



**City of Oakland, Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Minutes from the July 16th, 2020 meeting
Teleconference**

Meeting agenda at <https://cao-94612.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/July-2020-BPAC-Agenda-sized.pdf>.

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by BPAC Chair George Naylor.

Item 1. Teleconference Potocol/Roll Call/Determination of Quorum/Introductions

Commissioner Naylor described the process for the virtual meeting. At roll call, quorum was established with eight commissioners present (X). One commissioner arrived later during the meeting (x).

Commissioners	Present (x)
Reginald K Burnette Jr	X
Andrew Campbell (Vice-Chair)	X
Grey Gardner	X
Jesse Jones	X
Phoenix Mangrum	x
George Naylor (Chair)	X
Mariana Parreiras	X
Patricia Shader	X
Dianne Yee	X

Introductions were made.

- Other attendees: Chris Hwang, Christopher Sanders, John Martoni, Mana, Marisa Melo, Midori Tabata, Robert Prinz, Tom Holub, John Minot
- Staff: Warren Logan, Emily Ehlers, Craig Raphael Noel Pond-Danchik, Jennifer Stanley, David Pene

Commissioner Naylor announced that Item 7 has been postponed until August.

Item 2. Approval of meeting minutes

- A motion to **adopt the Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission meeting minutes from June 18, 2020** was made by Campbell, seconded by Burnette Jr, and approved by consent. Adopted minutes online at <https://www.oaklandca.gov/boards-commissions/bicyclist-and-pedestrian-advisory-commission/meetings>.

Item 3. Open Forum / Public Comment

- Commissioner Burnette, Jr: A bicyclist crashed on International Blvd in the bike lane in the BRT area; the bike lanes are too narrow. AC Transit last presented the BRT project to BPAC last year and could be invited again. He also reported that Hamilton St was paved but not yet striped (no STOP legends) and drivers aren't stopping. The Commission asked that staff follow up.
- Christopher Sanders: Telegraph Ave paving appears to be stalled and motorist aren't yielding. Staff described the scope of the three projects in the area and Commissioner Jones offered to provide plans from a prior BPAC meeting to clarify.

Item 4. Flex Streets

Warren Logan, Mayor's Policy Director of Mobility and Interagency Relations gave an overview of the City's Flex Streets program for business' use of sidewalks and public rights of way for physical distancing during COVID-19. See the presentation included in agenda packet.

Summary of Discussion:

- The permit process has been streamlined but does have typical requirements.
- An SMS text-based survey was conducted allowing people without internet access to provide feedback.
- Applicants are required to submit photographs taken from all directions to ensure sidewalk space remains passable. Staff also meets with business owners.
- To help slow traffic in commercial areas, the City is applying lessons learned from Slow Streets/Essential Places. Slow Streets may morph into Flex Streets and have programming in collaboration with Parks and Rec, and other city agencies.
- There was concern that the minimum widths are not sufficient for ADA access.
- Of the 100 permit requests received, 65% requested both sidewalk and parklet space and 10% requested sidewalk space only.
- Applicants should be encouraged to stay off the sidewalk.
- There was concern that Flex Streets is being implemented differently in different neighborhoods, with signage disappearing.
- The City should supply materials to disadvantaged businesses. The limited materials that the City will be supplying will be deployed to East Oakland.
- Direct complaints / concerns should be sent to 311 or flexstreets@oaklandca.gov.
- At present, small scale performances are allowed in the streets, in compliance with county health regulations. Interesting collaborations are emerging with arts groups.
- The parklets installed through Flex Streets might become permanent. It will be an iterative process.
- With few restaurants in East Oakland, streets might be used for farmer's markets.
- Chair Naylor encouraged engagement with BPAC as program is developed.

Speakers other than commissioners: John Minot, Marisa Melo, Midori Tabata

Item 5. ATP/HSIP Grant Candidates

OakDOT Planning & Project Development Manager, Emily Ehlers, shared the prioritization process and most promising candidates for this year's Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and Active Transportation Program (ATP) grants. See presentation from agenda packet, describing candidate projects. This items follows a presentation from last month on the same topic.

Summary of Discussion:

- There is an event this weekend to engage people directly on the proposed project on 73rd Ave. The flyer for the event is attached.
- The route for cyclists to get from 73rd Ave to the BART parking lot is under consideration, with the cul de sac on 73rd Ave as an alternative to Hegenberger Rd. Details of all projects should be shared with both the infrastructure committee and the full BPAC in August.
- No projects are proposed along the Foothill Blvd corridor; there is an existing HSIP project and a Rapid Response project underway now.
- Traffic signals are often proposed for HSIP, but they may not be the best solution for 98th Ave.

