



MINUTES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION
October 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None

Staff: David Stillman, Staff Liaison

Others Present: Marlon Aumentado, Associate Engineer, Megan Cronan, Senior Civil Engineer, HMM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 16, 2020 Minutes

Commissioner Lindskog motioned to approve, Commissioner Madhdhipatla seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

POSTPONEMENTS

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2. Interstate 280/Wolfe Road Interchange Class IV Bikeway Design Concepts (Stillman)

Staff Liaison David Stillman introduced the item by providing some background on the I-280/Wolfe Road interchange project. Following this, Megan Cronan from HMM gave a presentation describing an exhibit that shows Class IV bike lane alternative treatments for the I-280/Wolfe Road interchange. Ms. Cronan solicited feedback from the Commission on their preferred alternatives.

Commissioner Madhupatla inquired if an on-street bike lane for commuter bicyclists separate from the proposed Class IV could be striped, and Commissioner Ganga requested this include a buffer if possible. Ms. Cronan responded that a bike lane could be striped but there is not enough room for a buffer.

Commissioner Lindskog requested advance bicycle detection for the Class IV bike lane, rather than just relying on a pushbutton. Commissioner Ganga also suggested video detection. Ms. Cronan responded that advance loops or cameras could be considered.

Staff Liaison Stillman informed the Commission that a public meeting will be held for the project on December 9.

Ms. Cronan informed the commission that Caltrans requires some separation between the sidewalk and the bike lane. The separation doesn't require an elevation change if physical barriers were provided. Ms. Cronan to inquire with Caltrans if a vertical separation along is sufficient.

There was a general preference for no separation between the sidewalk and the bike lane. If one is required, then consider either grade separation or physical separation, but not both. A continuous line of trees should be considered if possible.

The item concluded with no clear consensus or strong opinions regarding different treatments.

3. Bubba Road Class IV Bikeway Design (Aumentado)

Associate Engineer Marlon Aumentado gave a presentation on the 90% design drawings for Bubba Road Class IV bikeway design.

Commissioner Lindskog asked if the bike lane could be widened. Mr. Aumentado responded that this is possible, within limits so that the bike lane isn't mistaken for a vehicle lane.

Commissioner Ganga asked if concrete buffers were required. Mr. Aumentado responded that the intent of the project is to provide concrete buffers to separate the bike lane.

Mr. Aumentado explained that a continuous sidewalk is not possible along the east side due to trees and limited right-of-way.

Mr. Aumentado and Mr. Stillman explained some differences between the Bubb Road project and the McClellan Road separated bikeway project, including lack of residential driveways and wider travel lanes on Bubb. Mr. Stillman explained that lessons learned from McClellan included ensuring there was sufficient room to turn into and out of driveways without hitting the buffers, and these lessons have been incorporated into the Bubb Road project.

Mr. Stillman explained how the proposed shuttle stop was designed to be able to serve shuttles and facilitate a mid-block pedestrian crossing, without adversely impacting bicycle operations. The stop could be used by VTA if they desire.

In response to a request from Commissioner Ganga, Mr. Aumentado will research standards regarding striping a passing lane within the bike lane.

Mr. Aumentado informed the commission that construction is expected to start in March and be completed by June, 2021.

4. Appointment to VTA Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (Stillman)

Commissioner Lindskog motioned to reappoint himself for the two-year term to the VTA Bicycle Advisory Committee expiring June 30, 2022. Commissioner Eschelbeck seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

5. Staff Report (Stillman)

Mr. Stillman reported on an update regarding some current bikeway projects:

McClellan Road Separated Bikeway Phase 2 – Mr. Stillman reported that the project is well underway and will finish within the next month or two. Mr. Stillman described that the City has recently revised the city standard for circular driveway, so that residents on McClellan are able to pursue that if they wish.

Stevens Creek Blvd Class IV Bike Lane, Phase 1— Mr. Stillman reported that demolition work has begun. The work is expected to be completed before the end of the calendar year.

Regnart Creek Trail: Staff will be taking an information report to Council on November 2 regarding expected expenditures on fencing.

School Walk Audits: Mr. Stillman reported that most work orders for the Phase 1 improvements have been issued.

Bicycle Wayfinding Signs: Mr. Stillman reported that all signs have been ordered and will be received in November. Installation will be done by City crews and should be completed by summer 2021.

