



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

December 16, 2020

Draft Minutes

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gerhard Eschelbeck, Muni Madhhipatla, Erik Lindskog, Ilango Ganga

Absent: None

Staff: David Stillman, Staff Liaison

Others Present: Cherie Walkowiak, City Safe Routes to School Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. November 18, 2020 Minutes

Commissioner Lindskog motioned to approve with amendment below, Commissioner Madhhipatla seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Amendment to Minutes: Written Communication from John Cordes needs to be included.

POSTPONEMENTS

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2. Suggestions for 2021-2022 City Work Program Inclusions (Stillman)

Mr. Stillman explained that staff is looking for up to five suggested items for inclusion in the 2021-2022 Work Program. The Commission can decide at this meeting, or the January meeting. Items will be forwarded to the Public Works Director in January 2021. Ultimately the Public Works Director will decide which items are recommended to City Council for inclusion, although the City Council will receive the entire list from the commissions for their information.

Chair Gerhard reminded the commissioners that last year, three items were submitted, and one, the Bollinger Road Corridor Safety Study was selected for inclusion in the Work Plan.

Commissioner Ganga suggested Vision Zero. He suggested developing a policy first, then an action plan. Those would both be a part of the Work Program.

Commissioner Lindskog suggested traffic calming. Mr. Stillman noted that the Traffic Calming Program is currently an ongoing project in Public Works and not necessary to include as a Work Plan item.

Commissioner Lindskog suggested the Carmen Road Bridge. Mr. Stillman also noted that the Carmen Road Bridge is a capital project and not appropriate as a Work Plan item. Chair Gerhard inquired how the commission can show support for Carmen Bridge. Mr. Stillman suggested that the commissioners inform the City Council of their support. Ultimately the City Council determines funding priorities for capital projects. Chair Gerhard noted that including the Carmen Road Bridge as a Work Plan item would send a signal to the Council that the project is a commission priority.

Commissioner Lindskog suggested review of building codes be provided to ensure convenient parking for bikes with new developments. Mr. Stillman responded that he will send the current Bike Parking Codes to the commissioners for further consideration of this item in January 2021.

Chair Eschelbeck suggested including the Stevens Creek Blvd Class IV Bikeway Project. Mr. Stillman replied that, similar to Carmen Road Bridge, this is a capital project and it is not appropriate for inclusion.

Mr. Stillman added that he will look further into how the commission can show support for capital projects. He will report back in January 2021.

Commissioner Ganga inquired whether commissions typically weigh in on which projects are included in the Capital Improvement Program. Mr. Stillman responded that has not been standard practice.

Chair Gerhard motioned to tentatively include Vision Zero, Carmen Road Bridge, Stevens Creek Blvd Class IV to Foothill, and review of building codes for bicycle-related matters for inclusion in the FY 2021-2022 Work Plan. Commissioner Lindskog seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

3. Traffic Gardens (Walkowiak)

Ms. Walkowiak gave a presentation on traffic gardens. The presentation is included in these minutes.

Commissioner Madhhipatla inquired as to other locations where traffic gardens have been recently built. Ms. Walkowiak replied that New York has one.

Oral Communication: Brigit Roberts called, Chair of Parents of Safe Routes. Ms. Roberts supports the idea.

Commissioner Ganga inquired whether other neighboring Bay Area cities have traffic gardens, how much area is required, and the cost. Ms. Walkowiak replied that she is not aware of similar projects in the region. There is the possibility to partner with other cities. At least an acre would be required. No cost estimates have been prepared. Alternate means of education include bike rodeos, but these are not as realistic. Commissioner Ganga supports partnering with other agencies.

Commissioner Lindskog inquired as to the target age. Ms. Walkowiak responded education could start as early as elementary school, but anything is possible. Commissioner Lindskog supports starting in early middle school or before middle school.

Chair Eschelbeck supports the idea and inquired whether a mobile setup is possible. Ms. Walkowiak responded that she had been pursuing holding bike rodeos during school hours before COVID-19. Bike rodeos, however, are not as realistic, and it may be impractical to have a mobile traffic garden. Chair Eschelbeck concurred.

Chair Eschelbeck inquired whether the New York traffic garden is operational. Ms. Walkowiak responded that it is and presented a video: <https://youtu.be/yNp3UewiTcg>

Commissioner Ganga stated that the traffic garden could combine fun and education, and it could be an opportunity for a private/public partnership.

4. Future Agenda Items (Eschelbeck)

Bollinger Road Corridor Safety Study Update

Suggestions for FY 2021-2022 Work Program Inclusion

Carmen Road Bridge

Stevens Creek Blvd Class IV

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

5. Staff Report (Stillman)

Mr. Stillman reported that the Regnart Creek Trail and Privacy Fence Projects have been advertised for bidding. Bid opening will be January 5, 2021.

