

# BPAC Infrastructure Review Subcommittee: September 5, 2024 minutes

\*This meeting was held in-person at the Broadway Conference Room, 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Suite 4314, Oakland, CA 94612. [Original agenda page available here](#). Additional attendees, not committee members nor staff, also participated but are not noted here\*

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## Acronyms:

- BPAC = Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, a city-appointed volunteer group that meets monthly to discuss and advise staff on bike/walk projects, policy, and funding
- DOT = Department of Transportation
- MTC = Metropolitan Transportation Commission, a Bay Area-wide governmental agency focused on transportation planning and funding
- Alameda CTC = Alameda County Transportation Commission, a countywide governmental agency focused on transportation planning and funding
- NBR = Neighborhood Bike Route, a traffic-calmed residential street with design features intended to serve bike riders of all ages and abilities

### 3:30-3:40 pm Introductions and Updates on Previous Agenda Items

- **14th Street West Oakland Corridor Safety Project** - Public meetings tonight 6:30pm at Acorn & Oak Center Neighborhood Council (via Zoom), and Thursday, September 12 6:30 PM at Prescott Neighborhood Council (via Zoom) ([info here](#)) - Project review at July 11, 2024 meeting
- \$45M in state Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities funding awarded to Liberation Park development at 6955 Foothill Boulevard - Includes funding for **off-street pathway projects on MacArthur Blvd and Seminary Ave next to Mills College** (also called the LAMMPS project phases 2 and 3) ([info here](#)) - Project review at March 7, 2024 meeting
- Downtown Paving Project Review - **Separated bikeway being added with paving on Franklin St from 11th St to Broadway**, northbound only, construction start this year ([info here](#)) - Project review at September 7, 2023 meeting (OakDOT still pursuing funding for later 2-way cycletrack upgrade)
- **Calm East Oakland Streets** community meeting at the Tassafaronga Rec Center (975 85th Ave) on Sat, Sept 7 from 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM ([info here](#)) - Project review at July 6, 2023 meeting
- **20th St protected bikeway** now under construction, Harrison to Broadway ([info here](#)) - Project review at February 7, 2019 and at October 3, 2019 meetings

### 3:40-4:15 pm, Application Review for the Countywide Comprehensive Investment Plan (CIP), and Status of Ongoing CIP Projects (Jaime Parks, OakDOT)

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#### Presentation:

- OakDOT selects projects for grant applications based on city's own Capital Improvement Program - but not all funding opportunities align exactly with those priorities, so
- Almost \$50M worth of existing funded project through this program
- Upcoming call for projects is relatively small compared to previous rounds
  - Max application \$2M each, up to three applications per meeting
  - \$60M available for general applications
  - \$40M available for major trails program
    - Oakland is less competitive for these
- Proposed applications
  - Speed Safety Camera Program
    - \$2M for program implementation - Up-front installation cost
  - MLK paving project

- \$2M for construction (staff would prefer to ask for more) - Total cost is over \$10M
  - 9th St -Chinatown Complete Streets
    - \$2M for design - Get design up to 100%, to then go after construction grants
    - Between Castro and Fallon
    - Looking into two-way conversion, wider sidewalks
  - Major Trails - 8th St corridor in Chinatown
    - \$2M for construction - total project cost \$22.4M, of which \$6M secured so far
- BPAC support isn't required, but is appreciated
- Application deadline October 31, 2024

#### Discussion:

- Is there more info about the major trails category?
  - East Bay Greenway, Iron Horse Trail, Bay Trail
  - Local match requirement
  - How does 8th St apply to major trails category?
    - It's connected to the East Bay Greenway
- 9th St complete street
  - Look into car-free open space in the densest activity area between Harrison and Franklin
  - Oakland Alameda Access Project will take a lot of car traffic out of Chinatown
- Want to know more about MLK project
  - Protected bikeways & bike/walk crossings upgrades, 47th St to Berkeley border
  - Berkeley also applying for quick build funding for bikeway extension to Ashby BART
  - Paving project scheduled for 2026, and funding should be available by then, if awarded
- Speed Safety Camera Program
  - Staff are having conversations with community stakeholders now to inform this program - Include outcomes of these conversations as committed metrics within the grant application & funding, to help ensure they are funded priorities

#### Presentation:

- West Oakland Link project from Mandela Pkwy to Bay Bridge East Span path
  - All design funding secured, and \$30M in construction funding - Still need \$70M more
    - Applying for \$23.7M for Bay Skyway phase 1, including this project (\$7.5M) but also the Yerba Buena Island multiuse path on Treasure Island Road
  - Currently at 35% design, hope to be at 65% by November - Construction start in 2026, complete by 2028

Discussion:

