

# CITY OF OAKLAND



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**Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, Monthly Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 17, 2015; 6:00-8:00 pm**  
**City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Sgt Daniel Sakai Hearing Room (aka Hearing Room 4)**

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**Commissioners**

Ryan Chan, Chris Hwang, Christopher Kidd, Fred McWilliams, Robert Prinz,  
Midori Tabata, Royston Taylor, Rosa Villalobos, Kenya Wheeler

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**AGENDA**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item #</b>	<b>Topic</b>
6:00	1	<b>Roll Call/Determination of Quorum/Introductions</b> (5 minutes)
6:05	2	<b>Approval of meeting minutes Attachment</b> (5 minutes)—Seek motions to adopt the August 2015 BPAC minutes.
6:15	3	<b>Open Forum / Public Comment</b> (10 minutes)—Members of the public may raise or comment on an issue within BPAC's subject matter jurisdiction (other than what is on the agenda).
6:20	4	<b>Rockridge BART Safe Routes to Transit Project</b> (20 minutes)—Staff of Transportation Services Division will present draft plans of improvements to pedestrian and bicycle access to the Rockridge BART station along College between Broadway and Alcatraz Avenue. Some of the major Improvements are bicycle lanes, sharrows, bulb-outs, and curb ramps.
6:40	5	<b>Update on the Oakland Department of Transportation</b> (10 minutes)—Matt Nichols from the Mayor's Office will give an update on the proposed DOT.
6:50	6	<b>Stanford Ave/Lowell St Project</b> (25 minutes)—Design details for the Stanford Ave/Lowell St Crossing Improvement, recommended for TDA funding by the BPAC in February 2013, will be shared.
7:15	7	<b>Chair's report to the Public Works Committee</b> (10 minutes)
7:25	8	<b>Recruitment for Commissioners—2016 terms—process</b> (5 minutes)—The terms of Commissioners Kidd, Taylor, and Villalobos end in December 2015. The BPAC will discuss the process to fill upcoming vacancies.
7:30	9	<b>Report back from the Strategic Plan &amp; Policy Goals Committee</b> (10 minutes)

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- 7:40 11 **Telegraph Ave project update** (5 minutes)
- 7:45 12 **Three-month agenda look-ahead, suggestions for meeting topics, announcements** (see below) (15 minutes)

**BPAC agenda: three-month look-ahead (as of September 11, 2015)**

<b>10/15/2015</b>	Bi-annual bike project status overview with BMP priorities	Oakland Street Typology and Design Guidelines (tentative)	Review of crash analysis (2008 - 2012) (tentative)	Bike Share (tentative)	Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants (due 10/30)	Report on the Laurel Access to Mills, Maxwell Park & Seminary Avenue (LAMMPS) Project Progress Presentation
<b>11/19/2015</b>	Resurfacing overview	Discussion on City's timeline for funding application submittals, and how we can accommodate BPAC review in the review process	2015 ATP Awards (tentative: if known)			
<b>12/17/2015</b>	BPAC calendar for the coming year					



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**City of Oakland, Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission**  
**Final Minutes from the August 20, 2015 meeting**  
**City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Sgt Daniel Sakai Hearing Room (aka Hearing Room 4)**

Meeting agenda at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/oakca1/groups/pwa/documents/agenda/oak050726.pdf>

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm by BPAC Chair, Christopher Kidd.

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

At roll call, all Commissioners were present: Ryan Chan, Chris Hwang, Christopher Kidd, Fred McWilliams, Robert Prinz, Midori Tabata, Royston Taylor, Rosa Villalobos, Kenya Wheeler. Introductions were made.

- Other attendees (that signed in): Angela Gennino, Cathy Leonard, Diane Dohm, Sarah Fine, Dave Campbell, Carole Levine, Jianhan Wang
- Staff: Mohamed Alaoui, Jason Patton, Jennifer Stanley, Iris Starr, Bruce Williams

**Item 2. Approval of meeting minutes**

- A motion to **adopt the Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission meeting minutes from July 16, 2015** was made (Tabata), seconded (Wheeler), and passed with two abstentions. (Adopted minutes online at [www.oaklandbikes.info/BPAC](http://www.oaklandbikes.info/BPAC).)

**Item 3. Open Forum / Public Comment**

Dave Murtha, a bike commuter from Hayward (and land surveyor for the Port of Oakland), shared concerns about the Embarcadero Bridge detour. He attended a recent project meeting at the Jack London Aquatic Center to share concerns and ideas for an improved detour along an abandoned railroad alignment, City-owned land previously leased to Caltrans for equipment staging from the now-completed 1-880 5<sup>th</sup> Ave seismic project. Jason Patton explained the detour was designed assuming that the Embarcadero Bridge and Caltrans projects would be under construction simultaneously. It is unclear whether it is feasible that the now-vacated staging area could be used for the detour. Commissioner Prinz noted other problems, particularly the turn from the two-way path onto NB 5th Ave. Jason explained that this part of the detour is part of the Brooklyn Basin project, the City has been notified, and a better plan is in the works.

Commissioner Tabata suggested that perhaps some of the commissioners could assist in the Embarcadero Bridge detour project and recruited Commissioners Prinz and Villalobos.