Mr. Stillman reported that Phase 2 of the McClellan Road Class IV Bikeway Project is substantially complete. A Request for Proposals (RFP) has been issued for the VERBS-funded De Anza/McClellan intersection design work. Proposals will be accepted until January 5, 2021.

Mr. Stillman reported that most civil work for Phase 1 of the Stevens Creek Blvd Class IV Bikeway Project is complete, and electrical work, striping and concrete island installation is underway. The project is anticipated to be completed in January 2021.

Mr. Stillman reported that the contract has been awarded for the Linda Vista Trail Project, and work is expected to begin before the end of the year. The deadline for completion is May 1, 2021.

Mr. Stillman reported that all Tier 1 work orders for the School Walk Audit Project have been issued to City maintenance workers.

Mr. Stillman reported that last night, the City Council approved a funding agreement for \$460,000 with Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) for Measure B funding for the Junipero Serra Trail, Central Segment Project. Design work is continuing for central and eastern segments.

Mr. Stillman reported that the Bubb Road Class IV Bikeway Project will be advertised for bidding soon. Bid opening is anticipated to be January 12, 2021, with the Council award of the construction contract expected in February 2021.

Mr. Stillman reported that the kickoff meeting with the consultant and City of San Jose was held for the Bollinger Road Corridor Safety Study Project. Data collection efforts are underway.

Commissioner Ganga mentioned an email from Jeffrey Meng, who expressed concern that one segment of McClellan Road did not have a concrete island. The missing segment was not identified. Commissioner Madhhipatla suggested using Mr. Meng as a conduit to reach the student community, since he expressed a desire to help. Chair Gerhard noted he may reach out to Mr. Meng again to invite him to a commission meeting.

Commissioner Ganga noted that the green time for a bike to clear the intersection going eastbound on McClellan Road at De Anza Blvd is not long enough. Mr. Stillman said he would look into the issue.

Commissioner Madhhipatla brought up the concrete islands in front of the driveways along the McClellan Road Phase 2 Corridor. He noted the completed work is not smooth and he would have preferred that solutions be brought to the commission for discussion prior to implementation.

6. VTA BPAC Report (Lindskog)

Commissioner Lindskog gave a presentation summarizing the most recent Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting. The presentation is included in these minutes.

Discussion on bike superhighways followed, with commissioners expressing curiosity on why Homestead, Stevens Creek Blvd, De Anza Blvd, Stelling and Stevens Canyon Road were not included.

7. Report on Subcommittee Assignments and General Comments

Commissioner Lindskog reported on the Mayor's meeting.

Commissioner Ganga discussed the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (BPC) and the Technology Information & Communications Commission (TICC) joint subcommittee meeting. A student has been working on collecting crash data and mapping using

Google maps. The City of San Jose has crash data published on Global Information Systems (GIS) as part of their Vision Zero Program, and Commissioner Ganga would like something similar for Cupertino. Verizon reported at the TICC commission that they are looking at near misses as part of a Vision Zero Pilot for San Jose.

FUTURE AGENDA SETTING

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

David Stillman, Staff Liaison

Traffic Gardens

Public Works
Safe Routes to School



CUPERTINO



What is a Traffic Garden?



A mini streetscape where cyclists and pedestrians can learn the rules of the road in a safe, fun environment

<https://vimeo.com/31545084>



Who Could It Serve?

- Students in the region
- New Cyclists
- Special Groups and Clubs



What Could It Include?

- Streetscape
- Classroom
- Bike Shed
- Bus/Vehicle Parking



Benefits of Traffic Garden

- Realistic Education
- Standardized Education
- Bike/Ped Ed Helps Meet Goals

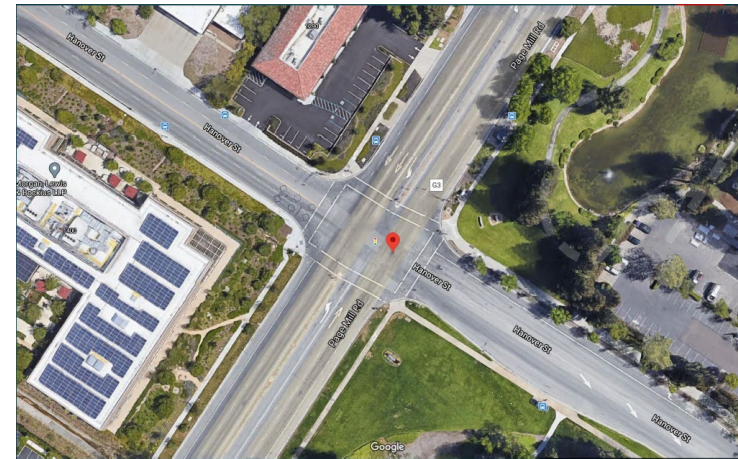
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VTA BPAC Report

