



City of Oakland, Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Minutes from the October 20, 2016 meeting
City Hall, Hearing Room 3

Meeting agenda at www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK061116

Meeting called to order at 6:06pm by BPAC Chair, Ryan Chan.

Item 1. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum/Introductions

At roll call, quorum was established with all Commissioners present except Kidd (excused), McWilliams, and Burnette, Jr (who arrived shortly thereafter).

Introductions were made.

- Other attendees (who signed in): Bob Fearman, Scott Amundson, Tom Willging, Dianne Yee
- Staff: Sarah Fine, Iris Starr, Jennifer Stanley, Mahendra Gautam, Pablo Miras, Edmond Siu, Mohamed Alaoui, Carlos Hernandez

Item 2. Approval of meeting minutes (Action Item)

- A motion to **adopt the Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission meeting minutes from September 15, 2016** was made, seconded, and approved with all voting in favor and none abstaining.

Adopted minutes online at www.oaklandbikes.info/BPAC.

Item 3. Open Forum / Public Comment

Bob Fearman, District 3, lives at Oak St & Embarcadero, near the recently installed bike lanes on Oak St. He reported the following two issues:

1. Where 2nd St intersections with Oak St, there is a patch of gravel that should be a sidewalk.
2. The remaining northbound travel lane on Oak St under the freeway backs up now and cars enter the bike lane to get around it.

In response, staff and Commissioners recommended that Bob should report the first item to the Public Works Call Center. Staff recommended that he contact Jason Patton, Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Manager, regarding the design issue on Oak St.

Item 4 (originally Item 7). Introduction to OakDOT Strategic Plan

Sarah Fine, Senior Transportation Planner, gave an overview of the recently adopted Strategic Plan (Plan). See *PowerPoint presentation attached*. The Plan was drafted with support from Bloomberg and Associates and released by the Mayor and City Administrator. Sarah recommended that people read it (link in agenda, <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/oakca1/groups/pwa/documents/report/oak060949.pdf>), and highlighted some of its contents, including:

- The connection between transportation affordability and equity

- Vision Zero (eliminating traffic fatalities), which was highlighted by the Mayor in her recent address
- Safe Routes to Schools
- The Vibrant Sustainable Infrastructure goal (which includes the Complete Streets Program)
- Improving AC Transit service (noting that the City has a big responsibility for transit performance)
- Developing a public space program
- Developing outreach protocols
- Using data to make decisions

Sarah asked that people provide feedback, specifically (pg 21 of the PowerPoint):

- Help DOT identify problems using SeeClickFix
- Tell us how DOT can improve its website
- Tell us the best ways for us to listen

Summary of discussion:

- The Plan includes a strategy of establishing a Transportation Commission. For now, City Council will interface with DOT through the Council Public Works Committee.
- The Plan identifies the need to improve communication between the Oakland Police Department (OPD) and DOT in part to clarify the enforcement strategies that would be used for Vision Zero.
- The Plan includes training for all staff on Complete Streets policies/procedures.
- The Project Delivery Division, which will continue to be responsible for capital project implementation, is staying in OPW. The division of labor for transportation capital project delivery is not yet finalized.
- Communications shouldn't be limited to SeeClickFix.

Item 5 (item 4 on the agenda). Alameda CTC Comprehensive Investment Plan Submissions

Bruce Williams, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the projects being submitted for funding to the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) and the process, as detailed in the agenda. The County asks cities to submit priority projects for funding every two years. This year is the first full cycle since the passage of Measure BB, and includes all known funding sources (One Bay Area Grants, Transportation Fund for Clean Air, others). *See PowerPoint presentation and map handout attached for ACTC's programming principles, a list of projects, and details on projects that the BPAC has not previously seen.*

Bruce noted that the priorities emphasize equity and work in “Communities of Concern” (COC), areas—mostly in the flatlands—identified by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) where significant numbers of households are of lower socioeconomic status. The City is applying for projects totaling \$130M (not all are expected to be funded), -\$79M for bike/ped, and \$51M for other types. All project phases (planning, design, construction) are eligible. All projects recently submitted for funding from the Active Transportation Program (ATP) will be included in case funding is not awarded by that program.

In addition to the detail in the PowerPoint, six handouts and a video simulation were shared giving detail on specific projects. Input was requested at the meeting, or soon, since the grant submission deadline is October 31 at midnight. Input could include which projects to prioritize.

Summary of discussion:

- Lakeside Family Streets is a good priority given investments already funded by Oakland Measure DD. Improvements complimentary to the Lakeside Green Streets project are being designed with construction phasing in mind; this is very important since the current project has federal funding which complicates the City's ability to make changes.
 - Should Oakland Measure KK pass, the City will meet with ACTC to discuss whether pledging a greater financial match might make Oakland's projects more competitive.
 - Of the projects being submitted, only LAAMPS is ready for construction.
 - Consider prioritizing areas with the least transportation options (Coliseum area for example, e.g. the BART to Bay Trail Connector and East Oakland Community Streets projects). Commissioner Burnette Jr noted that in East Oakland, school truancy has been traced to no safe routes to school for students in this area.
 - Consider temporary treatments to help promote community engagement and speed up project delivery.
 - The reason that no Safe Routes to School projects are proposed in the Golden Gate area is not clear.
 - Projects submitted for ATP funding are included on map because they aren't yet funded, and/or funding may be needed for the local match.
- A motion to **authorize the BPAC Chair to write a letter of support for the list of projects presented tonight** was made (Chan). Commissioner Wheeler asked that the comments from Commissioners be included in the letter. The motion was seconded (Hwang), and approved with all voting in favor and none abstaining.