- Updates requested on [previous presentation from November 2, 2023](#)
  - Car-free Grand Ave alley
    - Still looking into this, considering changing access needs related to new residents of housing developments on Wood Street, and Raimondi Park baseball game traffic
  - Park space opportunity under the freeway
    - Looking into potential dog park
- Posts on W Grand forcing right turns from Campbell have already been knocked down - Final project plan includes closing Campbell to through car traffic, maybe a good idea to do this now with temporary materials

4:15-4:50 pm Application Review for Regional Measure 3 (RM3) Safe Routes to Transit & Bay Trail (SR2TBT) (Audrey Harris and Manuel Corona, OakDOT)

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Presentation:

- Projects:
  - 85th Avenue corridor improvements
    - Funds to complete 100% designs
  - 5th Ave corridor improvements
    - In Oakland's Capital Improvement Program but unfunded
    - Embarcadero to E 8th St
    - Funds to complete 100% designs
  - 8th St corridor improvements
    - Same project as Alameda CTC
    - Overlaps with Broadway streetscape bus/pedestrian project, Oakland-Alameda Access Project, MLK Jr Way Downtown cycletrack, and others
    - Design funding already secured - Applying for to complete construction in 2027/28
    - Between \$22.4M total project funding needed, asking for \$13.9M via this grant application to allow for construction
    - Currently at around 15% design - Issuing contract for design completion this year
    - Construction between 2028-2030
    - OakDOT looking into diagonal parking to increase legal spaces & reduce misuse

- AC Transit says corridors with back-in parking impedes operations
    - So OakDOT staff are looking into whether back-in or front-in is preferable
- Program prioritizes access to & on toll bridges, Bay Trail network construction & gap closures, regional active transportation network construction & gap closures
- \$75M available in 2025 and \$75M in 2027 - \$50M each cycle for general projects, \$25M for “transformative” projects - Potential third program year in 2029 if funding is remaining
- Will bring the complete streets checklist to the full BPAC later on September 19th - Required review by BPAC - Before application deadline on October 14, grant awards in February 2025

Discussion:

- 8th St project
  - Alice/8th - Add HAWK instead of signal? Alice is a great option for a future pedestrian priority Slow Street, but not if it's easy for drivers to use
    - Will have to do a signal warrant study - Something to explore
    - Via previous Howard Terminal plan Slow Street was going to be implement
  - Can a cost breakdown be made available
    - Staff can provide this at a high level
  - Are two-way conversions on both 8th St and 9th St being considered?
    - Yes
  - How does staff know how many car parking spots are needed?
    - Study was performed which showed the area was overparked - But this was before the dynamic parking pricing, and some spots are being
  - How are scramble phases indicated for people with low to no vision
    - Staff will look into it - Custom audible signal announcements are available
    - Curb ramps currently direct people to the side crossings but not diagonally, reinforced by white crosswalk edge stripes - Suggestion to get feedback from Mayor's Commission on People with Disabilities
  - Opportunity for added bike parking at new concrete island extensions
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- E 7th St Jingtowntown upgrades needed for on-street Bay Trail
  - Paving coming up in 2027, opportunity for signal upgrades at Fruitvale, 29th Ave, and 23rd Ave
  - If not via these
- What's proposed for 5th Ave?
  - Protected bikeway was proposed via Brooklyn Basin development, but this was negotiated away in favor of more affordable housing with the
  - Try to remove slip turn lanes at the 5th Ave and E 8th St intersection
- Will new street lights be oriented toward pedestrian scale and not upward, creating light pollution?
  - Not sure but will consider it

- Interest in using dynamic parking pricing for the Chinatown projects
  - Staff will look into it and follow up
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4:50-5:00 pm, Public Comments for items not on the agenda

- No comments

5:00-5:25 pm, Caltrans Doolittle Paving Project Review (Ron Kiana (sp?), Caltrans District 4) Greg Curry

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Presentation:

- Project about 5 miles between Alameda and Oakland
- Scope project is to enhance pavement quality, improve ride quality, and enhance safety
- Grind & pave 3 inches of asphalt in most heavily deteriorated area - At least 10 years of service life
- 95% plans were sent to OakDOT and staff comments were incorporated - Most of the comments were incorporated
- Wrapping up design now, extending to end of October - Waiting on right of way agreements, could start construction earlier but Sept 2025 at latest
- Project funded by state money for \$22.6M
- San Leandro bike plan updated 2018 and Oakland bike plan 2019 - Both recommended Class IV bikeways - Were these considered for implementation via this project?
  - Didn't directly consider
  - Would need to implement a design exception to change the "shoulder" to a protected bikeway
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- Last gap in bikeway ring around San Leandro Bay
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- Gap closure between Swan Way and Airport Road from the MLK Shoreline Trail to the Bay Trail is the most critical
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### 5:25-5:30 pm, Future Agenda Item Suggestions

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