

City of Oakland, Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission Minutes from the June 21, 2018 meeting City Hall, 2nd Floor, Sgt Daniel Sakai Hearing Room (aka Hearing Room 4)

Meeting agenda at http://bit.ly/Oak-BPAC-Agenda.

Mayor Libby Schaaf arrived at 5:50 pm and provided a brief overview of her policy commitment to active transportation in Oakland. She asked for questions from the audience which included staffing and major improvements (greater than \$250 million) for biking. The City added an additional human resources person solely focused on hiring within the DOT and Public Works. Director Russo noted that there was a reduction from 27 to 20% vacancy rate in the Department. The Department is developing an equity model outlined in the Strategic Plan. Alameda County Transportation Commission has an opening for a member of the public from Oakland's district to serve on the Independent Watchdog Committee: https://www.alamedactc.org/app pages/view/14.

The Mayor presented Commissioner McWilliams with a certificate of appreciation and gold pin to honor his years of service to the Oakland community. He submitted a resignation letter to staff and the BPAC Chair, effective June 30, 2018.

Meeting called to order at 6:14 pm by BPAC Chair, Midori Tabata.

Item 1. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum/Introductions

At roll call, quorum was established with nine commissioners present (X).

Commissioners	Present
Reginald K Burnette Jr	Х
Andrew Campbell	Х
Christopher Kidd	Х
Fred McWilliams	Х
George Naylor	Х
Mariana Parreiras	Х
Midori Tabata (Chair)	Х
Rosa Villalobos	Х
Kenya Wheeler (Vice-Chair)	Х

Introductions were made.

- Other attendees: Ben Eversole, Ofurhe Igbinedion, Rich Johnson, Chris Kintner, Carol Levine, Phoenix Mangrum, John Martoni, Brendan Pittman, Robert Prinz, Henry Shanehoff, Matt Taecker, Royston Taylor, Kit Vaq
- Staff: Ahmed Ali Bob, Brytanee Brown, Lily Brown, Sarah Fine, Philip Ho, Matt Jones, Ade Oluwasogo, Jason Patton, David Pene, Ryan Russo, Bruce Williams

Item 2. Approval of meeting minutes

→ A motion to *adopt the Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission meeting minutes from May 17, 2018* was made (Kidd), seconded (McWilliams), and approved by consent. Adopted minutes online at http://bit.ly/Oak-BPAC-Min.

Item 3. Open Forum / Public Comment

- Robert Prinz thanked staff for the installation of a four-way stop at 8th and Clay. He noted that there is a striping project at 10th Ave and E 8th St. He acknowledged the effort of the City's crosswalk/complete streets policy.
- Ofurhe Igbinedion is conducting a walkability study to observe the social interactions/sociocultural landscape in the Mosswood area in Oakland. More info can be found at <u>www.sidewalkinteractions.net</u>. Commissioner Wheeler recommended contacting neighborhood groups.
- Matt Taecker, a designer, is working with Bike East Bay to create a greenway between Shattuck, Adeline, and Stanford. He would like to introduce a concept to the Commission for review.
- A member of the public representing the PANIL (Piedmont Ave neighborhood group) mentioned a meeting about the crossing at Pleasant Valley Avenue there is a meeting on July 11.
- Carol Levine mentioned that she was almost hit by a cyclist riding on the sidewalk on her way to the meeting, underscoring the need to educate people about how to behave on the road she recommends something like a Public Service Announcement. Chair Tabata mentioned that this was already on the list of items for BPAC's consideration.

Item 4. Active Transportation Program Application Update (attachment)

Bruce Williams, Senior Transportation Planner and Lily Brown, Transportation Planner, presented their respective proposals for the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Application Update.

There are three projects proposed – Lake Merritt to Bay Trail, Fruitvale BART, BART to Bay Trail:

- The Lake Merritt to Bay Trail project was covered by Dianne Tannenwald at the May BPAC meeting.
- The Fruitvale project aims to bring a safer, more public space to the Fruitvale BART station area.
 The City engaged with various stakeholder groups and held meetings at community spaces such as the library and farmer's markets.
- The BART to Bay Trail project is a design-only project as the infrastructure costs are currently uncertain.

Summary of discussion:

- LM2BT will cost around \$30 million. The goal is to get to the end of the design cycle.
- The evaluation process involves a lengthy application. A competitive application would involve a
 project that improves walking and biking, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and assists programs
 like Safe Routes to School.
- City staff selected projects based upon prior grant funding, projects with a longer history or those that were closer to completion.
- City staff are requesting letters of recommendation for the projects.
- City staff will return at the July meeting with a final list and a proposal for the letter of recommendation.

