



# City of Fresno

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## Meeting Minutes Active Transportation Advisory Committee

*Laura Gromis, Chair*  
*Sean Zweifler, Vice Chair*  
*Jacob Bailey, Member*  
*Diana Durham, Member*  
*Paul Marquez, Member*  
*Edna Pedroza, Member*  
*Mohammad Shaikh, Member*  
*Nick Yovino Jr., Member*  
*Vacant, Member*

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Wednesday, October 22, 2025

5:30 PM

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

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### Regular Meeting

The Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) met in regular session in the Conference Room #2165 at Fresno City Hall on the date and time above written.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER.

*Chair Laura Gromis called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm.*

*Board Member Durham arrived at 5:41 PM.*

**Present** 7 - Chair Laura Gromis, Vice Chair Sean Zweifler, Board Member Jacob Bailey, Board Member Diana Durham, Board Member Paul Marquez, Board Member Mohammad Shaikh, and Board Member Nick Yovino Jr.

**Absent** 1 - Board Member Edna Pedroza

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

*The above item was called to order at 5:38 P.M.*

On motion of Vice Chair Zweifler, seconded by Board Member Shaikh, the OCTOBER AGENDA was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Gromis, Vice Chair Zweifler, Board Member Bailey, Board Member Durham, Board Member Marquez, Board Member Shaikh and Board Member Yovino

**Absent:** 1 - Board Member Pedroza

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

[ID 25-1331](#) Approval of the regular meeting minutes of September 24, 2025.

*The above item was called to order at 5:38 P.M.*

**On motion of Vice Chair Zweifler, seconded by Board Member Shaikh, the SEPTEMBER MINUTES were APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Gromis, Vice Chair Zweifler, Board Member Bailey, Board Member Durham, Board Member Marquez, Board Member Shaikh and Board Member Yovino

**Absent:** 1 - Board Member Pedroza

### **4. UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Upon call, no member of the public addressed the Committee during unscheduled communication.

### **5. OTHER BUSINESS.**

[ID 25-1403](#) Discussion on the Bill of Ordinances Related to Bicycle Facilities and Bicyclists. (Public Works Department)

*The above item was called to order at 5:39 P.M. and presented to the Committee by Jill Gormley, Assistant Director of Public Works.*

*Committee discussion on this item included: appreciation for Staff's involvement in the process to amend the Fresno Municipal Code ordinances as they pertain to bikeways and bicycle regulations; mention of striking out the use of mall in Section 14-1703 but understood why it should remain as is; bike racks usage and design; agreement with Staff's recommendation to the crosswalk ordinance; discussed tentative date for Council review.*

*Upon call, the following member of the public addressed the Committee*

*with unscheduled communication: Nicholas Paladino.*

*Discussion continued to entail who and what determines whether a bike rack is readily available and accessible or not. Staff provided clarification for the ordinance on bike parking pertaining to use and placement of bike racks on public streets right of way. Clarification and suggestions provided for 14-1706.*

[ID 25-1402](#) Discussion on the Southern Blackstone Ave. Smart Mobility Strategy Plan. (Public Works Department)

*The above item was called to order at 6:10 P.M. and presented to the Committee by Jill Gormley, Assistant Director of Public Works.*

*Committee discussion on this item included: interest in pedestrian and bicycle usage in the project activity; access to the online plan; a road diet being viewed as a road menu; City Council's adoption of the plan in 2019; \$53 million as the cost estimate for everything identified in the plan; community engagement inquiry with Fresno City College and Manchester Mall; Blackstone McKinley Grade Separation plan update - construction to begin in summer 2026; town hall meeting invite on November 18th on the Blackstone Safe Zone short-term and long-term strategy.*

*Upon call, the following member of the public addressed the Committee with unscheduled communication: Nicholas Paladino.*

*Staff provided clarification that the cycle track will be at street level.*

[ID 25-1472](#) Presenting on (1) Blackstone Smart Mobility Plans - University to Shields (2) Blackstone Smart Mobility - SR180 to Pine. (Public Works Department)

*The above item was called to order at 6:25 P.M. and presented to the Committee by Harmanjit Dhaliwal, Assistant Director of Public Works.*

*Discussion on this item included: street design and widened right turn radius; staff clarification on the approved plans; use of bollards; lack of tree wells; staff clarification on the ever-evolving changes and maintenance needed since Blackstone is a truck route.*

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*Upon call, the following member of the public addressed the Committee with unscheduled communication: Nicholas Paladino.*

*Discussion continued to review the SR180 to Pine plans with a committee member showing appreciation for the limited parking spaces in the cycle track.*

[ID 25-1395](#) Approval of the 2026 Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) Meeting Schedule and Calendar. (Public Works Department)

*The above item was called to order at 6:44 P.M.*

**On motion of Vice Chair Zweifler, seconded by Board Member Yovino, the 2026 ATAC MEETING SCHEDULE and CALENDAR were APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Gromis, Vice Chair Zweifler, Board Member Bailey, Board Member Durham, Board Member Marquez, Board Member Shaikh and Board Member Yovino

**Absent:** 1 - Board Member Pedroza

[ID 25-1401](#) Discussion on the Election of Chair and Vice Chair to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

*The above item was called to order at 6:45 P.M.*

*Committee discussion on this item included: a comment of encouragement to take on a position and expectations of the positions.*

## **6. TASK FORCE REPORTS.**

[ID 25-1330](#) Approval of the ATAC Biannual Report from April 2025 through September 2025.

