

ATP Coordinator Position

It's illogical that the City receives funds based on the ATP but doesn't have a position dedicated to this, even as all other California cities of similar and much smaller size do. Why don't we? Even with at least 3 staff members of the DPW attending BPAC meetings and occasional other communication between the two, the BPAC frequently is not apprised of possible bike and ped projects. Why?

Obviously, there is a need for this type of position to act as a coordinator between the several City departments and the public and to make sure the City is following its ATP guidelines and plans. If not this year, next year could see the same arguments against this position – there is no justification for waiting so why not begin now?

The overall goal of the BPAC is safety of cyclists and pedestrians, improve facilities for both and ensure connectivity of cycling facilities.

Several of us have worked with the DPW staff on these guidelines and request that they be used to fund this position.

GUIDELINES and REQUIREMENTS

- primary job requirement, act as a **conduit between BPAC and the City**, especially the DPW
- advocate in coordination with BPAC for bike~ped **facilities**
- **attend BPAC** meetings and submit regular reports, etc., on current and planned projects
- implement current **ATP** and write future ones
- liaise with **DARM** – checking development plans for adherence to the City's Development Code requirements for bike~ped facilities and ATP
- liaise and coordinate with BPAC and **other City commissions** and advisory committees
- liaise with **FPD and FFD**
- liaise with **FCBC and FCC** and other cycling and pedestrian organizations
- submit applications to LAB for **bike friendly awards**
- represent the City and BPAC at regional commissions (**FCOG, etc.**), boards and stakeholder meetings
- coordinate with **grants writer** in DPW in conjunction with BPAC goals and requests
- involved with City **bike share** programs
- should be **within DPW** as it's mostly existing parts of the City, central and south, that need infrastructure improvements, as well as receiving most grants due to lower economic status (CalEnviroScreen)
- position need not be filled by an **engineer** (P.E.) – not designing bike lanes – any BA, but especially in city and regional planning
- **experience** necessary after BA >>> 3–5 years of related experience
- **GOAL:**
 - o improve road **safety** for peds and cyclists
 - o increase **connectivity** of cycling facilities

QUESTIONS

- how to include 'the best practices' nationwide???
- involved in bike lane, etc., **design** >>> NO
- how to **track the performance** of the City???
- how to include the **5 E's** (plus one)???
 - o Encouragement
 - o Enforcement
 - o Education
 - o Engineering
 - o Evaluation
 - o + Equity

RATIONALE FOR POSITION

- lack of communication between City staff and BPAC
- BPAC members do not have the ability nor expertise to find out about ongoing projects and grant applications nor give feedback – e.g., receive and evaluate agendas from City, County and FCOG (Fresno County Council of Governments) or summarize the CIP projects for each fiscal year
- City receives ATP funds but has no position to make sure funds are allocated according to BPAC guidelines
- backlog of funds
- all other larger California cities, and many smaller cities, have this position

Jill Gormley's feedback:

- 'official' title of position not important
- personnel department writes the final job description anyway
- research other cities
- ADA coordinator is in DPW
- concerning which department to put the position, DPW area is within any public right-of-way; DARM is onsite only (but needs oversight, obviously, as things have not been checked adequately!!!)
- the current budget cycle is already in progress and all departments have already made their requests for new positions
- <OR> can wait until the budget goes before the Council and have a councilperson make the request

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ATP Coordinator Position in DPW (see ATP Notes)

Why this is important for the future of BPAC and cycling and walking in Fresno:

- (much) better communication from DPW on upcoming project design and grant applications
- it's not about individual districts or representatives but the **whole city**
- BPAC members need help identifying projects within DARM and DPW
- meeting with Schaad, Mozier, et al, after frustration with various missed opportunities: BRT, Shields~Blackstone, City Hall bike racks, and now Complete Streets Policy (!)
- attending meetings once a month is NOT doing the job of a BPAC member!!!
- communicating with appointing authority – chief of staff or designated person in his/her office – especially before each meeting
- yearly request for CIP projects in consultation with councilmember – September?
- as you become more involved with the **process**, you see that this position is important
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