



**City of Oakland, Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission**  
**Minutes from the March 19, 2015 meeting**  
**City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Sgt Daniel Sakai Hearing Room (aka Hearing Room 4)**

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Meeting agenda at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/oakca1/groups/pwa/documents/agenda/oak050721.pdf>

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm by Chair Christopher Kidd

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

At roll call, Commission members Kidd, McWilliams, Prinz, Tabata, Taylor, and Villalobos were present (quorum established). Commission Vice-Chair Ryan Chan's absence was excused (prior notification). Introductions were made. Commissioners Hwang and Wheeler arrived later in the meeting.

**Item 2. Approval of meeting minutes**

- A motion to **adopt the Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission meeting minutes from February 19, 2015** was made (Tabata), seconded (Prinz), and passed by consensus—with Kidd abstaining. (Adopted minutes online at [www.oaklandbikes.info/BPAC/index.htm#agenda](http://www.oaklandbikes.info/BPAC/index.htm#agenda).)

**Item 3. Open Forum / Public Comment**

Matt Nichols, Mayor Libby Schaaf's recently-hired transportation policy director, conveyed that the Mayor feels the BPAC is important, and that they intend to work to strengthen project delivery in Oakland. He recommended that he return to the BPAC once the Mayor's budget is released (ETA April 15), probably at the April 16 BPAC meeting.

**Item 4. Oakland Pedestrian Master Plan Update**

Victoria Eisen, a consultant hired by the City to update Oakland's pedestrian master plan (PMP), gave an overview of the process and key points, including:

- Cities must update their PMPs every five years for projects in the plan to be eligible for Measure BB funding. Oakland's PMP was last updated in 2002.
- As part of this effort, the consultant team and a City intern will be reviewing crash data and identifying cost-effective safety measures with the goal of developing a prioritized list of traffic safety projects.
- Complete Streets Design guidelines are being developed for City on a separate track. The PMP will refer to the design guidelines. This allows design guidelines to be updated without a general plan amendment.
- Staff envisions a short plan (responding to the five-year timeframe), with background information contained in a longer appendix.
- Policies will be included in the implementation section of the plan.
- The plan is expected to be completed in April 2016.
- Citizen involvement will include presentations to BPAC, a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) made up of organization representatives, as well as meetings with existing neighborhood groups throughout the city that are working on related issues. A Technical Advisory Committee made up of staff will also inform plan development.

- The CAC is expected to meet 4-5 times over the year to provide input; in response to Victoria's invitation, Commissioners Tabata and Villalobos agreed to serve on behalf of BPAC. It was suggested that Oakland Urban Paths be encouraged to participate.
- Commissioners stressed that the plan include not just crash analyses, but also walkability, continuity/connections, pedestrian mode share, and specific policies. Consider a separate analysis of pathways and stairways.
- Consider review of the impact that development variances have on pedestrians. What process is there now? What triggers compliance w/ the PMP? What policies are there to require coordination w/ AC Transit and BART?

#### **Item 5. Report from BPAC's Strategic Plan & Policy Goals Committee**

Commissioner Hwang introduced the Committee's Draft vision statement (included in the agenda at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/oakca1/groups/pwa/documents/agenda/oak050721.pdf>). Participants (four commissioners, and three members of the public) met over three evenings, and the resulting document is to provide staff with information about what BPAC wants to see. Discussion included:

- What is the process for BPAC reporting to the City Council's Public Works Committee?
- The document describes a vision for Oakland, but doesn't yet discuss: how does information get to the BPAC, what does BPAC do with it, and then where does it go?
- Sahar Shirazi and Jame Ervin made comments about their experience participating and their hopes for the Commission and Oakland. Joe Morris asked whether the scorecard (referred to in the draft) existed. (Not yet.)

