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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

5:30 PM

Regular Meeting

In Person and/or Electronic;
Fresno City Hall, Room 2165

Active Transportation Advisory Committee

Laura Gromis, Chair
Sean Zweifler, Vice Chair
Steven Bradley, Member
Gabriel Lozano, Member
Julie Congi, Member
Paul Marquez, Member
Edna Pedroza, Member
Vacant, Member
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PUBLIC ADVISORY:

THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE WELCOMES YOU TO CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM #2165, LOCATED ON THE 2ND FLOOR, 2600 FRESNO STREET, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93721.

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- a) Public comment will be limited to 3 minutes per person.
- b) Those addressing ATAC must state their name for the record.
- c) To facilitate electronic access, no person shall speak until recognized by the Chair.
- d) All participants will be on mute until they are called upon at which point they will be unmuted.

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- b) Emails will be a maximum of 150 words.
- c) All comments received will be distributed to ATAC prior and during the meeting

and will be a part of the official record.

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The City of Fresno thanks you in advance for taking all precautions to prevent spreading COVID-19 virus.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Chair Laura Gromis called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

Present: 5 - Chairperson Laura Gromis, Vice Chairperson Sean Zweifler, Member Steven Bradley, Member Gabriel Lozano, Member Paul Marquez

Absent: 2 - Member Julie Congi, Member Edna Pedroza

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Member Edna Pedroza joined the meeting at 5:33pm.

Draft September and October meeting minutes to be on December meeting agenda.

Member Julie Congi joined the meeting at 5:34pm.

On a motion by Vice Chair Zweifler, seconded by Member Marquez, the agenda was approved with the addition of staff updates for Active Transportation Plan and Vision Zero Action Plan.

Aye: 7 - Chairperson Gromis, Vice Chairperson Zweifler, Member Bradley, Member Lozano, Member Paul Marquez, Member Congi, Member Pedroza

No: 0

3. UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT.

Members of the public may address the ATAC regarding items that are not listed on the agenda. Each person is limited to a three (3) minute presentation. Anyone wishing to be placed on an agenda for a specified topic should contact the Traffic Operations and Planning Office at least seven (7) days prior to the desired date. ATAC action on unscheduled items, if any, shall be limited to referring the item to a future meeting.

Tony Molina with Fresno County Bicycle Coalition spoke about Fresno County Public Works Speed Setting Workshop on October 29th.

4. PRESENTATIONS.

ID 24-1441 Tower District Specific Plan Draft Presentation

Adrienne Asadoorian with City of Fresno Planning and Development Department presented on the draft Tower District Specific Plan.

Discussion on the need of trees for shade, community engagement, SR180 on/off ramps, bicycle facilities, traffic calming, concerns with alley speeding, survey feedback, safety concerns, lighting at bus stops, walkable environment, proposed land-use changes, and next steps.

Tony Molina commented on concerns bicycle facilities on Clinton Avenue and Shields Avenue and the need of road diets.

5. TASK FORCE REPORTS.

ID 24-1185 Ordinance Review Task Force (Discussion)

Vice Chair Zweifler spoke to the progress of ordinance review related to bicycle facilities. Task force's recommendations will be on the following ATAC agenda for discussion on drafting final recommendations.

Andreina Aguilar spoke to the process of ATAC's recommendations.

Chair Gromis recommended for discussion at December's meeting and vote in January's meeting.

Member Lozano raised concerns regarding proper discussion of items.

Nick Paladino requested sufficient time to be allotted for this item and a short agenda for proper discussion.

Task Force to present a draft recommendation to the ATAC.

ID 24-992 World Day of Remembrance Task Force (Discussion/Action)

Chair Gromis shared that the 3rd annual World Day of Remembrance ceremony would be held on November 17th at City Hall.

Matthew Woodward provided a progress status. Bike Ride planned for 1pm and event at 3pm.

Tony Molina spoke. Inviting staff to attend and speak on Vision Zero.

Joe Martinez spoke about Families for Safe Streets which provides support to traffic victim families.

6. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS.

Vice Chair Zweifler spoke to landscaping activities creating dust and about bike parking importance. Bike Ride on November 10th from Tower to Oso de Oro Park. Raised concerns about official vehicles parking in bike lanes.

Chair Gromis spoke about ATP Update meetings she attended, concerned with amount of community members attending, shared importance of the plan and community engagement.

Member Congi spoke about a bike ride fundraiser for local businesses that had fire damage.

Member Lozano spoke to district's demographics, organizing groups to be involved in active transportation, shared funding opportunities.

Member Bradley no report.

Member Pedroza spoke to two bike rides: "Bike and Boat" and "Bike Prom".

Member Marquez shared his experience in Tower observing bicyclists and pedestrians and potential need of canopies. Commented on the need for improvements on First Street for safe bike rides.

ID 24-1442 Chair and Vice Chair Elections (Discussion)

Chair Gromis asked for elections for next meeting.

Chair Gromis and Vice Chair Zweifler encourage others to volunteer or elect, but happy to serve again.

Aguilar commented; Chair and Vice Chair must have an active serving term while in those roles.

ID 24-1443 Members and Vacancies (Discussion)

Chair spoke to current members and vacancies.

ID 24-1444 ATAC 2025 Meeting Schedule-Draft (Discussion)

Chair Gromis presented draft dates that are to be voted on next meeting.

Vice Chair Zweifler requested more meeting time.

Staff to check on meeting slot.

Tony Molina commented on the term length for Vice Chair Zweifler.

7. STAFF REPORTS.

ID 24-1445 Traffic Collision Report

*Aguilar read the traffic collision report into record with the following correction:
Pedestrian Fatalities Jan 2024-Sept 2024: should be 19, instead of 16
Bicyclist Fatalities Jan 2024-Sept 2024: should be 7, instead of 1
Pedestrian Fatalities Jan 2023-Sept 2023: should be 16 instead of 19
Bicyclist Fatalities Jan 2023-Sept 2023: should be 1 instead of 7*

Tony Molina spoke about his recent trip and the low-speed limits and low collisions in the city.

Joe Martinez asked if the Police Department will use their latest Office of Traffic Safety Grant

to address collision and fatality numbers.

ID 24-1446 ATAC Workplan

Aguilar provided updates on specific projects as requested by members of ATAC.

Joe Martinez commented on the faded green paint near Fresno High.

8. ADJOURNMENT.

Adjourned at 7:04pm