

**City of Oakland, Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Minutes from the January 18, 2024 Meeting
City Hall, 2nd Floor, Sergeant Daniel Sakai Hearing Room (A.K.A. Hearing
Room 4)**



Meeting agenda at <https://www.oaklandca.gov/boards-commissions/bicyclist-and-pedestrian-advisory-commission/meetings>

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM by BPAC Chair Dianne Yee.

Item 1. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum/Introductions

At roll call, quorum was established with 6 Commissioners present (X).

Commissioners	Present
Enjoleah Daye	
Alex Frank	X
Grey Gardner	X
Phoenix Mangrum	
David Ralston	X
Patricia Schader	X
Nick Whipps	X
Dianne Yee	X
One vacancy	

Introductions were made.

1. Staff: Pierre Gerard, Jason Patton, Noel Pond-Danchik, Yvonne Chan, David Pene, Craig Raphael
2. Other attendees: George Spies, Kevin Dalley, Jimmy Jessup, Robert Prinz (Bike East Bay), Ross Parish, Bryan Culbertson (TVRR), Ann Killebrew

Jason Patton, City of Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) staff to the BPAC and the Ad Hoc Recruitment Committee of the BPAC shared an update on the status of the new commissioner appointments. Three commissioners were approved at City Council including the reappointment of Commissioner Ralston. Citlalli Herrera and Enjoleah Daye were appointed but Citlalli Herrera may be rescinding her appointment. Commissioner Enjoleah Day was appointed and sworn in as a commissioner. The Ad Hoc Recruitment Committee recommends that if Citlalli Herrera rescinds her appointment, they recommend applicant Jimmy Jessup to serve in the vacant seat. This could come as an item at the February BPAC meeting.

Item 2. Open Forum / Public Comment

- none

Item 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

No motion was made to adopt the Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission Special December 14th, 2023 Meeting minutes. The approval of the December Special Meeting minutes will be on the February 2024 BPAC Meeting Agenda.

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

Item 4. Recent Bicyclist and Pedestrian Fatal Traffic Crashes

George Spies led the commission in a discussion of recent fatal and other high-profile traffic crashes in Oakland involving bicyclists and pedestrians. The list of recent crashes was included in the meeting's agenda packet. There was a vigil last night at San Pablo and 24th St in honor of one of the victims. In addition to the crashes included in the packet, there was a fatal crash last Sunday, January 14, 2024, around 9 am. A 66-year-old woman was killed in the hit-and-run collision. The woman was crossing in a crosswalk on the 9000 block of MacArthur Blvd when a driver traveling westbound struck her just before 9 a.m.

Summary of Discussion:

- The locations where these crashes occurred are dangerous by design.
- Speeding on International Blvd is a serious problem that needs to be addressed. Other instances of speeding and crashes on International Blvd are frequent. Bike East Bay checks in with AC Transit on the International Blvd Quick Build Project and will meet with them next Wednesday from 1-2pm.
- Commissioner Whipps wrote a letter to AC Transit regarding the danger of International Blvd which was included in the agenda packet.

Speakers other than Commissioners: George Spies, Bryan Culbertson, Kevin Dalley, Jason Patton, Robert Prinz

Item 5. BPAC Chair's Report to the Public Works and Transportation Committee

BPAC Chair Dianne Yee (yee.bpac@gmail.com) presented a revised and final 2023 BPAC Chair's Report to Oakland City Council's Public Works Committee for the BPAC's review and approval. A copy of the report was provided at the meeting and is included as an attachment to these minutes and a draft was presented at the December Special BPAC Meeting.

Summary of Discussion:

- The report is being scheduled for an upcoming Public Works Committee meeting.

→ A motion **to adopt the BPAC Chair’s Report to the Public Works and Transportation Committee** was made (Gardner), seconded (Ralston), and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Speakers other than Commissioners: Jason Patton

Item 6. Nominations & Elections for BPAC Chair and Vice Chair

Jason Patton, OakDOT staff to the BPAC, facilitated nominations and elections for 2024 BPAC Officers, following the process described in BPAC’s By-Laws (<https://cao-94612.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/BPAC-By-Laws.pdf>.)

Summary of Discussion:

- Commissioner Schader nominated Vice Chair Gardner for BPAC Chair. Vice Chair Gardner accepted his nomination.
- Commissioner Frank nominated Commissioner Ralston for BPAC Chair. Commissioner Ralston declined his nomination.

→ A vote by show of hands **to elect Grey Gardner as the 2024 BPAC Chair** was conducted and approved with the following Commissioners voting in favor: Frank, Ralston, Schader, Whipps, Yee. Commissioner Gardner abstained.

- Commissioner Schader nominated Commissioner Ralston for BPAC Vice Chair. Commissioner Ralston accepted his nomination.
- Commissioner Whipps nominated Commissioner Frank for BPAC Vice Chair. Commissioner Frank declined his nomination.

→ A vote by show of hands **to elect David Ralston as the 2024 BPAC Vice Chair** was conducted and approved with the following Commissioners voting in favor: Frank, Gardner, Schader, Whipps, Yee. Commissioner Ralston abstained.

Speakers other than Commissioners: none

Item 8. Committee Overviews, Report Backs, and New Assignments

This item went before Item 7, was paused while Item 7 was heard, and continued after Item 7.