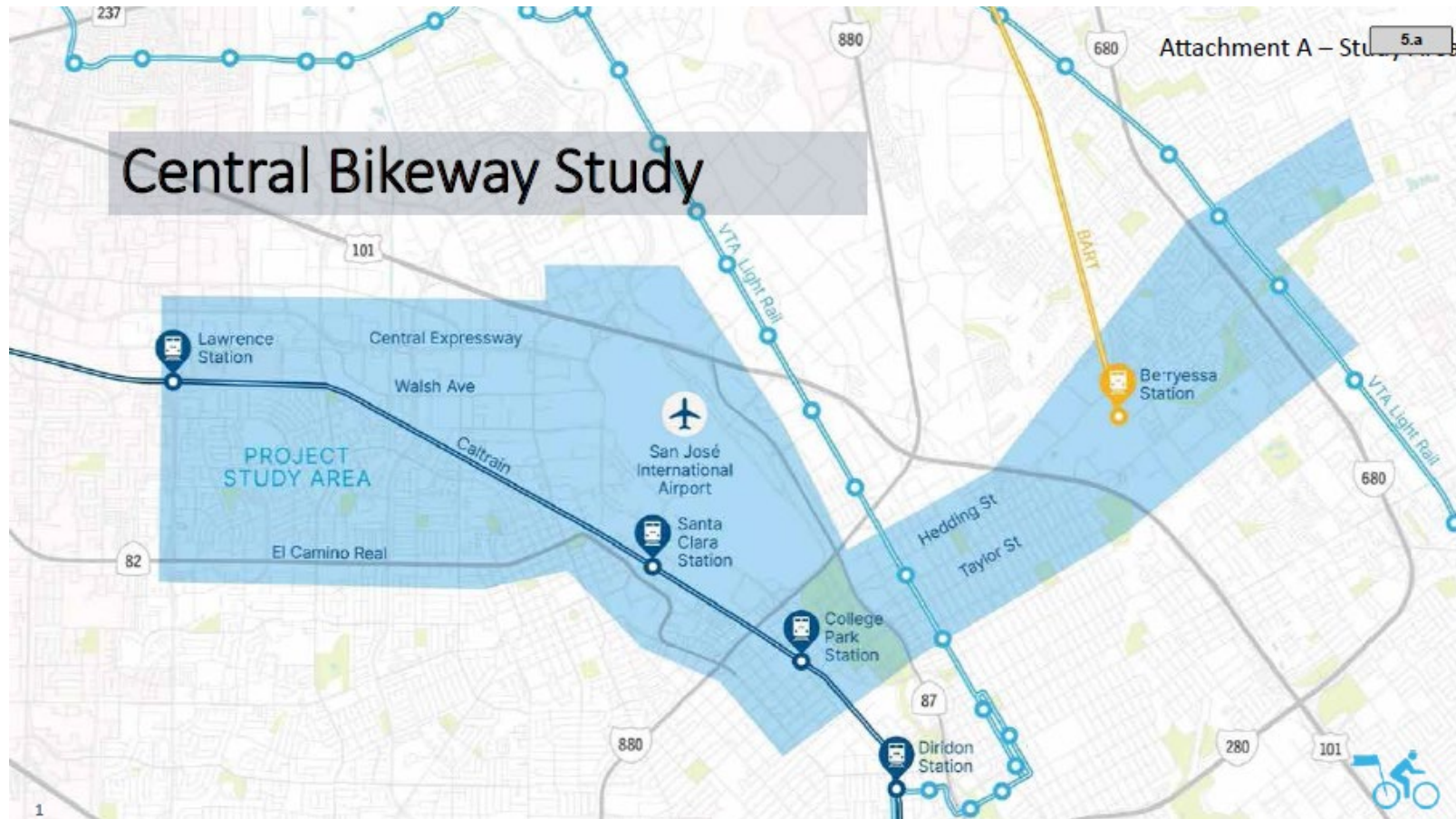
For Dec 9, 2020 meeting

Page Mill Expressway at the intersections of El Camino Real and Hanover-Hanson

- County Roads and Airports project
- ADA-compliant curb ramps
- Pork-chop island 'removed'
- Slots some bike lane improvements



