

City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes Active Transportation Advisory Committee

Laura Gromis, Chair
Sean Zweifler, Vice Chair
Gabriel Lozano, Member
Paul Marquez, Member
Edna Pedroza, Member
Mohammad Shaikh, Member
Diana Durham, Member
Vacant, Member

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

5:30 PM

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

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.

Vice Chair Sean Zweifler called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm. Member Shaikh arrived at 5:37 PM.

- **Present** 4 Board Member Gabriel Lozano, Board Member Paul Marquez, Vice Chair Sean Zweifler, and Board Member Diana Durham
- **Absent** 3 Chair Laura Gromis, Board Member Mohammad Shaikh, and Board Member Edna Pedroza

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

On motion of Board Member Lozano, seconded by Board Member Marquez, the AGENDA was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Board Member Lozano, Board Member Marquez, Vice Chair Zweifler and Board Member Durham

Absent: 3 - Chair Gromis, Board Member Shaikh and Board Member Pedroza

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

ID 25-981 June Meeting Minutes

On motion of Board Member Lozano, seconded by Board Member Durham, the JUNE MEETING MINUTES were APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Board Member Lozano, Board Member Marquez, Vice Chair Zweifler and Board Member Durham

Absent: 3 - Chair Gromis, Board Member Shaikh and Board Member Pedroza

4. UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT.

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

5. PRESENTATION.

ID 25-986 Complete Streets Policy Presentation

Andreina Aguilar, with Department of Public Works: Transportation and Planning, presented on the Complete Streets Policy. The Complete Streets Policy was presented and adopted by the Council in 2019, and every year since then, Public Works provides an annual report to the Council.

Members discussed what projects follow the policy, how street improvements are tracked, and how exemptions are needed if the policy or any elements on the policy can't be followed. Funding for projects and how to educate the community about complete streets were also discussed.

6. TASK FORCE REPORTS.

ID 25-594 Safety Program Coordination Task Force

Vice Chair Zweifler, on behalf of the task force, recommended to the committee that a safety task force coordinator be incorporated into the Vision Zero Plan.

On motion of Board Member Marquez, seconded by Board Member Shaikh, the DISBANDMENT of the Safety Program Coordination Task Force was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Board Member Lozano, Board Member Marquez, Board Member Shaikh, Vice Chair Zweifler and Board Member Durham

Absent: 2 - Chair Gromis and Board Member Pedroza

7. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS.

Members provided reports.

District 1: Vice Chair Zweifler reported on the Echo roundabouts and on how much they liked them. They also commented on wanting to see more of them. It was also shared that at the August 14th City Council Meeting, Councilmember Perea will be speaking on the ordinance suggestions that the committee has worked on. Everyone was invited to attend to speak out in favor of them and encouraged to leave public comments if not available to attend. Additionally, Vice Chair Zweifler has been in contact with the Zoo's Chief of Operations to discuss installing projected bicycle parking at their facilities. They plan to meet in August to discuss it further. Vice Chair Zweifler does want to create a task force around protected bicycle parking and having them installed at different cultural institutions and added to future development plans.

District 2: Absent

District 3: Vacant

District 4: Vacant

District 5: Member Lozano provided a suggestion that the water issues at Roeding Park be addressed as new development and investments are made to the Zoo and Storyland. It was shared that there are lots of roads that need to be fixed in southeast Fresno.

District 6: Member Durham shared her engagement in the community. It was

also shared that the work on Cedar and Teague was appreciated and feels safer with the newly painted bike lanes.

District 7: Absent

Mayoral Elect: Member Marquez shared their experience in Germany, noting contrasts with the U.S. in pedestrian, cyclist, and transit norms.

Mayoral Elect: Member Shaikh shared how they are planning a Bike with a Doc event and a possible Walk, Bike, and Roll School event in August.

8. STAFF REPORTS.

ID 25-140 ATP and Vision Zero Action Plan Update

Andreina Aguilar, with Department of Public Works, provided an update on ATP and Vision Zero Action Plan.

The ATP Plan is currently being drafted and is anticipated to be presented to the committee and the public for review by August.

