

**BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)
SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos CA 94070**

MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: C. Bargar, J. Bolka, J. Malmo-Laycock, D. Ortiz, N. Rodia, N. Woodmansee

MEMBERS ABSENT: J. Brazil

STAFF PRESENT: A. Piano, L. Low, D. Provence, J. Lightbody, S. Wong

Chair Bargar called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2021

Motion/Second: J. Brazil/J. Bolka

Ayes: J. Alba, C. Bargar, J. Bolka, J. Hyde, J. Malmo-Laycock, R. Mohtashemi, D. Ortiz, N. Rodia

Absent: J. Brazil

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion/Second: C. Bargar/N. Rodia **moved to nominate Mr. John Bolka as Chair**

Ayes: J. Alba, C. Bargar, J. Bolka, J. Hyde, J. Malmo-Laycock, R. Mohtashemi, D. Ortiz, N. Rodia

Absent: J. Brazil

Motion/Second: J. Brazil/J. Alba **moved to nominate Mr. Cliff Bargar as Vice Chair**

Ayes: J. Alba, C. Bargar, J. Bolka, J. Hyde, J. Malmo-Laycock, R. Mohtashemi, D. Ortiz, N. Rodia

Absent: J. Brazil

VTA CENTRAL BIKEWAY STUDY

Brent Pearse, VTA Transportation Planner, provided a presentation on the following:

- Vision
- Criteria for a Bike Superhighway
- Goals
- Three Alternative + Three Areas
- Implementation Approach
- Visualizations for El Camino, Hedding Street, and Taylor Street
- Changing the Way We Do Business

Public Comment

Mr. Drew commented on the Western boundary extension

Mr. Pearse suggested forwarding design plans to share with the Committee.

The committee members had a discussion and the presenter provided further clarification in response to committee comments and questions on the following topics:

- Caltrans conducting a Bay Area bike study
- Working with Caltrans regarding the name 'superhighway'
- Joint Venture Silicon Valley partnership's superhighway
- Route along El Camino Real, how to minimize right hook collisions (due to businesses with driveways along that road)
- How the design of the bike highway would minimize bicycle collisions
- How to keep up average speed of cyclists along El Camino
- Designs to indicate bike highways are only for cyclists
- Protected left turns
- Priorities for bike width
- How to improve the 'joy' goal
- Timeline (duration of the design/environmental process)
- Scope of the design – standardizing technologies for intersections (automatic detection, etc.)
- Level of traffic stress considered in the design
- Adding family friendly naming for the bikeway
- Affect on the number of lanes in the roadway (on El Camino)
- Plans for bicycle counters
- Parking removal on El Camino

MOUNTAIN VIEW TRANSIT CENTER GRADE SEPARATION & ACCESS PROJECT

Alvin Piano, Project Manager, and Jim Lightbody, AECOM, provided a presentation and discussed the following project schedule and services:

- Current Conditions
- Background
- Objectives
- Transit Center Master Plan Concept
- Phase 1
- Project Schedule
- Project Elements
- Evelyn Ramp to Shoreline
- Castro Entrance
- Track Undercrossing
- Concourse
- Stierline/Adobe Entrances

Public Comment

Mr. Drew commented on funding and timing.

Jeff Carter commented on two track separations, expanding Caltrain to four tracks, and accommodating high speed rail.

The committee members had a discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to committee comments and questions on the following topics:

- Whether there was a protected path from Moffett under Central Expressway to Castro Street
- Design considerations so that bicyclists don't have to carry bikes downstairs or through areas with pedestrian traffic
- Mixing zones for bicycles on Evelyn Avenue
- Wider lanes when biking uphill
- Central Expressway bike lanes wider at shuttle loading areas
- Concourse area: design for actual use (cyclists most likely won't dismount) to avoid conflict
- Shuttle loading on Central – will the loading zone allow private vehicles

MOUNTAIN VIEW STATION MOBILITY HUB PLANNING

Jim Lightbody, Senior Consultant, AECOM, provided a presentation on the following:

- Project Elements (electric chargers, etc.)
- Bike Parking
- Mobility Hub

The committee members had a discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions on the following topics:

- Addressing public needs of Mt. View, Caltrain and VTA riders
- Good secure bike options
- Improving signage in the future

SAN MATEO 28TH AVENUE LETTER

Chair Bargar introduced Mr. Mohtashemi, who provided an overview of the letter which included the following topics:

- The need for bicycle connectivity to be included in initial planning efforts
- Desire for higher quality bicycle connectivity around Hillsdale Caltrain Station
- Prioritization of bicycle & pedestrian transit around this area

Public Comment

Drew commented on a separate project on Edison Street to the west regarding connectivity and removing parking for that one block.

Jeff Carter commented on a good connection between the bus and Hillsdale Caltrain having to previously walk up to catch the bus.

The committee members had a discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions on the following topics:

- Desire for the letter to capture better connectivity including better bike connectivity
- Improving bus stops locations

- Including the three streets in the letter
- Encourage general connections to the train stations

Motion/Second: R. Mohtashemi / C. Bargar

Ayes: J. Alba, C. Bargar, J. Bolka, J. Hyde, J. Malmo-Laycock, R. Mohtashemi, D. Ortiz, N. Rodia

Absent: J. Brazil

Noes: None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- 2022 Work Plan

Chair Bargar noted he was not eligible to serve as chair for another consecutive year and encouraged nominations for the election of chair and Vice-Chair for 2022.

Committee members noted the Mountain View Mobility Hub item for both March and May 2022 and communicating with San Mateo County regarding their shared micromobility study.

STAFF REPORT

Lori Low, Government & Community Affairs Officer, reported the following:

- a. Bike Bump Report YTD 2022 – 7 reported
- b. SSF Station Update – access points now open to the public

Dan Provence, Principal Planner, reported the following:

- c. eLocker Update –Mountain View installed 20 additional spaces, Tamine installed 12 spaces.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee discussed written correspondence.

COMMITTEE REQUESTS

Vice-Chair Bargar requested a follow up on the lady bumped from the train for an oversized bicycle from correspondence.

Ms. Alba requested a follow up with both cyclist concerns from correspondence.

Chair Bolka commented on having to move along quickly at the Lawrence Station due to the possibility of the train pulling away due to lack of platform demarcations.

Ms. Rodia requested a presentation/discussion with staff regarding smoother operations for cyclist on-boarding and off-boarding (cyclist experiences half doors open, only opening car at one end, no announcements, running through the train to exit, etc.)

Mr. Mohtashemi provided his experience boarding single track trains.

Mr. Mohtashemi requested a Mountain View mobility hub ebike and scooter charging discussion, putting this in workplan, and receiving an update on accommodating electric active transportation vehicles at the station.

Vice-Chair Bargar commented on the moved 4th and King Baywheels docks.

Ms. Malmo-Laycock proffered an update on the unincorporated planning with the North Fair Oaks bicycle community connection study.

DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next BATAC meeting is on March 17, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.