Central Bikeway Study's vision, goals, and community outreach



Central Bikeway Study's vision, goals, and community outreach

Project Goals

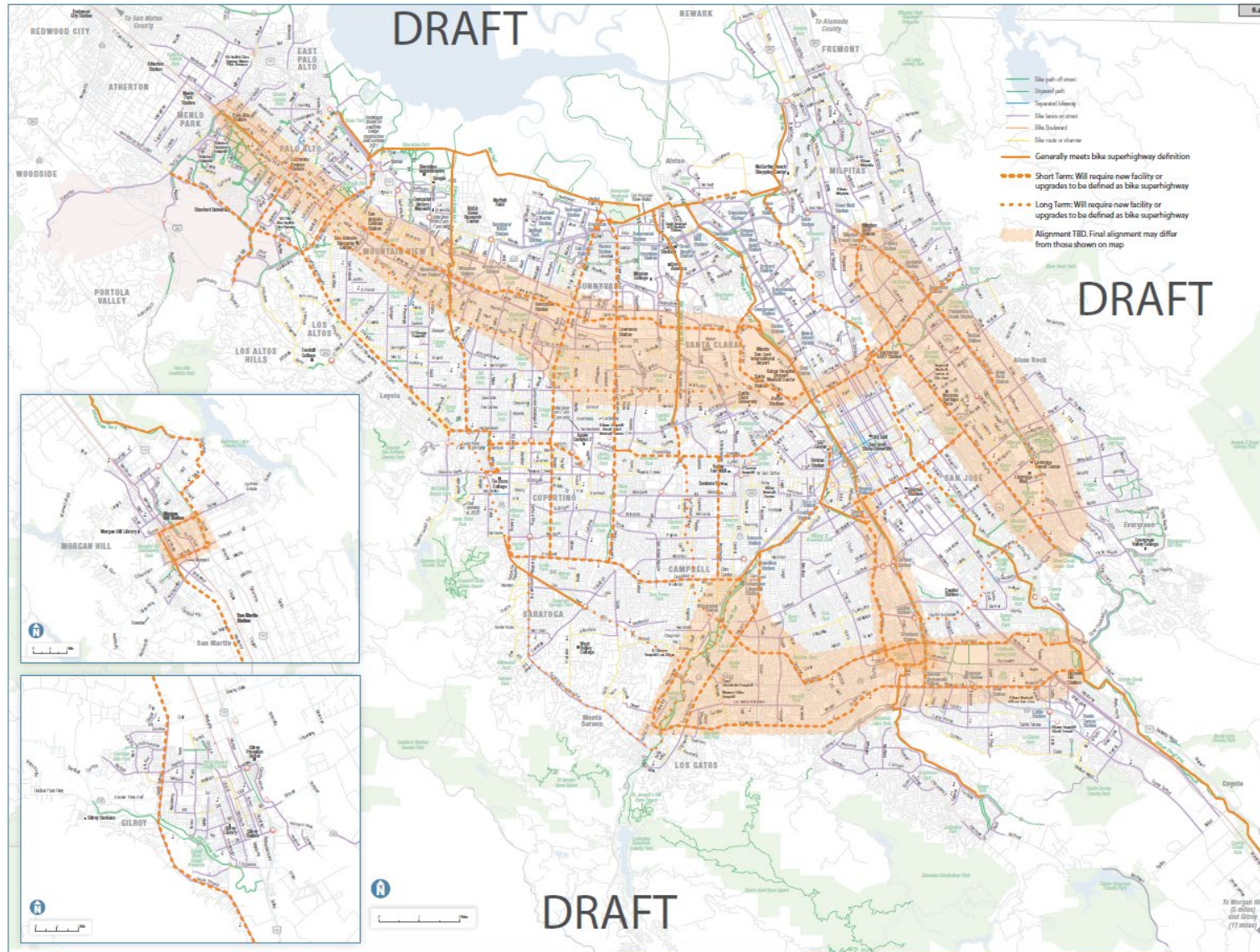
GOAL	DESCRIPTION
PROJect COMPAtiBiLiTy	A bikeway that will be compatible with previous and existing planning efforts.
COMMunity-DeSiReD PROJect	A bikeway that will serve community-identified desires and needs.
SuStAiNABLE MOBILiTy	A bikeway that reduces vehicle miles traveled by providing a continuous route for people to bicycle in a low-stress environment.
ACCESS	A bikeway that expands travel choices increasing access from local neighborhoods to transit stations and community-identified destinations.
SAFETY	A bikeway that will provide separation from vehicular traffic and can be built to best-practice safety standards.
jOy	A bikeway that enhances user wellbeing, and provides a comfortable and joyful experience with access to green space.
EQUITY	A bikeway that improves access to opportunities for traditionally underseved communities, especially in low-income or communities of color.



Solutions that move you

Commented on missing goal of 'Time-of-travel'

Bicycle superhighway corridors – Discussion Start



Bicycle superhighway corridors - Cupertino

Starting point of discussion and some additional exit/entry points