Vision Zero Plan is currently being drafted and is anticipated to be presented to the committee and the public for review by September or October.

One thing that has come up for the consultants, while working on the 30% design for the selected 3 corridors for the ATP Plan, was bike lane widths. The City of Fresno has a standard of 7-foot bike lanes, which typically comprises of 5-foot bike lane with 2-foot gutter, for a more comfortable ride. Staff requested feedback from the committee on how to address locations where there are pinch points and the 7-foot bike lane is not feasible even after reducing the street's width as far as possible. Committee members recommended that even if the bike lanes are narrower, they would prefer a Class II bike lane to a Class III bike lane.

During public comment, Nick recommended 11-foot travel lanes when it's a truck route but to go down to 10-foot if it is not and give the extra foot into the bike lane. They also shared that it is important to have a continuous

network, so it is essential to have bike lanes instead of none. Lastly, they recommended that bikes lanes should be no less than 6-foot.

ID 25-1004 Traffic Collision Report

Andreina Aguilar, Department of Public Works, provided collision numbers from the Fresno Police Department.

ID 25-1018 Capital Project Updates

Harmanjit Dhaliwal, Assistant Director of Public Works, provided updates.

1) Wishon and Cortland Roundabout

This roundabout is fully installed and was a project brought on to Public Works through coordination with Council District 7. There were several iterations of the design and coordination with District 7. Public Works did meet with District 7 on July 22nd to discuss calls from neighbors and others who had difficulties navigating the roundabout with RVs. It was shared that the center island is made to be driven over by larger vehicles, when necessary, with its malleable curb.

Vice Chair Zweifler inquired if any traffic study was completed before implementing this project. Staff didn't have the full history of the project, but the request came to Public Works as a traffic calming measure from District 7 based on traffic complaints from neighbors on Wishon. Staff also shared that speed radar signs were placed out on Wishon as an initial traffic measure and then due to the wide road, next was the roundabout.

During public comment, Byron, a resident who lives at a corner home of the roundabout, shared his personal experiences since the installation of it. Traffic has slowed down significantly, and it is quieter than it used to be, in general. However, there are on occasion loud sounds when cars speed over the center area and run into one of the islands on either side of the street. It was mentioned that the signage is not very visible and could probably be too close to the intersection. Additionally, with the roundabout, there's a significant variance in the width of the roadway from quadrant to quadrant. An odd issue they uniquely have with their property concerns access to their

driveway. Additionally, there is confusion about the choice and use of asphalt and decomposed granite from the sidewalk to roadway. There is also concern about the breeding of mosquitoes in the equalizer drain since water cannot drain out of it. Lastly, it is difficult to back out of their driveway since it backs onto an island. They did mention that after receiving the initial 7-day notice from the city, they never received the follow-up 3-day notice and neither did anyone else they spoke with. If they had been given an opportunity to provide feedback, they might have requested a different adjustment to the plan to make it easier for them. They are concerned that the current accessibility issue with the driveway could deter potential buyers when they decide to sell their property.

Staff asked for their contact information so that they could respond to some of their questions or let them know if there is anything else they can do with what is left in the project. Additionally, Staff shared that they will be checking in with the construction management team to verify which stage of acceptance the roundabout is in to ensure neighbors have full use of the roundabout and that all measures are in place.

Nick, a community member, inquired about the speed of the intersection, which is 25 mph, and the design since he did not see an escape installed for bicyclists. Staff shared that there isn't one since it's a low-speed road, low average daily traffic (ADT), and no right of way.

2) 209900409 – Peach Ave. Pavement Rehab SR180 to McKinley

This project was requested by Nick, a community member, from last meeting on how there could be Class IV bike lanes without removing travel lanes.

Staff shared that they reduced the existing travel lanes from each direction to create a buffer for Class IV bike lanes.

Vice Chair Zweifler shared concerns about slip lanes, FAX stop, and no bike lanes on a right hand turn in this project.

9. ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Board Member Marquez, seconded by Member Shaikh, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Board Member Lozano, Board Member Marquez, Board Member Shaikh, Vice Chair Zweifler and Board Member Durham

Absent: 2 - Chair Gromis and Board Member Pedroza