#### **Item 6. Measure BB funding overview and the City's Budget**

Bruce Williams, Senior Transportation Planner in the Transportation Planning & Programming Division, gave an overview of Measure B allocations and expenditures, new funding coming in April 2015 from Measure BB, and the upcoming budget process. (See .pdf of PowerPoint, attached.) He noted that, of all the cities in Alameda County, Oakland is above average for expending the allocations, and explained that projects take a long time to develop, particularly the contracting process. After the Mayor's budget is released, the BPAC may wish to call a special meeting to discuss a response. Follow up questions and comments included:

- Are there any interim reports on Measure B expenditures? Yes: annual compliance reports are on the ACTC website. [See [http://www.alamedactc.org/app\\_pages/view/4135](http://www.alamedactc.org/app_pages/view/4135).]
- Patrick Phelan asked whether there are other sources for bike/ped projects? Yes: TDA Article 3, BAAQMD-TFCA, ATP, OBAG, and so forth.
- It would be good to have more qualitative reporting, to make sure that funds are being spent on high-priority projects.

#### **Item 7. WOBO Bike to Work Day Update**

Bike to Work Day is on Thursday, May 14, and this year WOBO is coordinating the pancake breakfast-centered event in Frank Ogawa Plaza. Commissioners should complete the volunteer survey distributed by WOBO to indicate how they can help. The event includes Pedal Pools, transportation fair, and raffle. BikeShare will have 8 bikes for people to look at. Bag stuffing help will be needed (at Sports Basement in Berkeley, exact day tbd, first week of May). A City Council Proclamation at the May 5 City Council meeting will highlight Oakland's silver-level Bicycle Friendly Community status, BikeShare funding, and stats on new bikeways and new bike parking). WOBO is also coordinating a bike happy hour at The Half Orange on E 12<sup>th</sup> St, across the street from

Fruitvale BART.(Different from previous years, after-parties will be held throughout the county rather than centralized in downtown Oakland.)

## **Item 8. Three-month agenda look-ahead, suggestions for meeting topics, announcements**

### ***Three-month look ahead/suggestions for meeting topics***

- The draft agendas for April and May are 25 minutes longer than the regular two-hour meeting time. Options are to delete or postpone some items and/or extend meeting times.
- Commissioners were interested in keeping the presentation from AC Transit scheduled for June.
- Add a budget presentation in July or August.

### ***Announcements***

- Carol Levine complimented the 19th St BART Bike Station that opened last month and thanked those that made it happen.
- The Oakland Yellowjackets are holding an on-street skills class focused on group riding at the Rockridge Library, April 23, 7pm, open to anyone interested. Please contact Midori Tabata at [midorit@pacbell.net](mailto:midorit@pacbell.net) with questions.
- The California Bicycle Coalition (CalBike) has expanded its affiliate structure to include clubs and organizations without paid staff.
- Commissioner Kidd will lead a bike ride at the California American Planning Association's conference in October.
- New bike lanes are being striped this evening on newly paved Peralta St, 32nd St to Mandela Pkwy. Grand Ave, El Embarcadero to Jean St, was also paved with bikeway striping on a portion. Skyline Blvd, Pinehurst Rd to Snake Rd, was also newly paved.
- The train tracks across Mandela Pkwy at 26th St were paved over.
- WOBO is sponsoring a women's only on-road cycling class April 19, 1-4pm. Meet at Fruitvale BART; sign up on WOBO the website.
- Congratulations were extended to newly-married Commissioner Kidd.
- This week's cover article in the East Bay Express discussed the future of biking in Oakland w/ Commissioner Kidd and City staff quoted.

### **Attachment**

- Measure BB Funding Overview (PowerPoint)

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm

Minutes recorded by Jennifer Stanley, City of Oakland Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Coordinator, emailed to meeting attendees for review on March 20, with comments requested by March 27, to [jstanley@oaklandnet.com](mailto:jstanley@oaklandnet.com). Revised minutes will be emailed to attendees, and adopted at the April 16, 2015 meeting.

**Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory  
Commission:  
Measure BB Funding Overview  
March 19, 2015**

Bruce Williams  
Funding Program Manager  
Transportation Planning and Funding  
Division

**Measure B**

Countywide ½ cent sales tax measure  
administered by Alameda County Transportation  
Agency

Direct Local Distribution to Oakland:

- \$10 million for Local Streets and Roads
- \$1.1 million for Bike and Pedestrian
- \$.9 million for paratransit

## Budget Allocation

- Measure B funds are programmed in a biennial budget process.
- Programmed in the Capital Improvement Program and to directly support staff and programs.
- FY 13-15 is the most recent budget

## FY 13-15 Budget

Bike and Pedestrian funds are programmed

- Bicycle Master Plan Implementation \$1,350K
- Citywide Sidewalk Repairs \$ 500K
- Pedestrian Master Plan Projects \$ 800K

Local Streets and Roads funds have a longer list

## Local Streets and Roads Funds

• ADA Curb Ramps	\$ 1,320K
• Bridge Preventive Maintenance	\$ 500K
• City Paths and Stairs	\$ 400K
• City Sidewalk Repairs	\$ 600K
• Street Resurfacing	\$ 5,870K
• Traffic Signal Controller Replacement	\$ 150K
• Emergency Roadway Repairs	\$ 1,000K
• Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program	\$ 200K
• Traffic Signal System Management	\$2,000 K
• Matching funds for Grant Funded Projects	\$2,500 K

Remaining funds of about \$5 million programmed for personnel, including all bike and pedestrian program.

## Annual Compliance Report

Oakland reports annually to Alameda CTC

- Annual “report card” of expenditures
- Positive trend
- Expenditures are NOT Allocations

Bicycle and Ped Funds, FY 13/14

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$3.3 Million</b>
<b>Measure B Revenue</b>	<b>\$1.1 Million</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2.3 Million</b>
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$2.2 Million</b>

	Balance 7/14	Yearly Income	Years of Income *
Newark	12,058	124,665	0.1
Alameda	61,638	216,193	0.3
Dublin	52,780	135,523	0.4
Hayward	416,071	426,107	1.0
Albany	66,472	53,558	1.2
Berkeley	523,848	332,619	1.6
<b>Oakland</b>	<b>2,185,457</b>	<b>1,145,095</b>	<b>1.9</b>
<b>Average all cities</b>			<b>2.2</b>
Union City	506,236	204,621	2.5
Fremont	1,788,795	630,552	2.8
San Leandro	845,202	249,246	3.4
Livermore	816,551	238,666	3.4
Emeryville	142,615	29,541	4.8
Piedmont	169,789	31,301	5.4
Pleasanton	1,328,909	206,425	6.4

## Measure BB

Passed in November 2014, adding ½ cent sales tax

Collections start in April, 2015

Oakland will receive first funds in July, 2015

Category	Measure B	Measure BB	Total
Local Streets and Roads	10.4 million	10.0 million	20.4 million
Bicycle and Pedestrian	1.2 million	1.0 million	2.2 million
Paratransit	1.1 million	1.1 million	2.2 million
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,7 million</b>	<b>12.1 million</b>	<b>24.8 million</b>

## Local Streets and Roads

For Measure BB funds

- 15% of LSR funds must be spent on Bike and Ped Projects
- Total bike and ped funding is \$3.7 million per year
  - \$2.2 M B&P plus \$1.5 M LSR
- Oakland historically meets this requirement anyway. In FY 13/14 we spent 26% of LSR funds on bike & ped projects

## FY 15-17 Budget Process

City is assembling first budget to include BB now

- Mayor submits budget in April
- Council adopts at the end of June
- Preliminary budget will be available to review in mid-April

## Budget Challenges

Measure BB is certainly good for transportation, but the final budget must balance many competing needs. Challenges include:

- State gas tax decline (funds street maintenance)
- Federal fund decline (funds paving & grants)
- Need to fund project development for discretionary funds

## Role of Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Ordinance:

“provide input to staff on the expenditure of Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian pass-through funds”

- Bike and Ped funds as well as 15% set aside in Local Streets and Roads
- First opportunity when there is a budget document to review (in April)