Further comments on the projects proposed near Lake Merritt can be emailed to Sarah Fine (sfine@oaklandnet.com) and Edmund Siu (esui@oaklandnet.com).

Item 6 (#5 on the agenda). Big Jump Grant Application

Carlos Hernandez described this new Technical Assistance grant program from the national People for Bikes organization, which will fund a three-year effort with a goal to double or triple the number of people biking. The proposed project area (map in agenda packet) spans from West Oakland along 14th Street and jogs over to the San Antonio area on Foothill Blvd; the goal is to improve bikeway connections to downtown. The grant funds outreach and engagement activities that are intended to compliment an otherwise-funded design and construction project. The grant requires that: the proposed facility provides a protected area; that a leadership team be convened that includes public officials, local organizations, and a local resident; and that there is documented support from the Mayor. The proposed project also has support from Oakland Public Library. The grant amount is \$150k/year for 3 years, with no local match required. To make the application more competitive, a local match will be provided via the Oakland Fund (with support from Matt Nichols in the Mayor's Office). The application will be submitted next Friday, and the City is requesting formal letter of support.

Summary of discussion:

- Recommended project partners: Red Bike and Green (national organization headquartered in Oakland, Director, Jenna Burton); Parks and Rec Centers (Lincoln Rec in particular); Oakland Public Library (OPL), including Fruitvale; Laney College.
- Consider extending to Chinatown area.
- Bike East Bay could be a partner via its various bike education course offerings.

- Route finding is a need. OPL's "Route Scout" Program (not currently funded) is envisioned to provide route finding assistance from librarians.
- The location area was suggested based on internal staff discussions.

→ A motion to **empower the BPAC Chair to write a letter of support** was made (Chan), seconded (Wheeler), and approved with all voting in favor and none abstaining.

Item 6 (#7 on the agenda). OakMob 101- Shared Mobility Engagement

Carlos Hernandez described this outreach effort to promote shared mobility programs (bike and car share). Both the City and organizations delivering the services wish to understand public perceptions of these programs. This effort is in partnership with Transform and includes two engagement sessions. The first was October 1 at the Martin Luther King Jr Library, part of a transportation resource fair. Attendees were asked how they get around Oakland, and the event was followed by a survey. At the first event, 50 people attended, 20 of them very involved. Food, child care, interpretation, and music were provided, and the event had a dedicated Facebook page. The next session will be held in West Oakland on October 22. In addition to the sessions, there will be four events via tabling at other events. The target is to get 500 survey responses.

Carlos noted that the Bike Share title sponsor was recently announced to be Ford Motor Company. This has necessitated some contract changes. A program for low-income participants is in the works (\$5 for the first year, then \$5/month after), with details in process. No other city is doing this.

→ A motion to **extend the meeting time to 8:20 pm** was made (Chan), seconded, and passed on voice vote.

Item 8. Paving Committee Report Back

Ryan Chan explained that the BPAC's Paving Committee met several times and drafted the letter to DOT Interim Director Jeffrey Tumlin, attached to agenda.

→ A motion to **authorize the BPAC Chair to send the letter as drafted to Jeffrey Tumlin** was made (Tabata), seconded (Wheeler), and approved with all voting in favor and none abstaining.

Item 9. Three-month agenda look-ahead, suggestions for meeting topics, announcements

Suggestions:

- San Leandro Creek Trail (November)
- 6-month bikeway project status update and map (November)

Announcements:

- Hwang: WOBO's annual fundraiser (Oakland Ghosttown) is Thursday, October 27, 6-9pm, at the SPUR offices on Broadway.
- Fine: CEQA reform was passed by City Council, and related changes are afoot. Thanks for BPAC input.
- Burnette Jr: Halloween kiddie bike parade at the Shed (outside the Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Library, at 6833 International Blvd. in East Oakland) on October 31, starting at 4pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Attachments (www2.oaklandnet.com/government/o/PWA/o/EC/s/BicycleandPedestrianProgram/BPAC/OAK056859)

- CIP Project Applications Map
- 27th St, Valdez St-Harrison St, Bikeway Concept
- Grand Ave/Harrison St Bike/Ped Improvements, Figures A-D
- Protected intersection simulation
(<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B6UWEJoxoXH4WHdRZk1uSm9IUHM>)

Minutes recorded by Jennifer Stanley, City of Oakland Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Coordinator, emailed to meeting attendees for review on November 1, 2016, with comments requested by Monday, November 7 to jstanley@oaklandnet.com. Revised minutes were attached to the November 2016 meeting agenda and adopted at that meeting.