

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

Wednesday, June 22, 2022 5:30 p.m. Zoom Meeting

Regular Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Phil Arballo at 5:35 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: District 2 Matthew Woodward; District 3 Destiny Rodriguez; District 4 Laura Gromis; District 6 Steven Bradley; District 7 Susan Smith; Mayoral Phil Arballo

Members Absent: Mayoral Melanie Ruvalcaba

Vacancies: District 1, District 5

Quorum Met. Brief statement by Chairperson Arballo that going forward Quorum means the majority of active districts. Vacancies are not included in the roll count.

Staff

Carla Gonzalez, Alex Gonzalez, Jesus Avitia, Scott Sehm, Andrew Benelli, CMAC TV

Guests

Anthony Molina, MD; Nabil Kherfan, John Liu, Guadalupe Ramirez, Ramiro Diaz, Casey Lauderdale, Steven Grover (Bike Link Presenter), James Hering, Nick Paladino

Approval of Agenda

On motion to approve the Agenda by S Bradley and seconded by D Rodriguez the June 22, 2022 Agenda was approved. Voice vote. Passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

On motion to approve the Minutes by S Bradley and seconded by M Woodward the February 23, 2022 Minutes were approved. Voice vote. Passed unanimously.

On motion to approve the Minutes by S Smith and S Bradley the April 27, 2022 Minutes were approved. Voice vote. Passed unanimously.

On motion to approve the Minutes by S Bradley and seconded by S Smith the May 25, 2022 Minutes were approved. Voice vote. Passed unanimously.

Unscheduled Communications

There were none.

Presentations

Blackstone and McKinley Grade Separation Project Update - Jesus Avitia here from the City to answer questions on the separation project.

Questions: M Woodward asked why stairs were not included in the project as stairs seem like they would be helpful to people not driving. Per City staff stairs would have to be put in by developers as parcels are developed in the future. M Woodward asked if no stairs was more a matter of too much cost. Per City staff the answer is no. The public right of way does not stay at grade so no stairs are required. M Woodward saw a project in Mountain View that included stairs and this is why he asked the question. Per S Bradley peds/ bike users follow the profile of the road so whoever owns the property would pay for access.

J Avitia shared that a second community meeting should be ready by the end of the year.

A Molina, MD sees a great opportunity for a protected intersection here and wanted to know what features consistent with NACTO (National Association of City Transportation Officials) guidelines would be used. According to NACTO there are eight elements to use to create a protected intersection. J Avitia said he wasn't familiar with the guidelines but would check with the designer and followup. He asked A Molina, MD to email the question. A Molina, MD would also like to see a corner island in the design to increase the line of sight for drivers.

Bike Link Presentation - Steven Grover is an architect/design engineer. He saw that most bike parking was not utilized and there was a need for secured bike parking. Bike Link has a hundred locations in the Bay area and throughout the State of California. The secured parking lockers have 24/7 support. Full maintenance and cleaning of the lockers are provided. In total there are 450 locations in the United States. Bike Link also provides bike rooms for group secured parking.

Questions: S Smith asked if this type of parking would be viable in areas such as the Fresno airport and what would the cost be? S Grover said yes it would be good and that the vast majority of locations utilizing these containers are transit orientated. For something like a three day stay the cost would be five cents an hour. Three days would come out to \$5.60. The revenue goes to support administrative costs.

S Bradley commented that he has used this type of secured locker many times very successfully - nice that you do not have to provide your own lock. P Arballo commented that the City has Staff online during our meeting and that they will reach out with additional questions. P Arballo thanked S Grover for the presentation and stated that BPAC is fully supportive of the secured locker parking. L Gromis asked the question of what the cost and what type of material is used. S Grover said that steel is used and typically costs about \$3,500 - 4,500 per locker stall. Most cities obtain grants to help with the costs and that he would be available to staff to let them know where they are applying to for grant help. A Molina, MD asked If the lockers at the Sacramento Amtrak station are Bike Link - yes they are. P Arballo said this type of locker would be ideal downtown especially with high speed rail coming in the future. S Grover said that high visibility areas are best for installation as well as high demand areas. M Woodward said he wasn't aware that the City was requesting secured bike lockers but that he would be willing to talk with his Councilperson about them.

