (2) add ramp connecting from Finch street level to the bike facility (3) add crosswalk on the location marked as #7 in the diagram (4) add "Yield to Ped" painting on the road (5) remove green bike crossing from the draft plan.

Vote results: 5 to 0; passed.

4) Stelling Road/McClellan Road Bike Box (Stillman)

Recommended Action: Make Recommendation Regarding Status of Bike Box on Northbound Approach of Stelling Road at McClellan Road upon Elimination of Right-Turn-Only Lane (Stillman)

The current implementation of bike lane and bike waiting box reduce the car lanes from two to one and cause significant traffic congestion during rush hour and the City received many complaints from the residents.

Traffic survey shows during each hour 90 cars make right turns from Stelling to McClellan.

Motion: Swap bike lane and the right most car lane. No right turn on red. Keep bike box.

Vote: 5 to 0; passed

Amended Motion: To state the need of implementation: change was "requested by Staff"

Vote: 5 to 0; passed

5) Floating Bus Stop Costs and Concepts (Stillman)

Recommended Action: Discuss Floating Bus Stop Designs and Related Costs (Stillman)

The Commission received presentation on different “floating bus stop designs” including LA DOT design. Need for possible implementation of design in specific areas along Stevens Creek Boulevard where protected bike lane is compromised due to bus pulloffs combined with driveways (such as at Finch/Stevens Creek).

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

6) Staff Report (Stillman)

The Commission received the status report for all projects listed in the Bike Plan. Heller would like to understand whether there is a deadline for communication to home owner over the right-of-the-way. Stillman needs to discuss with the City.

7) VTA BPAC Report (Lindskog)

VTA BPAC meeting was cancelled.

8) Public Relations Subcommittee Report (Heller)

The Commission decided to have report of each Mayor’s meeting and to send message to all City Councilmembers every month. The message needs to be discussed and needs to be in the agenda each month.

9) Report on Committee assignments and general comments

No discussion this month.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Sean Lyn, Commissioner