



MINUTES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION
October 17th, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Pete Heller, Gerhard Eschelbeck, Erik Lindskog, Jennifer Shearin.
Absent: Sean Lyn.

Staff: David Stillman, City Transportation Manager, and Cherie Wakowiak, Safe Routes to School Coordinator

Others Present: David Rubin, Callander Associates; John McGuigan, Cupertino resident; Juliet Shearin, Teen Commissioner.

1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The commission unanimously approved the September 19, 2018 meeting minutes.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No oral communications.

OLD BUSINESS

2) 2018 Fall Bike Fest Planning (Stillman/Shearin)

- Cherie Wakowiak, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, discussed plans for the event to be held at the Civic Center on Saturday, October 27, 2018.
 - A taco truck will be parked to serve lunch onwards from 11:00 a.m.
 - There will be e-bike and single wheel platform demos from a local bike shop.
 - Family bike ride will line up next to City Hall and the fast bike ride will line up closer to the City Hall parking lot.
- Commissioner Shearin confirmed that three scouts from Girl Scout Troop 60657 would be there to do face painting from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

- Commissioner Linskog confirmed he would bring bike blender ingredients including agave syrup and would pick up the bike blender bike on Thursday or Friday.

NEW BUSINESS

3) Bicycle Path of Travel to Lawson Middle School (Linskog)

- Proposal(s) to improve safety of students who bike to Lawson Middle School will be discussed in more detail next month. Early concept on potential changes was shown.
- Commissioner Linskog discussed a concern with the initial concept that the end of the path shown puts students at the 'wrong' side to cross onto Vista (south leg) when returning from school.
- Commissioner Linskog also discussed possibility of eliminating second traffic light on Stevens Creek and Vista at the Fire Station exit, as his concern is that it can be confusing for motorists as it is so close to the main light at Torre.

4) Junipero Serra Trail Feasibility Study (Callander Associates)

- David Rubin from Callander Associates presented Feasibility Study highlights and recommendations, including discussions of specific trail crossings for the Junipero Serra Trail (JST).
- Total cost of the project is expected to be approximately \$45M if the current Feasibility Study recommendations are implemented. This could be reduced depending on what is chosen for the street crossings and if the box culvert was eliminated (if possible).
- It may be possible for the box culvert to only be implemented in areas in which the trail would become too narrow without it, but it would present issues with maintenance, as the parts where there are box culverts would be maintained by Cupertino, and the other parts would be maintained by the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD). Commissioner Linskog stated that a narrower trail in specific areas, such as found on other local trails, would still be useful.
- Expected costs for the crossing options at De Anza are \$15M for a bridge and \$22M for a tunnel. There are no cost estimates yet for an at-grade crossing, which would include adding an additional lane to the off-ramp of I-280. Each option has difficult constraints and will require much coordination between several agencies.
- Local resident John McGuigan mentioned an idea to have smaller tunnels under the I-280 ramps and cross north of off-ramps instead of ideas from the Feasibility Study.

- Construction start has been delayed to early November, to allow more time for outreach to the local schools which will be affected by the construction. David Stillman and Cherie Wakowiak will be meeting with the Superintendents for CUSD and FUHSD. Other outreach will be signs, notices (Friday folder), and possible parent coffees. Commissioner Shearin requested to be invited to parent coffees as they occur.
- This first phase of construction will not include the intersections at Bubb Road nor at Stelling Road. These will be implemented later.
- Standard design will be concrete islands with green bollards on top. There will not be islands over I-85, due to CalTrans bridge restraints, but will include bollards. David Stillman will review and report back on whether the bollards can be closer together, or whether 'armadillo' -type bumps can be added between the bollards over I-85.
- There was discussion regarding the narrowed area near the railroad tracks near Bubb Rd, and possible ways to keep bikes safer in that area. UPRR may not allow bikes on the other side of the railroad arms (even pedestrian paths are generally only grandfathered in). David Stillman to report back on what is possible in that area.
- David Stillman to send pre-construction bike counts and locations to BPC commissioners.

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

7) Staff Report (Stillman)

No report given.

8) VTA BPAC Report (Lindskog)

Different options on how bus stops can be designed were discussed at the BPAC. Mountain View and Santa Clara have multi-modal traffic plans approved. Erik prefers the Mountain View plan.

9) Public Relations Subcommittee Report (Heller)

No report given.

- It is possible that the trail be constructed in phases so that the city does not have a single large cost at once. Also mentioned was that City Staff is in discussions with the SCVWD about having a quit-claim to the trail land instead of a joint use agreement.
- It was asked whether it was possible to make the loop under the Mary bridge shorter, so that cyclists coming from Homestead would not have to go to the bottom of the bridge path before turning right to go under and onto the JST. Due to grade-height concerns, it would be unlikely the path could be changed, but perhaps a bike tunnel would be possible.
- Open questions regarding the costs for the De Anza crossings on the JST will be discussed at the next commission meeting and the JST Feasibility Study will be brought to a vote.

5) Stevens Creek Boulevard Class IV Bike Lane Improvements (Stillman)

- David Stillman presented current concepts for the bike and vehicle lane designs along Stevens Creek Boulevard. Only the areas between Tantau Avenue to Wolfe Road, which are currently in design, were reviewed.
- Several spots near intersections have bus pull-off areas that therefore have unprotected bike areas very long in length. The area just east of Finch Avenue has an especially long unprotected stretch, due to a bus pull-off and two driveways. David Stillman will be investigating the costs of having bus islands, such as used in Los Angeles along Figueroa Street.
- At the recommendation of Commissioner Lindskog, David Stillman will review crossings on the San Tomas Aquino Trail as there are crossings there at sidewalk level.
- Resident John McGuigan discussed a proposal to add a through lane (moving over the right turn lane) from Stevens Creek Boulevard onto De Anza Boulevard when bike lanes there are added. The current Class IV concept is to add the protected bike lane, reduce the through lanes to two, and add a dedicated right turn lane. Mr. McGuigan's concern is that vehicles will cut through Torre/Lazaneo instead of waiting to turn onto De Anza from Stevens Creek. As currently this area of Stevens Creek Boulevard is not in design, it was agreed to ask Mr. McGuigan to rejoin us in the future when this area was on our agenda for an in-depth design discussion.

6) McClellan Road Class IV Bike Lane Improvements (Stillman)

- David Stillman presented current concepts for the bike and vehicle lane designs along McClellan Road. Only the areas between Stelling Road and Imperial Ave, which are about to start construction, were reviewed.

10) Report on Committee Assignments and General Comments

It was agreed that the next meeting will be moved to Thursday, November 29, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:



Jennifer Shearin, Commissioner

