



**City of Oakland, Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission**  
**Minutes from the December 1, 2014 Special Meeting**  
**City Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Hearing Room 3**

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Meeting agenda at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/oakca1/groups/pwa/documents/agenda/oak050390.pdf>

*Meeting was called to order at 5:33 by BPAC Chair Chris Hwang.*

**Item 1. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum/Introductions**

At roll call, all Commission members were present except Ryan Chan and Royston Taylor. A quorum was established. Attendees introduced themselves.

*Attendees:*

*Commissioners:* Chris Hwang, Christopher Kidd, Fred McWilliams, Robert Prinz, Midori Tabata, Rosa Villalobos, Kenya Wheeler

*City staff:* Jennifer Stanley, Iris Starr, Jamie Parks, Mike Neary

*Other attendees:* Phil Erickson, Scott Mace, Christina Blackston, Matt Bomberg, Ronnie Spitzer, Sarah Fine, Carol Levine, Tom Willging, Jame Ervin, Brian Toy, Becca Homa, May Cheung

**Item 2. Open Forum**

No comments.

**Item 3. Telegraph Avenue Complete Streets Implementation Plan**

Commissioner Hwang explained the intent of this special meeting was to ensure that BPAC intentions were reflected in the City Council Resolution approval the Telegraph Avenue Complete Streets Implementation Plan scheduled for tomorrow's Public Works Committee (PWC) meeting. Consensus from this meeting would be transmitted to the PWC in writing.

*Summary of discussion:*

BPAC supported the plan presented in October based on Phase 1 of the project (downtown to the edge of Temescal). Phase 2, through the Temescal, is more controversial than Phase 1 due to lack of agreement amongst stakeholders. For this reason, the Resolution was drafted intentionally to **not** include a specific recommendation for the proposed bikeway in the Temescal. Some Commissioners expressed disappointment in this lack of recommendation, and would like to make it clear that BPAC recommends a continuous separated bikeway throughout Phase 2.

The Resolution approves parking protected and buffered bike lanes from downtown to 40<sup>th</sup> St, the area where there was consensus amongst stakeholders (and funding in place). Staff explained that the City would like the opportunity to learn from Phase 1 as part of the process to develop consensus for Phase 2.

There was brief discussion of the design elements. The BPAC requested the opportunity to review the Phase 1 design prior to implementation. Plans are likely to be available for review in January or February. A Phase 1 design review committee was established with Commissioners Kidd, Wheeler, and Prinz, and attendee Brian Toy.

*Public comments:*

- Matt Bomberg: Phase 1 should monitor impacts to buses and make sure to include bus-friendly designs to mitigate the loss of the travel lane and the parking protected bikeway layout.
- Scott Mace: It would be bad if bus transit users experienced delays due to the new bikeway. Also, bicyclists shouldn't be forced to ride in the cycle track.
- Jame Ervin: The project should be designed for and to attract beginner/newbie bicyclists.
- Ronnie Spitzer: BPAC shouldn't box themselves in. They should consider bus riders. The reso language is good as-is.
- Tom Willging: The Phase 2 study should also use the baseline measures developed in Phase 1, such as usage, collisions, injuries, fatalities, and other health and safety-related measures.
- May Cheung: "Flexibility" in design just means that the bikeway will be "watered down."

Jamie Parks explained that the Phase 1 design will try to offset impacts to bus travel times by moving/consolidating bus stops, and evaluating time-of-day loading zones to reduce double parking. The Phase 1 project will help the City understand how/if these measures work, which will inform the Phase 2 proposal.

The BPAC endorsed submitting written comments at the PWC meeting, based on the following motion, made by Commissioner Prinz, which was seconded and passed unanimously:

- A ***motion*** was made to ***recommend a continuous separated bikeway throughout the entire Telegraph Avenue Phase 2 Project area, meaning no use of Class 3 facilities shared between bicycle & non-transit motor vehicles.***

The PWC meeting is tomorrow (Commissioner Hwang will attend). The City Council meeting is on December 9 (Commissioner Prinz will attend). Commission members can attend either/both.

*Meeting adjourned at 6:49pm.*

Minutes recorded by Jennifer Stanley, City of Oakland Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Coordinator, and emailed to meeting attendees for review on December 8, 2014. Comments requested by 5 pm, December 11, 2014 to [jstanley@oaklandnet.com](mailto:jstanley@oaklandnet.com). Minutes adopted by consensus vote at the December 18, 2014 meeting.