Speakers other than commissioners: none

Item 5. Highway Safety Improvement Program Application List of Projects

Philip Ho and Ade Oluwasogo presented the Highway Safety Improvement Program Application List of Projects.

They selected 15 high-injury corridors and are looking at locations with the most collisions within the last 5 years. Staff will return on August 16 and the application is due on August 31.

Summary of Discussion:

- San Leandro Street between 40th Avenue and 50th Avenue are the most dangerous intersections in East Oakland due to left-turning vehicles.
- On International Boulevard, there is construction and potential for collisions at East 14th there's a likelihood to be doored.
- The analysis considers crashes by all mobility types and looks at concentration.
- The City could consider HSIP project coordination with the paving team on projects with segments that are already planned.
- Other factors to consider in cost-benefit analysis could include traffic signal improvements, sidewalk improvements and bike safety.

Speakers other than commissioners: David Lok, Jason Patton, Robert Prinz, Royston Taylor

Item 7. Creation of Legislative Committee (switched with item 6)

Commissioner Kidd presented information about the possible Legislative Committee, which includes policy and legislation goals at statewide level, and certain municipal code "cleanups". It would involve 4 BPAC Commissioners and members of the public as well as a mechanism to advocate for City Council.

The Committee would bring items to the full Commission for their review, and the Commission can decide how they want to empower the Committee. BPAC would have the potential to recommend a policy or legislative position.

Summary of Discussion:

- There was disagreement over whether the Legislative Committee was the appropriate forum for these topics versus bringing them straight to the Commission.
- The committee could consider the policy that partner jurisdictions are pursuing.
- The legislative process would involve Council, and state legislation would require another step to bring it before the state.
- Staff would work together with the committee to ensure that proposals are aligned with Council and City policy direction.
- Policy and legislation could be a higher priority for BPAC's time than project review.
- There is a difference between the committee writing legislation versus taking a position on proposed legislation. Writing legislation would be a more political role for the BPAC and would require a legislative sponsor.
- If the committee were to be created tonight, the Commission could choose to alter the committee's role and responsibility as needed.
- → A motion to *create a Legislative Committee* was made (Parreiras), seconded (McWilliams), and approved by a vote of six Commissioners in favor, two Commissioners opposed, and one abstention. The committee consists of Commissioners Kidd, Naylor, Parrieras, and Wheeler, with community members Phoenix Mangrum and Chris Kintner.

Speakers other than Commissioners: Jason Patton, Robert Prinz, Ryan Russo

Item 6. Infrastructure Committee Report Back (switched with item 7)

A list of projects and notes from the April meeting can be found here: http://bit.ly/Oak-BPAC-Infra

Infrastructure Committee member Robert Prinz noted that the Infrastructure Committee will aim to meet quarterly and that all are welcome to participate in the meetings. He asked if other Commissioners and members of the public might be interested in joining the committee, and Chair Tabata and Phoenix Mangrum volunteered.

Summary of Discussion:

- The City has a mailer for residents within a certain radius of the project area. Projects that include bike lanes don't always align with the Bike Plan.
- Congratulatory comments were made regarding the cordial relationship between staff and the committee.
- → A motion to *extend the meeting by 8 minutes* was made (Kidd), seconded (Burnette Jr.), and approved by consent.

Speakers other than Commissioners: Jason Patton, Robert Prinz, Ryan Russo

Item 8. Three-month agenda look-ahead suggestions for meeting topics, announcements

- Commissioner Kidd asked for an update on benchmarking the OakDOT Strategic Plan.
- Commissioner Campbell attended the Mayors Commission on Person with Disabilities, which reviewed accessibility of the Bikeshare Program with a presentation from Zagster. He noted that there is a Technical Advisory Committee for accessibility and shared mobility.
- Matt Jones mentioned the upcoming Let's Bike Oakland Community Workshop on Saturday June 30th. Flyers are available with more information.
- Robert Prinz noted that Paul Brown, known as "Tall Paul" passed away last month he was an important fixture in West Oakland. Bike East Bay is distributing gold bicycle bells to honor him.
- Commissioner Burnette Jr. mentioned that the Scraper Bike Team rode in the Warriors Parade. He also highlighted a "good grade" incentive program to provide free bicycles to children.

Chair Tabata adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.

Minutes recorded by Matt Jones, Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Coordinator, emailed to meeting attendees for review on Tuesday, July 10 with comments requested by 8am on Friday, July 13 to mbjones@oaklandnet.com. Revised minutes were added to the July 2018 meeting agenda and adopted at that meeting.