Cathy Leonard and Angela Gennino representing the Santa Fe Community Association & Neighbors, the Golden Gate Community Association, and Northwest Oakland Community Coalition, explained their organizations' successful efforts to reopen a neighborhood elementary school and related concerns about traffic safety. (See flyers.) In particular, they expressed concerns about the Market/Adeline Sts intersection. This intersection, as it turns out, is currently being redesigned with funding from the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), a grant source that pays for some, but not all, types of improvements. City Transportation Engineer, Mohamed Alaoui, explained that the timeline for HSIP project development and application is very tight and doesn't always allow for broad public involvement. While the project design is complete and approved by Caltrans, conservatively, it will likely be a year before construction begins. Jason noted that the original concept to redesign the intersection was in the Redevelopment Plan for this area, that the project will also remove the

Market St bike lane gap @ 53rd St, and that the BPAC has previously reviewed the project. Ms Leonard and Gennino were unhappy to hear that the project design was complete without local community input, but expressed appreciation that it's happening.

#### **Item 4. Stanford Ave/Lowell St Project Design Review**

Cancelled: The presenter for this item did not appear.

#### **Item 5. Review of the City's submitted Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) applications**

Mohamed Alaoui gave an overview of the HSIP program. HSIP criteria for evaluating applications are objective, and solutions that are eligible for funds are limited. HSIP will fund only certain solutions, and applications are evaluated based on a cost-benefit ratio. Additional solutions make projects less competitive for funding. Due to the short time between the call for projects and the application due date, the City hired a consultant to develop concepts, and evaluate project feasibility (which includes likely community support or opposition). The four projects recently submitted for funding include Telegraph Ave bikeway, Claremont/Shattuck/Alcatraz, Market St, and Downtown Grid. (See PowerPoint for more details.)

Summary of discussion:

- Despite the time constraints, the City should have come to BPAC before submitting the applications.
  - Projects are considered based on a strict cost benefit ratio, so this fund source won't cover all good projects.
  - Avoiding public controversy may not be a good reason for omitting projects.
  - Eligible projects must be related to prior accidents (vs preventing future ones). However, projects can make improvements near the accident (e.g. installing high visibility crosswalks along a corridor, vs just at the location of the accident).
  - Commissioner Prinz requested that the drawings for the projects be included in meeting minutes.
- Motion (Kidd): ***Staff should provide project concepts for project applications, all projects considered under HSIP, and for BPAC review future cycles of HSIP applications.*** Seconded (Wheeler), and passed unanimously.

#### **Item 6. Submittals to Countywide Transportation Plan**

See PowerPoint for overview and description.

Senior Transportation Planner, Bruce Williams, explained that this year's planning effort was atypical, an experiment for the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) as well as a challenge for the City. The City applied for programs as well as projects. Paving is the biggest single ask (over \$600 million).

Summary of discussion:

- The applications for individual projects consist of those far along in development. Other projects will be eligible for funding under the applications for larger programs (e.g. Lowell St sidewalks would be covered by the Pedestrian Program application).
- Most transit projects were submitted in coordination with AC Transit.
- Street sweeping vehicles should be included (since this appears to be a barrier for protected bikeways).
- The next step is review by Council.

- Once the Plan is finalized, there will be an open “call for projects” in June 2016. Staff will present to BPAC before submitting applications.
- Though all City Council members were informed, there was some concern that the process wasn’t sufficiently open.

→ Motion (Kidd): **extend meeting time by 15 minutes**. Seconded (Chan). Passed unanimously.

#### **Item 7. Commissioner terms/appointments**

Three commissioners are currently serving in holdover capacity (Chan, Hwang, Prinz). The Mayor could recommend their reappointment for another two years. (They are willing to continue serving.)

→ Motion (Tabata): **support the reappointment of those commissioners whose terms expired at the end of 2015**. Seconded (Kidd). Passed with Chan, Hwang, and Prinz abstaining.

Summary of discussion:

- The terms of three additional Commissioners (Kidd, Taylor, Villalobos) expire in December 2015.
- The Mayor’s office hasn’t yet started a recruitment process. Iris Starr reported that the application process will be the same as last time, and that the Mayor’s office is asking for recommendations from the BPAC. Individual commissioners can also contact Mayor’s office to express interest.
- Staff could send an email to the BPAC agenda distribution list to let people know of upcoming vacancies.
- Chair Kidd suggested that this be added to the BPAC agenda in November.
- Jason Patton recommended that the group discuss filling the current and upcoming vacancies on same timeframe.

#### **Item 8. Report back from the Strategic Plan & Policy Goals Committee**

No report.

#### **Item 9. Three-month agenda look-ahead, suggestions for meeting topics, announcements**

- Carol Levine: Deb Hubsmith, Safe Routes to School Partnership founder, passed away. Carol shared some memories and noted that Deb will be sorely missed.
- Commissioner Tabata was able to get the City to commit to install extended parking Tees (better for bicyclists) on Foothill Blvd at Seminary Ave, replacing the substandard Tees originally installed.
- Commissioners Villalobos and Tabata attended a BRT meeting in Fruitvale and reported that there was no discussion of bike/ped concerns. AC Transit had previously said they would make a presentation to the BPAC on operations.
- A presentation to the Mayor’s Commission on Disabilities on BRT will be held on September 21, 1:00-3:30pm, and Commissioners are invited to attend. (It was established that less than a quorum will be able to do so.)

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

#### **Attachments (to be appended to the adopted minutes)**

- Flyers from the Santa Fe Community Association & Neighbors

- Highway Safety Improvement Program (PowerPoint)
- HSIP Project Designs (*as requested, these were not shared at the meeting*)
- Countywide Transportation Plan Submissions (PowerPoint)

Minutes recorded by Jennifer Stanley, City of Oakland Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Coordinator, emailed to meeting attendees for review on August 25, 2015, with comments requested by 5pm, Monday, August 31, to [jstanley@oaklandnet.com](mailto:jstanley@oaklandnet.com). Revised minutes emailed to attendees on September 1, 2015, for consideration for adoption at the September 17, 2015 meeting.