



**City of Oakland, Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission**  
**Minutes from the March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Special Meeting**  
**City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Sgt Daniel Sakai Hearing Room (aka Hearing Room 4)**

Meeting agenda at <https://cao-94612.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/March-2023-BPAC-Special-Meeting-Agenda.pdf>.

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm by BPAC Chair Dianne Yee.

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

At roll call, quorum was established with 7 Commissioners present (X). One Commissioner was excused (-).

Commissioners	Present
Andrew Campbell	X
Alex Frank	-
Grey Gardner (Vice Chair)	X
Mike Lok	X
Phoenix Mangrum	
David Ralston	X
Patricia Schader	X
Nick Whipps	X
Dianne Yee (Chair)	X

Introductions were made. Staff: KTOP, Pierre Gerard, Jason Patton.

**Item 2. Open Forum / Public Comment**

- There were no attendees, and no comments were made.

**Item 3. Strategic Planning**

BPAC Chair Dianne Yee and Vice Chair Grey Gardner led the BPAC in updating the 2022 Strategic Plan by reviewing past achievements, goal-setting for 2023, and planning with an eye towards equity, relationship building/community engagement, and alignment with the needs of Oakland’s diverse communities. This discussion included BPAC Commissioner expectations and how Commissioners can engage with their Council Districts and neighborhood councils.

General comments included:

- Commissioners can post, respond to bicyclist- and pedestrian-related posts, and learn about community meetings on the Nextdoor app and other social media forums.
- The BPAC can and should be a two-way conduit between the City and the public.
- Change all language referencing “bicycle(s)” to “bicyclist(s).”
- While safety (i.e., the reduction of bicyclist- and pedestrian-involved injuries and deaths) is a priority for bicyclist and pedestrian policies, projects, and programs, a higher standard of livability is the goal.

- One purpose of the Safe Oakland Streets program is to increase interdepartmental collaboration to reduce traffic violence in the City of Oakland.
- Community engagement events for bicyclist- and pedestrian-related projects and programs should be systematically communicated to BPAC Commissioners in advance of their occurrence. However, there is often a logistical challenge to connect project and program managers with BPAC Commissioners.
- When the BPAC does not support a bicyclist- or pedestrian-related project, that project may, in some cases, not proceed.
- OPD can be a bottleneck for information about any investigation after a bicyclist- or pedestrian-involved serious injury or death occurs.
- The shift towards a High-Injury Network (HIN) to analyze crash data can obscure some important details in trends about crashes involving the serious injury or death of bicyclists and pedestrians. The 2002 Pedestrian Master Plan and the 2007 Bicycle Master Plan included crash analysis at a higher level of detail than the HIN provides.
- The City of Oakland has a publicly-available map that includes speed and volume data. However, operational analysis may be of greater interest to the BPAC.
- Bikeway projects at Bancroft Ave, 81<sup>st</sup> Ave, and 85<sup>th</sup> Ave have been funded recently.

Specific changes to the Strategic Plan included:

- **Goal 3 (of 4): Replace** with “Encourage equity-driven investments and policies and increase community involvement in high-jury and historically underserved areas.”
- **Task #1.1: Replace** the Task Description with “Support interagency street safety efforts, including more quick-build/rapid response traffic calming and long-term street safety efforts.” **Replace** the Next Steps with “Consider developing BPAC principles and guidelines for street safety.”
- **Task #1.2: Replace** the Task Description with “Review grant applications to support pedestrian and bicyclist projects and programs that meet BPAC’s goals.”
- **Task #1.3: Merge with Task #1.6 by adding** to the Task Description: “Continue to seek timely release of collision data. Explore challenges of reckless and dangerous driver behavior.” **Add** to the Next Steps: “Collaborate with other groups such as WOBO and Bike East Bay to develop responses and determine what active role BPAC can play.”
- **Move** Task #1.4 to #3.6.
- **Task #1.4 (replacement):** Task Description: “Support staff hiring to work on bicyclist and pedestrian projects.” Next Steps: “Raise the issues of staffing and street safety to elected officials.”
- **Move** Task #1.5 to #3.7.
- **Task #1.5 (replacement):** Task Description: “Support Slow Streets and safe spaces for community activities.” Next Steps: “Continue discussion with staff on Slow Streets/Neighborhood Bike Route Implementation.”
- **Task #2.1: Replace** the Task Description with “Invite project managers to present on bicyclist- and pedestrian-related projects at key milestones. Request invitations to outreach activities.” **Add** to Next Steps: “Ask staff to send BPAC contact info to project managers.”
- **Task #2.2: Replace** the Task Description with “Get status update on the Bicycle Plan and Pedestrian Plan every six to twelve months.” **Remove** the following Next Steps: “Raise pedestrian staffing needs with DOT leadership and council.”
- **Task #2.3: Replace** the Task Description with “Highlight Committee activities.” **Replace** the Next Steps with “Request written reports from each committee monthly.”
- **Task #3.1: Insert** in the Task Description for Task #3.1 after “Justice”: “ Land Use and Transportation”. **Replace** Next Steps with “Review the General Plan and develop comments.”