Linda Vista Trail: Mr. Stillman reported that the project is out to bid. Bids close on November 10. If bids are within budget, Council approval of the contract is expected November 17, which would provide an anticipated start date around the beginning of December. Anticipating project completion by May of 2021.

6. VTA BPAC Report (Lindskog)

Commissioner Lindskog gave a presentation. Topics included (1) Central Bikeway Study Outreach meetings, (2) TFCA and TDA3 fund distribution, and (3) Transition from LOS to VMT. Mr. Stillman added that Staff will be hosting a study session with City Council on SB 743 (LOS to VMT) on November 2.

7. Report on Subcommittee Assignments and General Projects

Commissioner Ganga gave a summary of the Mayor's meeting. Notes attached below.

Joint Subcommittee meeting: Commissioner Ganga gave update on meetings between TICC Traffic and Video subcommittee and BPC Traffic and Technology subcommittee. Two meetings were held. Discussed closer collaboration with staff liaison and have staff liaison in future subcommittee meetings. Discussed criteria for pilot selection. Decided to objectively look at data and criteria, reviewed bike and ped plan data to determine where pilots can be implemented, and tied that with school zones. Data is there on master plan thru 2015, wanted to see if pattern continues for next 5 years. Wanted student volunteer to collect data and present in a form similar to the master plans. Discussed technology selection criteria, and reviewed vendors that presented to the TICC and subcommittees to understand the technology and capabilities. Goal, to provide advice to help staff liaisons for recommendations for pilot locations and technologies.

FUTURE AGENDA SETTING

BPC Workplan. Vision zero.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

David Stillman

David Stillman, Staff Liaison

Note: Any attachments can be found on the Cupertino Website

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Summary of Notes from Mayor's meeting Oct 07, 2020

Audit Committee:

- Work plan includes Q2 budget review
- October financial review
- Audit report review

Public Safety Commission:

- Domestic violence - 5 cases reported in the last period/month, but many may not be reported
- Cyber security is a concern with increased online activity / Zoom, etc.,
- COVID safety is an issue

Parks & Recreation Commission: Gopal Kumarappan

- Provided an update on Teen Hack Cupertino judging / awards, projects around COVID etc.,
- Commissioners participated in evaluating amenities in various Cupertino Parks - 18 parks - there may be up to \$200K for improvements. An assessment report was submitted, it needs further review.
- Rancho Rinconado Park decision process – choice of let it run as is or merge with city – maybe leaning towards merging – need to get its usage stats and take it to the Council in 2 months with a recommendation
- All-Inclusive playground @Jollyman park - fundraising moved to next Summer due to COVID

Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission: Ilango Ganga

- BPC reviewed the Mary Ave protected Bike lane project
- Bollinger Road safety study, scope defined, in process of consultant selection. Study is funded by Cupertino City; during the study phase will look for opportunities to collaborate with the City of San Jose.
- TICC+BPC joint subcommittee objectives adopted by BPC. Joint sub-committees working on recommendations (for technology and site selection) for pilot project for bike and pedestrian safety, based on historical data.
- McClellan phase 2 (between Stelling and DeAnza) in progress, some safety issues raised by residents (ingress/egress to homes), City is working with residents on potential mitigation measures/exceptions
- Stevens Creek Blvd Class IV bike lane design start

Teen Commission – Nitya Devisetti

- Teen Hack Cupertino – provided an update on the event
- InfoTino – College advice for teens

- Pizza & politics that week - Mayors from Cupertino, Campbell, Saratoga, Evan Low, on city YouTube channel
- Cupertino Study Hall - 2hr/\$4 - at Portal Park

Library Commission: Rahul Vasanth

- Curbside pickup M-S, looking at providing free Wifi, limited lobby services
- Couple of other libraries allowing some internal access
- Library expansion - Design/Build contract - Due 12/21, Construction in Feb '21, completion by Dec next year
- Most circulation in county – 85k, on track for largest online checkouts

Fine Arts Commission: Raji Mahalingam

- Young Artists award deadline 11/30
- Parks & Rec Mural Project, will be displayed in Blackberry farm
- GIS Augmented Reality App showing art sites, prototype, more than 50 art displays
- Yr2020 New Normal teens contest

Housing Commission: Sue Bose

- CDBG (community development block grants) funding - live oaks, west valley services-my3d, Rebuild SV, Vista, ...
- Homelessness - county 5yr plan - 8k homeless
- \$935M Measure A
- Council created subcommittee to figure out how the City can help on housing, homeless.