Active Transportation Program Grant Program / Cycle 4

City of Oakland Bicyclist and Pedestrian Commission June 21, 2018

Bruce Williams, Funding Program Manager Lily Brown, Transportation Planner

ATP Background, Goals, Process

What are the program goals?

Mode Shift to Bike/Ped

Safety

Benefit disadvantaged communities

Broad spectrum of projects

How's it funded?

100% of federal Transportation Alternative funds

SB1 (gas tax) funds & State Highway Account Funds

\$440 million total fiscal year 19/20 to 22/23 (4 years)

How will the funds be divided?

50% programmed in Statewide Round

40% is programmed by MPOs (MTC)

At least 25% of funds to disadvantaged communities

ATP Background, Goals, Process

Where did the ideas come from?

Bike/Ped Master Plans

PDAs

Past Unfunded Grant Applications

Specific Plans

Redevelopment Master Plans

What was your process?

High Level Feasibility

Incorporate projects into corridor plans

Apply grant criteria

Shortlist Projects

What's happening now?

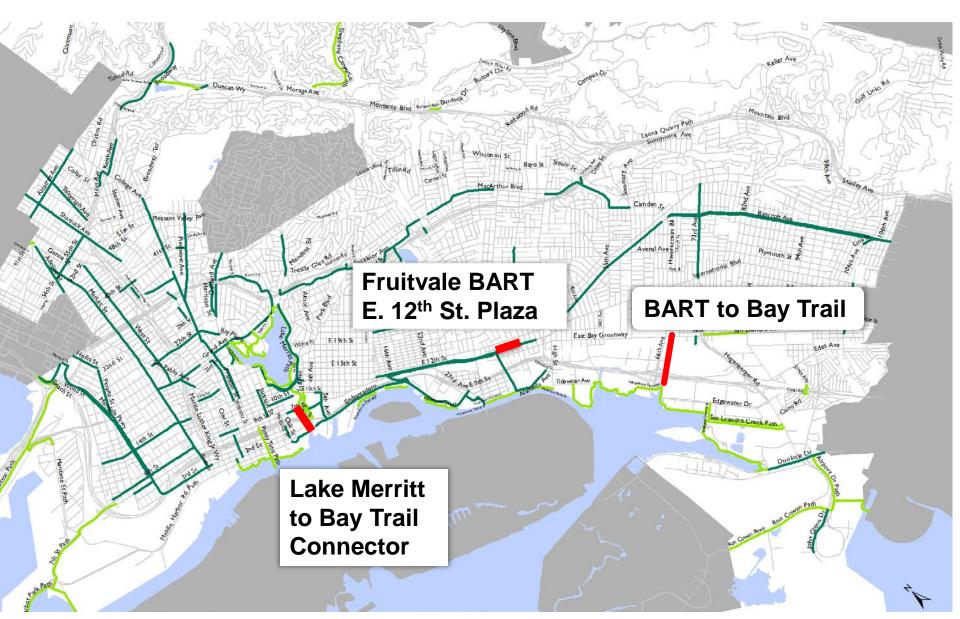
Conceptual Drawings

Outreach & Interagency Coordination

Cost Estimates

Draft Project
Narrative

Oakland's Proposed ATP Projects



Lake Merritt to Bay Trail Connector Project



Extent: San Leandro St to

Bay Trail

Length: 0.6 miles

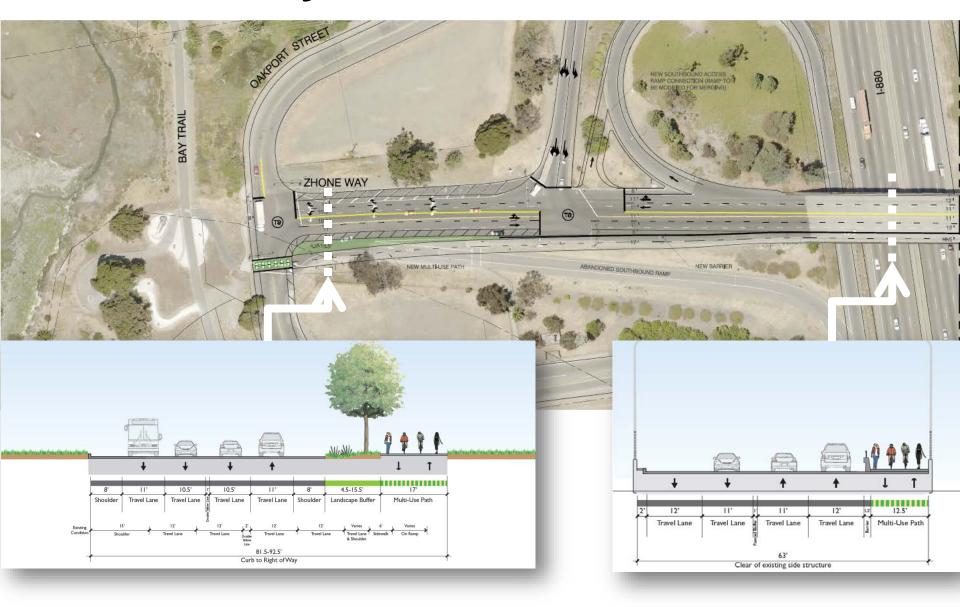
Key issues:

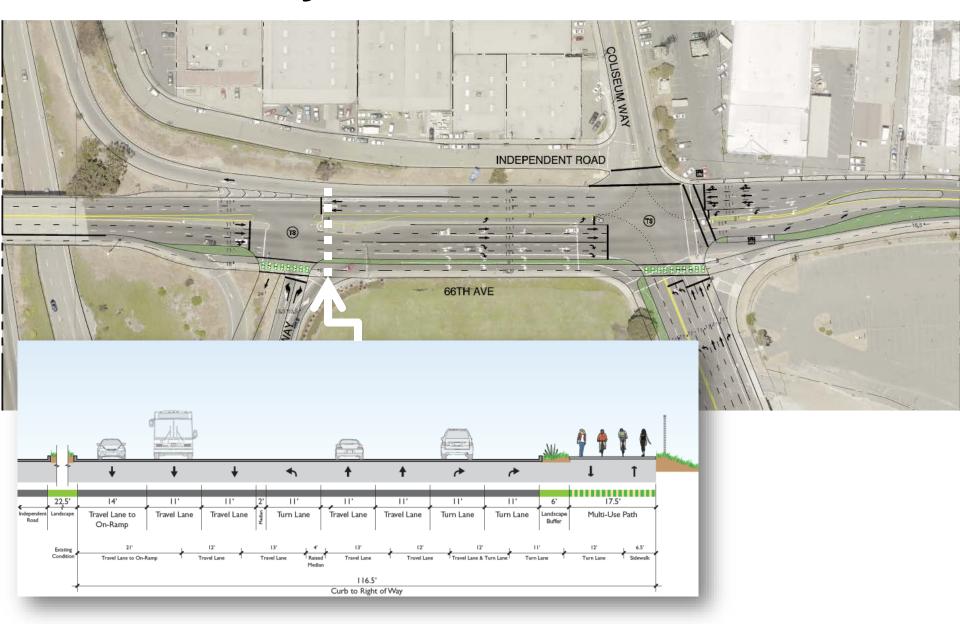
- Narrow sidewalk
- No bikeways
- Freeway on/off ramp
- High speed arterial

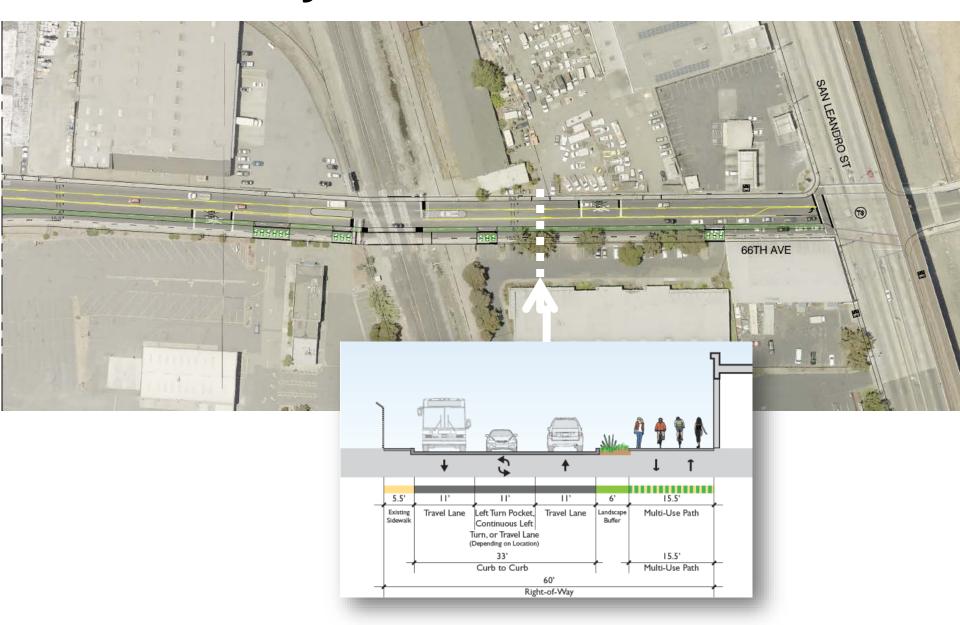
Proposed Improvements:

- Two-way pedestrian/bike path
- Ramp reconfiguration
- Traffic calming/lane adjustments







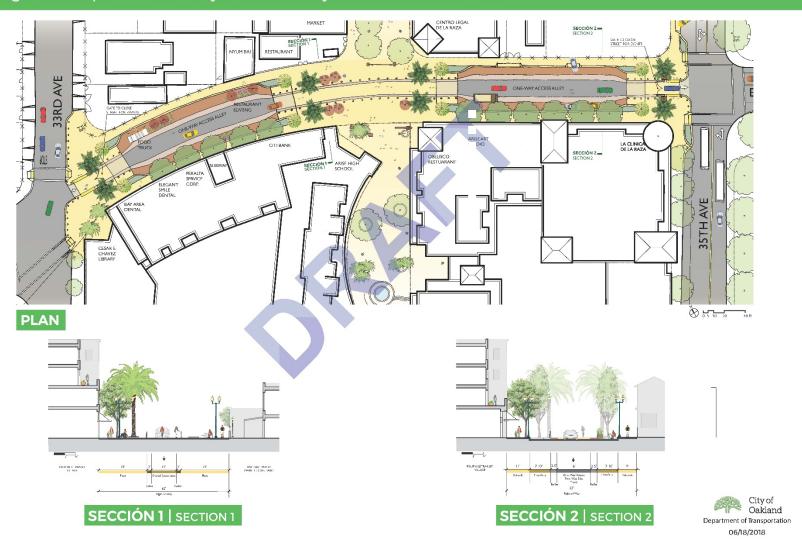


- Create safer access for people walking and biking between Fruitvale BART and International Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
- Create additional public space with various programming options – special events, performances, markets, food trucks/fruit stands

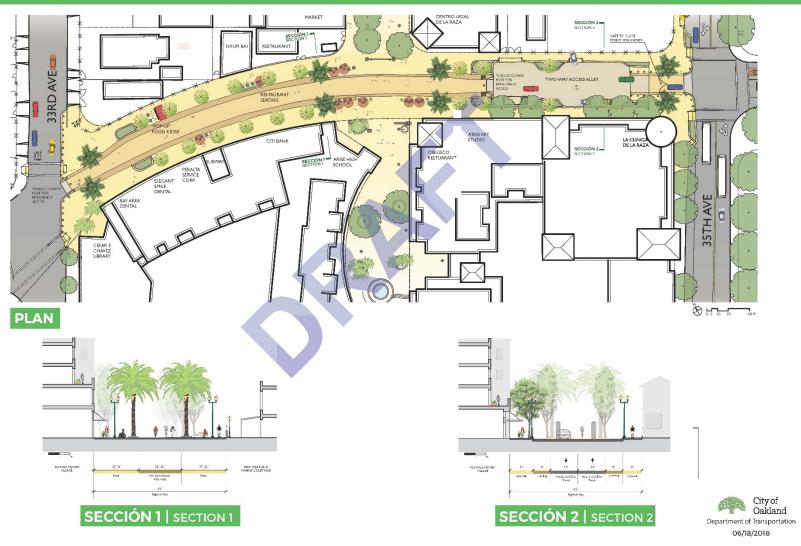


Concepto De Diseño A - Callejón Compartido De Sentido Único Y Plaza De Medio Bloque Design Concept A - One-way Shared Alley And Midblock Plaza

FRUITVALE BART / E 12TH STREET PLAZA



Concepto De Diseño B - Plaza Ampliada Y Callejón De Acceso Corto Design Concept B - Expanded Plaza & Short Access Alley FRUITVALE BART / E 12TH STREET PLAZA



Outreach:

- Stakeholder meeting hosted by Unity Council,
 Councilmember Gallo and BART Board President Robert Rayburn
- Surveying at Fruitvale Famers Market, Caesar
 Chavez Branch Library and affected businesses

Next Steps

Now

City of Oakland refines applications

July 31

City of Oakland submits applications

Jan 2019

Commission adopts State Projects

June 2019

Commission adopts MPO Projects