- **Task #3.2: Replace** the Task Description with “Prioritize transportation safety projects and support pursuing funding opportunities in East Oakland.” **Add** to Next Steps: “Request staff to provide a status list of East Oakland transportation projects.”
- **Move** Task #3.4 to #3.5.
- **Move** Task #3.3 to #3.4.
- **Task #3.3 (replacement):** Task Description: “Advocate for the expansion of the Town For All project and waterfront connections to East Oakland.” Next Steps: “Request follow-up on relevant projects.”
- **Task #3.5: Add** to Next Steps: “Request the Dept of Race and Equity to present about outreach procedures at BPAC.”
- **Task #4.1: Replace** Next Steps with “Use the report as an opportunity to raise priorities with council.”
- **Task #4.2: Replace** the Task Description with “Establish connections with active transportation committees at regional agencies such as Caltrans, MTC, and Bay Area Regional Collaborative on bicyclist and pedestrian investments and plans.” **Replace** Next Steps with “Ask staff to request regional agencies present relevant projects at BPAC.”

→ A motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes (to 8:30pm) was made (Yee), seconded (Gardner), and approved unanimously by all Commissioners present.

→ A motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes (to 9:00pm) was made (Yee), seconded (Schader), and approved unanimously by all Commissioners present.

#### Item 4. Committee Planning

Jason Patton ([jpatton@oaklandca.gov](mailto:jpatton@oaklandca.gov)), Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Supervisor, described how State and local open meeting requirements apply to BPAC’s committees, and facilitated a short discussion with Commissioners on how BPAC will meet these requirements.

##### Summary of Discussion:

- The Open Forum Committee may require legal counsel from the City Attorney’s Office to consider whether it meets the definition of a legislative body.
- Volunteer members of the public may more easily take a leadership role within the BPAC via the Committees.
- This topic will be continued at the April 20<sup>th</sup> BPAC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

##### Attachment

- Strategic Planning Presentation, slides revised from the 2022 version

Minutes recorded by Pierre Gerard, Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Transportation Planner II, emailed to meeting attendees for review on 4/13/23 with comments requested by 4/27/23 to [PGerard@oaklandca.gov](mailto:PGerard@oaklandca.gov). Revised minutes were attached to the May 2023 meeting agenda and adopted at that meeting.

# Strategic Planning 2023

Oakland BPAC Special Meeting  
March 30, 2023

# Purpose



Review the 2022 Strategic Plan Goals & Tasks and make updates for 2023.

- Review past achievements
- Set goals and tasks

Keep in mind:

- Equity
- Community engagement / relationship-building
- Alignment with needs of Oakland's diverse communities

# 2022 Goals

1. Be strong advocates for bicycle and pedestrian safety and hold the city accountable.
2. Be a conduit for information on bicycle and pedestrian projects.
3. Encourage equity-driven investments and policies and advocate for the bicycle and pedestrian community.
4. Build relationships with policymakers and provide feedback on pedestrian and bicycle policy.