Committees of the BPAC provided brief overviews and updates to the Commission and commissioners were given the opportunity to volunteer for, switch, or remove themselves from the Commission’s committees and liaison positions. A list of active committees is included in the agenda packet and at <https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/bicyclist-and-pedestrian-advisory-commission-bpac-committees-and-liaisons>.

Summary of Discussion:

- **Ad Hoc Committee on Fire Code Amendments:** The committee is working with the Oakland Fire Department and the Oakland Department of Transportation to advocate for the Fire Code to

allow a roadway narrower than 26 feet to reduce driving speeds and allow space for more traffic calming measures.

- The committee should work with the Oakland Planning and Building Department.
- In 2022, fire code updates were adopted at City Council however, the 26-foot-wide minimum was not adopted, and further discussion was recommended. The updates are intended to be heard at the Public Safety Committee Meeting before the full City Council. The next Public Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled on February 13, 2024 but the fire code amendments are not currently on the agenda.
- **Policy and Legislative Committee:** the next meeting is scheduled on Monday, February 12th, 2024, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM in Hearing Room 2.
- **Infrastructure Committee:** the committee met last Thursday, January 11th, 2024, and heard three items: Oakland Bike Plan Implementation Review & Discussion, 7th Street East Port of Oakland Project Bike/Walk Access Construction Mitigation, and the 7th Street Connection Project. The meeting notes will be published online at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qqS46y3dWNeAxMVwU3HTwjunj-b0pwANtZix-CisiWA>. Feel free to submit comments on the plans presented at that meeting to either Robert (robert@bikeeastbay.org) or Chair Yee (yee.bpac@gmail.com). The next meeting will be held on the first Thursday of March, on March 7th, 2024, from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM in the Broadway Conference Room (4th floor) at 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza.
- **Committee Assignments:**
 - Chair Gardner will join the Infrastructure Committee.
 - Chair Gardner will leave the Policy and Legislative Committee.
 - Vice Chair Ralston will join the Policy and Legislative Committee.
- There should be a liaison to Public Safety Committee.

Speakers other than Commissioners: Kevin Dalley, Robert Prinz, Jason Patton, George Spies

Item 7. Capital Improvement Program Overview for Fiscal Years 2023-2025

Yvonne Chan (YChan@oaklandca.gov), Transportation Planner II with OakDOT's Capital Finance team, provided an overview of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) process for the 2023-2025 fiscal year term and upcoming milestones. A copy of the presentation is included as an attachment to these minutes.

Summary of Discussion:

- The Capital Finance team should engage with the BPAC more on the next CIP cycle which begins this fall. The BPAC can help with outreach for public submissions.
- While the City is in a budget crisis, OakDOT is in a better place than other departments because much of the funding is earmarked for transportation.
- Projects should be prioritized based on connectivity.
- The CIP project application has few requirements for what can be considered a CIP project.
- Bike and pedestrian improvements are implemented through a number of programs including the Complete Streets Capital and Paving programs.

- CIP funds are only a portion of OakDOT funding.
- Funding for maintenance largely comes from the operating budget, not from the CIP.
- Members of the public who have submitted proposals in the past are disappointed that their projects were not awarded or if they were awarded, that they were not constructed. Staff should set expectations with the public about what kind of projects are likely to be funded or not. Competitive previously proposed projects will be reviewed again.
- Paving is OakDOT's biggest capital cost and bicyclist and pedestrian improvements are included in paving projects.
- The High Injury Network should be updated before the next CIP cycle.
- Gratitude was shared for the funding of the BART to Bay Trail project.
- There is interest in hearing an update about the status of Oakland's staffing.
- Funding is usually carried forward if money is not spent in one cycle with the exception of grant and bond deadlines.
- Oakland should consider prioritizing smaller capital projects like signage and striping rather than larger capital projects.

Speakers other than Commissioners: OakDOT Capital Finance Planner Craig Raphael, Jason Patton, Robert Prinz, George Spies, Kevin Dalley, Jimmy Jessup, Ross Parish

→ A motion **to extend the meeting by ten minutes** was made (Gardner), seconded (Yee), and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Item 10. Three-month agenda look-ahead, suggestions for meeting topics, announcements

The three-month look-ahead and announcements was included in the meeting's agenda packet.

Announcements:

- No new announcements were made

Suggestions for Meeting Topics

1. Meeting Director Kelley and Assistant Director Jamie Parks and an Update on Staffing
2. General Plan Update
3. Overview of OakDOT Projects
4. 2017 Pedestrian Plan Implementation and Upcoming Pedestrian Plan Update
5. Upcoming Grant Cycle Deadlines including the Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Grant, Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant, and Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grant
6. Vehicle Speed Tracking
7. AB-645 Automated Speed Enforcement

There was a recommendation to hold a meeting in Deep East Oakland or the Fruitvale Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Attachments:

- Item 5. BPAC Chair's Report to the Public Works and Transportation Committee
- Item 7. Capital Improvement Program Overview for Fiscal Years 2023-2025 Presentation

Minutes recorded by Noel Pond-Danchik, Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Transportation Planner II, emailed to meeting attendees for review on 1/2/24 with comments requested by 2/8/24 to npond-danchik@oaklandca.gov. Revised minutes will be attached to the February 2024 meeting agenda and considered for adoption at that meeting.