- Are HSIP grants worth applying for when the projects take so long time to implement and take so much staff time? Other interventions are cheaper and may be better.

Speakers other than commissioners: John Minot, Midori Tabata, Robert Prinz

Item 6. Safe Routes to BART Grant Applications

Senior Transportation Planner in the Capital Finance Section Craig Raphael requested letters of support for two grant applications that are being prepared for the Safe Routes to BART Grant Program: the 19th Street BART to Lake Merritt Urban Greenway ATP project and the E 12th Street Bikeway project. Both are existing funded projects but require \$8 million in matching funds, and there is not much local funding available. BPAC support is required for this grant source. The plans for both projects are attached.

Summary of Discussion:

- The sidewalk level bike lanes approaching the BART entrance aren't going to work because high pedestrian volumes will lead to pedestrians blocking the bike lane. This feedback was given to staff from the BPAC earlier but changes were not made. The City should consider excluding Franklin to Broadway so BPAC may support the proposal. None of the staff present had the authority to make this change. A conditional letter of support until comments are addressed was proposed.
 - It was noted that changes have been made to the design due to input from the infrastructure committee. Staff offered to review the impact of design decisions; a specific commitment was requested.
- A motion to ***draft a letter of support for the E 12th St project to be signed by the Chair*** was made by Jones and seconded by Burnette Jr.

Discussion: does the BPAC have enough information to consider?

The motion PASSED with all but Parreiras, who abstained, voting in favor.

- A motion to ***draft a letter of support for the 19th St BART project with the condition that we would get assurance from the project manager that OakDOT commits to post-project evaluation six months after implementation*** was made by Jones and seconded by Yee.

The motion FAILED with all but Parreiras, who abstained, voting against.

Speakers other than commissioners: Midori Tabata, Robert Prinz

- A motion to ***extend the meeting time until 8:30 pm*** was made by Parreiras, seconded by Naylor, and passed with all voting in favor.

Item 7. BPAC 2019 Chair's Final Annual Report to Public Works Committee (POSTPONED)

Item 8. 2021 BPAC Recruitment

OakDOT staff to the Commission Noel Pond-Danchik led a discussion on the status of current commissioners' terms, the BPAC appointment process, and plans for this year's recruitment. An updated handout from the meeting is attached.

Summary of Discussion:

- Commissioner Burnette Jr terms out in December (not January) 2021 (typo in packet).

- Of the commissioners whose terms expires in December 2020, Parreiras and Naylor will not be reapplying and Campbell will.
 - The recruitment process for this year is detailed in the agenda packet. The tentative deadline to apply is August 12.
 - The group discussed ways to get the word out and the formation of a recruitment committee.
- A motion to **establish a BPAC Commissioner selection committee including Commissioners Parreiras, Mangrum, and Naylor and John Minot, Midori Tabata, and Kenya Wheeler** was made by Naylor, seconded by Parreiras, and passed with all voting in favor.

Speakers other than commissioners: John Minot

Item 9. Committee Report Back

- *Infrastructure*: heard reports on bike boulevard design guidelines and the East Oakland Neighborhood Bike Routes Project at the last meeting.
- *Legislative*: heard an equity-centered analysis on crash and stop data, and ways to improve safety beyond policing. They are also moving quickly with the Traffic Safety Resolution they are working on.
- *Infrastructure Bond and Public Oversight*: no meeting/report.
- *Mayor's Commission on People with Disabilities*: no meeting/report.
- *Open Forum*: planning a presentation to full BPAC at future mtg.
- *Police*: heard same presentation as Legislative Committee. Working to address police parking in bikeways
- *Planning Commission*: no report
- *2020 Strategic Plan Task Force*: expect an item on next month's agenda.

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

- Three-month look-ahead: See the list in the agenda packet.
- Suggestions for meeting topics: BPAC Blog (Dianne Yee)
- Announcements
 - Telegraph Updates: Improvements on Telegraph Ave, 20th-29th St, are pending installation in the next couple of weeks. In response to a crash at 25th St, the City is closing left turn movements at several intersections. Council Member McElhaney has proposed rescinding the pilot project that installed the separated bike lanes in KONO, and it will be going to Council. A briefing will come to BPAC. See flyer.
 - 73rd Ave Ave pop up this weekend. See the flyer attached.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Minutes recorded by Jennifer Stanley, Transportation Planner III, emailed to meeting attendees for review on July 21, 2020 with comments requested by 5pm, August 4, 2020 to NPond-Danchik@oaklandca.gov. Revised minutes will be attached to the August 2020 meeting agenda and considered for adoption at that meeting.