## Goal 1: Be strong advocates for bicycle and pedestrian safety and hold the city accountable.

<b>Task #</b>	<b>Task Description</b>	<b>Next Steps</b>
1.1	Advocate for Safe Oakland Streets effort, including more quick fix/rapid response traffic calming and AB 43 implementation.	Receive staff presentation at BPAC meeting. Legislative Committee discuss other ways to pursue. Commissioner Gardner leading.
1.2	Support state and federal funding for pedestrian and bike projects and programs.	Request funding presentations at BPAC meetings and consider taking position of support.
1.3	Continue review of fatal and serious injury crashes involving cyclists and pedestrians at monthly meetings.	Keep as standing item with Chair Schader leading discussion.

## Goal 1: Be strong advocates for bicycle and pedestrian safety and hold the city accountable.

<b>Task #</b>	<b>Task Description</b>	<b>Next Steps</b>
1.4	Organize bike ride with BPAC commissioners, community members and police department to create trust and develop ongoing relationships.	Police Relations Committee organizing.
1.5	Convene meeting on racially-biased bicycle stops with the Oakland Police Department, Department of Race and Equity, BPAC policing subcommittee, and community partners per 2019 Bike Plan.	Police Relations Committee organizing.
1.6	Explore challenges of reckless and dangerous driver behavior.	Collaborate with other groups such as WOBO and Bike East Bay to develop responses and determine what active role BPAC can play.



## Goal 2: Be a conduit for information on bicycle and pedestrian projects.

<b>Task #</b>	<b>Task Description</b>	<b>Next Steps</b>
2.1	Invite project managers to present on projects post-construction to evaluate what worked and what did not.	Schedule review of projects at BPAC meetings.
2.2	Get status update on Bike Plan every six months. Support hiring of staff necessary to track Pedestrian Plan progress.	Request staff presentations in conjunction with the biannual We Bike Oakland newsletter, including the "By the Numbers" updates. Raise pedestrian staffing needs with DOT leadership and council.
2.3	Highlight subcommittee activities.	Keep as standing item with Chair Schader leading discussion.
2.4	Get periodic updates on Major Development Project from Department of Planning and highlight the most bike/ped relevant projects for Infrastructure Committee to review and provide comments.	Schedule at BPAC meeting once per year.

## Goal 3: Encourage equity-driven investments and policies and advocate for the bicycle and pedestrian community.

<b>Task #</b>	<b>Task Description</b>	<b>Next Steps</b>
3.1	Advocate for equity driven bike/ped priorities in the General Plan, Environmental Justice Element.	Commissioner Ralston to identify next steps.
3.2	Prioritize safety needs in East Oakland.	Schedule relevant items at BPAC meetings and advocate during planning discussions.
3.3	Use BPAC Blog, Open Forum and community meetings to create open communication between BPAC, community members and DOT.	Vice Chair Yee leads BPAC Blog. Open Forum facilitated by Open Forum Committee. All commissioners engage in other community outreach.
3.4	Advocate for community groups, including Neighborhood Councils, to be integrated into OakDOT program and community outreach work (in a paid capacity wherever possible).	Advocate in the context of presentations at BPAC meetings.

## Goal 4: Build relationships with policymakers and provide feedback on pedestrian and bicycle policy.

Task #	Task Description	Next Steps
4.1	Present BPAC Chair's Report to Public Works Committee.	2022 report schedule for 4/26/22. Use as an opportunity to raise priorities with council.
4.2	Establish ongoing coordination with Caltrans, MTC, Bay Area Regional Collaborative on bicycle and pedestrian investments and plans	Commissioner Ralston to pursue next steps.
4.3	Meet with each Councilmember and their staff at least once per year to introduce BPAC and our goals.	Each commissioner is expected to reach out to their councilmember.
4.4	Reach out to councilmembers concerning current bike/ped issues.	Each commissioner is expected to reach out to their councilmember on hot topics needing their support.
4.5	Introduce BPAC to neighborhood councils.	Each commissioner expected to reach out to one or more neighborhood councils/NCPCs in their areas to introduce the BPAC and support neighborhood efforts on bike/ped safety.