

**City of Fresno**  
**Meeting Minutes - Draft**  
**Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

**Wednesday, December 9, 2020 5:30 p.m. Webex Virtual Meeting**

**Regular Meeting**

**Call to Order**

Vice-Chairperson Melanie Ruvalcaba called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Observed silently.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** District 5, Lucio Avila; District 6, Steven Bradley; District 7, Susan Smith; Mayoral, Melanie Ruvalcaba; Mayoral, Phil Arballo

**Absent:** District 3, Gene Richards

**Vacant:** District 1, District 2, District 4

**Staff**

Jill Gormley, Scott Sehm, Shelby MacNab, Harman Dhaliwal, Andrew Benelli, John Belli, John Liu

**Guests**

Nicholas Paladino, Kimberly Tapscott Munsom, Anthony Molina, Laura Gromis, Matthew Woodward, Alma Rosales, Celeste Martinez, Michael Bradley, Peggy Arnest

**Approval of Agenda**

**On motion by S Bradley and seconded by S Smith the December 9, 2020 Agenda was approved. Unanimously.**

**Approval of Minutes**

**On motion by S Bradley and seconded by S Smith the December 9, 2020 Minutes were approved. Unanimously.**

**Unscheduled Communications/Public Comments**

Matthew Woodward would like to acknowledge that he is looking forward to being a BPAC member.

Celeste Martinez would like to apply for the District 4 BPAC position. J Gormley said applications are online through the Clerk's Office.

Laura Gromis talked to Kimberly Tapscott Munsom about the District 3 absences. K Munsom said she will follow-up with Miguel Arias.

### **Members Reports and Comments**

Nominations for January Meeting Election of Officers - **On motion by S Bradley and seconded by P Arballo, S Smith was nominated for Secretary. On motion by S Bradley and seconded by M Ruvalcaba, P Arballo was nominated for Chairperson. On motion by S Smith and seconded by S Bradley, M Ruvalcaba was nominated for Co Chairperson.**

BPAC will vote on these in January 2021 or we can do Unanimous consent per P Arballo. P Arballo said he and M Ruvalcaba want to schedule a meeting with Mayor Dyer to push BPAC items like ATP Coordinator.

Chair Report - Regarding the Semi Annual Report the Council showed that they are in favor of having an ATP Coordinator. Also in favor of Slow Streets. P Arballo welcomed Matthew Woodward to District 2. P Arballo and J Gormley are meeting with incoming Councilperson Tyler Maxwell soon.

Review of Possible BPAC Logos - Michael Bradley showed two different logos created. One utilized the City of Fresno logo. One item mentioned was the need to have a pedestrian involved in the logo too. Both logos were very creative. S Bradley said putting a sticker on helmets we give out would be an economical way to brand our logo.

Strategic Plan - M Ruvalcaba agreed we need to keep working on ATP Coordinator position, branded items, educational items. T Molina mentioned possible CMAC psa. Ideas needed for May Bike Month and October Pedestrian Month. Per T Molina 100 lights delivered to Officer Belli for distribution.

### **Staff Reports**

FPD Enforcement and Collision Report - November 2020 was a rough month for deaths and injuries - four fatalities comprised of three pedestrians and one bicyclist. Officer Belli explained the bicyclist death which involved a failure to yield motorist who went around a railroad crossing and then struck the bicyclist. FPD will continue with special operations to enforce laws. J Gormley said she appreciated the statistics provided each month as it will help with the Council.

Grant Update - S MacNab is working on a planning grant to get a consultant to help update the ATP. She will be looking for a Letter of Support from the BPAC. M Woodward asked if we hired an ATP would we not have to hire a consultant and she answered that we would still need a consultant especially for community outreach.

Standard Drawings and Specifications Update - Per S Sehm small, nuanced changes made to reflect Federal and State guidelines - LED changes and ADA changes. In Policy 79, Class II lanes have an extra foot applied to 6 foot instead of 5. The roadway width has also been narrowed. Also adding paint changes - MMA paint. In P80 - Sharrows were added to the layout of Class II and Class III lanes. Sharrows are put in the right turn lane to indicate a bicyclist can use that lane to go forward. In P82 the high visibility crosswalk items were updated. S Sehm provided a link in the agenda that we can provide input on.

<https://www.fresno.gov/publicworks/featured-projects/#tab-10> Feedback is always appreciated.

Vacant Positions - Applications can be picked up from the City Clerk's Office for District 1 and District 4. Matthew Woodward is being appointed to District 2.

AB 1234 Ethics Training - this should take at least two hours to complete. The certificate must be uploaded to get credit. Due by December 31, 2020 and required.

Regional Transportation Plan - Fresno COG put out a call for projects and received over 600 requests. City Staff is currently going over the list and selecting projects to submit. Question from T Molina - are ATP gaps included in this COG plan? Per J Gormley they go through all the plans and include them in the RTP. They also make sure to include high priority network plans. Also, staff looks at how to get over the hurdles of implementing something. For example, if bike lanes are put on McKinley Avenue west of Blackstone Avenue what would have to be given up to make room for a bike lane.

New Infrastructure - Several HAWKs are due to be turned on soon. See flyer for locations. Also flyer contained educational information on how to use a HAWK. These are all developer installed and were a condition of implementation with their own project.

Safety Education Funds - T Molina asked if hawk PSA's would qualify for education funding and J Gormley said yes.

Discussion followed on use of safety and education funds. Helmets and lights don't meet the intent of the funds per city staff. Is Cycling Savvy the right type of program? Cycling Savvy exists in an online format and in English. There needs to be equity access across all groups. Cycling Savvy did indicate that they are trying to develop other language education programs. Council members have also indicated they would like input on education programs. J Gormley does not have a definitive answer on whether BPAC is allowed to have branded items. For the January Agenda please come with thoughts on education items. K Munsom said branded items could be wrapped in community outreach for education. M Ruvalcaba asked about in person instruction through the Parks Dept and if that could be bilingual.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Work Plan - Staff said if we want an update on a project to please ask and they can get a project manager to provide an update. M Woodward asked if there were plans to make Maple Avenue a Class IV and staff said no. This is a City/County area that would require a lot of cooperation. The slurry is finished on R Street and Class II lanes are ready to be striped in. Palm and Belmont Avenues is a quick build project and staff are working on getting community meetings together. Potential one scheduled for January 4th.

**On motion to Adjourn by S Bradley and seconded by S Smith the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.**