Task Force Reports

Semi-annual Task Force - D Rodriguez volunteered along with S Smith to create the next report to the City Council.

BPAC Charter Update - will go to City Council in August or September.

FY22 Budget Task Force - Volunteers are needed for this task force. L Gromis and S Smith will work on the task force.

PSA Task Force - The scramble psa was finalized and ready.

Member Reports and Comments

Event Planning Committee - The idea to think about is to plan a task force in advance of presenting the October Pedestrian Award. We need more participation from City Council and outside people in the community. M Woodward had this idea to propose an event planning committee for such things as World Wide Remembrance Day in November and Car Free Day in September. Also to make the month of May into a bigger bike month. Ft Collins, Colorado has eighty energy stations on Ride to Work Day for example. Per P Arballo the BPAC has no access to funds to do this unless funds are used for education. M Woodward said he would put together a calendar of events. L Gromis thought it would be a good idea to plan out the year. P Arballo just doesn't want members to get frustrated. A Molina, MD said that the Fresno County Bicycle Coalition would be willing to collaborate. L Gromis and M Woodward along with A Molina MD will put the calendar together first.

District 3 - no report

District 4 - no report

District 6 - S Bradley said that BPAC should put together a Letter of Support for Bike Link.

District 7 - no report other than she has learned to use the bicycle with FAX transport and recommends it.

Mayoral - P Arballo went to a clean shared mobility meeting put on by Fresno Unified and learned that they are putting e-bikes in place. Primarily in Southeast Fresno. C Gonzalez said that its actually Transform Fresno that will be presenting to BPAC on this in July.

Make-up Meeting Dates/Charter Rules - M Woodward said that as our charter rules list that as we are required to meet eleven times per year how do we make-up our missed meetings. C Gonzalez will ask the City Attorney this question although at the May 2022 she said that BPAC did meet but did not have a quorum.

Staff Reports

FPD Enforcement and Collision Report -

Collision Stats:

1/1/2022 to 5/31/2022

Total Collisions: 1604

Pedestrian – 61

Bicycles – 40

1/1/2021 to 5/31/2021

Total Collisions: 1480

Pedestrian – 74

Bicycle – 30

Fatal Numbers Year to Date:

Pedestrian: 11

Bicycle: 3

Motor Vehicle: 8

Provided By:

Officer John Belli #P867

Fresno Police Department

Traffic Bureau (559) 621-5059

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Work Plan

Per C Gonzalez there are multiple grants being applied for:

Clovis/Dayton Project for the Midtown Trail.

Dakota//Thorne - safe routes to school

Abby/Harvey for HAWKS

S Sehm provided an update on the Palm/Belmont project. It is ne essay to rework plans on Palm with a redesign to accommodate garbage pickup. Also to improve the motorists line of vision as they drive out of their driveways. The majority of Belmont will be Class IV as it crosses Palm - trying to retain on street parking to lessen impact on the homeowners. Going North on Palm they will be using lots of green mma paint to highlight the conflict zones. Palm will have curbside parking. City can't use posts past Weldon Avenue as it would interfere with garbage pickup. Also some areas are too narrow to accommodate much buffering. The City won't be able to completely dedicate the facilities to accommodate the bicycles. At Dakota and the railroad tracks the protected lanes will end. This is a quick build project. Construction should start this Summer and be finished by Fall. M Woodward asked question about where Palm ends at H Street. H Street is labeled as bicycle friendly - what happens when Google reports th8s but it really doesn't seem bicycle friendly. S Sehm felt that A Benelli would be best person to answer this. C Gonzalez will follow-up with A Benelli on this question.

M Woodward asked about "floating bus stops". S Sehm said since this project is a quick build that type of bus stop can't be accommodated. A Molina MD thanked S Sehm for the presentation and looks forward to riding this section of Palm Avenue. M Woodward said to get your "before" photos now as the project will start soon.

Adjournment

On motion to adjourn by M Woodward and seconded by L Gromis the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