*The above item was called to order at 6:47 P.M.*

**On motion of Board Member Marquez, seconded by Board Member Shaikh, the ATAC BIENNIAL REPORT FROM APRIL 2025 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2025 was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Gromis, Vice Chair Zweifler, Board Member Bailey, Board Member Durham, Board Member Marquez, Board Member Shaikh and Board Member Yovino

**Absent:** 1 - Board Member Pedroza

[ID 25-1335](#) Discussion on the Protected Bicycle Parking Task Force.

*The above item was called to order at 6:48 P.M.*

*There was no update from the Protected Bicycle Parking Task Force.*

[ID 25-1394](#) Discussion on the World Day of Remembrance Task Force.

*The above item was called to order at 6:49 P.M. and presented to the Committee by Member Marquez.*

*Committee discussion on this item included: appreciation for Tony and Safe Streets Incorporated; follow up requests on invitations sent out to elected officials, council members, and the mayor; discussion on how to honor traffic victims that have occurred within the city limits; confirming event speakers; proclamation sponsorship update; media advisory outreach; social media outreach efforts; event handouts and asks; use of yellow flags and marigold pins at the event; reminder that the event is on Sunday, November 16th at 1P.M. at City Hall.*

## **7. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS.**

*The above item was called to order at 7:00 P.M.*

*DISTRICT 1 - VICE CHAIR ZWEIFLER REPORTS AND COMMENTS: reported on it being a rough month with multiple traffic victims, especially one being a 15-year-old and then a 12-year-old right down the street of where they live. Shared someone else was also severely hit on Princeton off the pedestrian path, which they regularly use, and reported on visiting those sites to think and live with it for a minute and to be reminded of their purpose.*

*DISTRICT 2 - CHAIR GROMIS REPORTS AND COMMENTS: reported concerns of traffic victims especially when they are children and what can*

*be done to highlight the severity of the issue and the need for solutions; spent Friday morning with Councilmember Karbassi watching the crosswalk over at Gibson Elementary and Bullard due to safety concerns; attended the County's Safe Streets for All meetings and shared the importance of intergovernmental collaboration.*

*DISTRICT 3 - BOARD MEMBER BAILEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS: shared they are working on small recommendations to fix bike lanes and right turn issues along Belmont and Palm; interested in having ATAC's endorsement and support on those recommendations; plans to have something ready to present to ATAC at the next meeting for review.*

*DISTRICT 4 - VACANT*

*DISTRICT 5 - BOARD MEMBER YOVINO JR. REPORTS AND COMMENTS: reported on still getting their feet on the ground; working with their Councilmember and Chief of Staff to figure out what they can bring to the committee.*

*DISTRICT 6 - BOARD MEMBER DURHAM REPORTS AND COMMENTS: reported on being busy with the work group so not much to report; shared road improvements and new green pavement near their house; interested in seeing how the striping will look like.*

*DISTRICT 7 - ABSENT*

*MAYORAL ELECT - BOARD MEMBER MARQUEZ REPORTS AND COMMENTS: reported on a few observations, thanked the City for the pavement improvements and the balancing act of addressing the needs in each district; shared about the crashes and electric bikes collisions, and the need for education for both users and drivers.*

*MAYORAL ELECT - BOARD MEMBER SHAIKH REPORTS AND COMMENTS: reported on not having a trauma report and the lack of response from the Trauma Center on World Day of Remembrance requests; provided updates and reflections on October's National Walk, Roll, Bike to*

*School Day event.*

*Committee requested an update on the ATP and Vision Zero Action Plan. Staff shared that with Andreina being absent from the meeting, she would reach out to the committee with updates.*

## **8. STAFF REPORTS.**

[ID 25-1312](#) Presenting the October's Traffic Collision Report. (Police Department)

*The above item was called to order at 7:15 P.M.*

*Committee discussion included: acknowledgement of less fatalities compared to last year's and with the many plans being developed, hopefully in the future, there will be more interactive maps to view.*

[ID 25-1334](#) Presenting on (1) Eaton Trailhead NO Ft. Washington (2) Blackstone AC Overlay - Minarets to Nees (3) September's Capital Projects Summary. (Public Works and Capital Projects Departments)

*The above item was called to order at 7:16 P.M. and was presented to the Committee by Harmanjit Dhaliwal, Assistant Director of Public Works.*

*1) Eaton Trailhead NO Ft. Washington*

*Discussion included: the park and ride project being on conservancy land just north of the park; all modes of transportation having direct connection into the Easton Trail; purpose of the project; discussion of the U-turn on Champlain and Friant; Capital Projects Department oversight; general plan amendment needed to downgrade the road from an expressway to a scenic superarterial to allow for access points on Friant between Fort Washington and Champlain; discussion on trees, green space, drainage, swales, and permeable pavement installation; staff's request for committee members to provide as much information on project overview and details when making project requests; committee's request for the project to use native plants and trees.*

*Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the Committee with unscheduled communication: Tony Molina.*

2) *Blackstone AC Overlay – Minarets to Nees*

*Discussion included: completion of the project before Thanksgiving; not part of Smart Mobility Strategy Plan so the 6 travel lanes will remain; bike lanes being installed - mostly a Class 2 bike lane project with small portions of Class IV cycle tracks; use of 'Keep Clear' sections as traffic calming measures.*

*Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the Committee with unscheduled communication: Nicholas Paladino.*

3) *September's Capital Projects Summary*

*Discussion included: review of the summary documents and reminder that any requests on capital projects can be made to city staff two weeks in advance.*

## **9. ADJOURNMENT.**

**On motion of Vice Chair Zweifler, seconded by Board Member Shaikh, the meeting was ADJOURNED at 7:35 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Gromis, Vice Chair Zweifler, Board Member Bailey, Board Member Durham, Board Member Marquez, Board Member Shaikh and Board Member Yovino

**Absent:** 1 - Board Member Pedroza