

# BPAC Date of Meeting April 26TH

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by **BPAC, Chair, Laura Gromis** at 5:30 PM

**Roll Call: Gabriel Lozano**

**District 1 Sean Zweifler**

**District 2 Matthew Woodard**

**District 3 Julie Congi**

**District 4 Laura Gromis**

**District 5 Gabriel Lozano**

**District 6 Steven Bradley**

**District 7 Absent**

**Mayoral Absent**

**Mayoral Vacant**

Quorum Met

## **STAFF**

**Andrew Benelli, Scott Sehm, Cassie Scholz, Gustavo Rangel**

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion to approve the agenda as is by: Gabriel Lozano, and Steven Bradley, second February's agenda was approved with the change of moving PD up on the agenda, passed unanimously with changes.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion approve the minutes by Sean Zweifler, seconded by Steven Bradley and minutes were approved as is.

**UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC COMMENT:** "Members of the public have 3 minutes each to speak on what they want to comment on that is not on the agenda.

**Anthony Molina**, "I would like to make a suggestion for the safety fund expenditures for fiscal 2023, I would like to suggest funding the LCI seminar in June that will be held in Visalia. That it be made available for BPAC Members and park staff that need it for their jobs. Since the event borders both fiscal years, we delay the PSA'S till June of 2024 fiscal year so that we can use the funding of 2023 meant for the PSA'S for the aforementioned training on the LCI seminar. Carla Gonzalez "The budget has been decided and the money will go to the public liaison and that money will be distributed to safety themed programming. **Laura Gromis**, Public Works in a previous meeting discussed that it was not an allowable expense at the last BPAC Meeting.

**PD Enforcement & Collision Report - J. Belli**, "Since the last meeting we haven't had any pedestrian or bicycle fatalities. Submitted the year-to-date information and do not know if they have been shared. Per request I can discuss the data and I have toxicology data for previous incidents. I can review if you would too. **Laura Gromis**, "Do you have the numbers, Carla? **Carla Gonzalez**, "We received the data after the agenda was completed and would need a motion to discuss the information. **Sean Zweifler**, A motion to approve that year-to-date

collision data be added to the agenda, Gabriel Lozano, second. **Officer Belli**, “The collision data from January 1st to March 31st - There was a total of 926 collisions city wide, 36 involved pedestrian, and 23 involved bicyclist this information was for 2022 In comparative data per year for this year there were 962 collisions city wide 962, 74 were pedestrian, 20 were bicyclist for 2023. There was a substantial increase in pedestrian data when comparing 2022 to 2023 for the first quarter of the year. As far as fatal incidents we are at 8 total for 2023 of which one is a cyclist. The information for the year 2022 is available but I did not bring that information. **Laura Gromis**, do you have any idea why the numbers increased. **Officer Belli**, I do not have an exact reason, but it has shown in the past with police presence of radar gun, issuing citation and educational literature being distributed the numbers were or had improved. The Chief has created a special unit to accomplish this. He has increased more motor officers by 5 with more to come. It is a balancing act because patrol lacks staff. Their objective is to enforce speed limits, proper use of crosswalks and other methods. May is bicycle safety awareness month so there will be a bicycle and pedestrian safety enforcement event on May 19th. In addition, it is Motorcycle Safety Month, extra officers will be staffed to come and help with enforcement, this is through a grant. They will be out during the big motorcycle rally in May and will be scheduled throughout the year. There will be 10 officers coming in on their days off and who specifically target safety for pedestrians and bicyclists; an example would be a vehicle not stopping for them at a crosswalk or pedestrians or bicyclist not obeying the rules of the road. They will be using a lot of radar to help with this, and data is being used to locate areas of interest. We do work with the schools on data to optimize safety by participating in events and distributing literature and safety equipment. We do use different methods to display date and where and who it's shown to. BPAC can help me by coming to events and helping distribute or just provide a presence. I am not familiar with automated speed enforcement, but familiar with the red-light system. I haven't looked at the demographics of the data but can say that substance abuse does show up with pedestrian involved fatalities. Tony Molina, can you elaborate on substance information for this year's fatalities. **Officer Belli**, yes, 2 did not involve substance abuse, 1 is pending and the rest involved substance abuse.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Caltrans Updates John Liu, Caltrans, District 6 “I am here to talk on different topics, Caltrans has a new Active Transportation Specialist for District 6, Edgar Hernandez. Implementation of the leading pedestrian interval (LPI). New proposed class II bike lanes on Divisadero Street and Tulare avenue at the SR-41 interchange. The district 6 Road Safety Action Plan. HM-4 Highway Maintenance Safety Program. Design Information Bulletin (DIB) 94 Complete Streets Contextual Design Guidance.

Please use the link for the copy of the presentation and second link to listen to the BPAC presentation.

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<https://cmac.tv/show/fresno-bicycle-and-pedestrian-advisory-committee-4-26-2023/>

## **TASK FORCE REPORTS:**

### **Award Taskforce**

Will work on getting it put together.

**Bike Month Taskforce** “Met twice this month, had a proposed route for the ride with the mayor. Getting a list of events for bike month. On the 18th of May we are trying to get a bike station or stations sponsored. Locations are in Tower District, City Hall and maybe another one with Fig Garden being the location. May 17th is the ride of silence. Outreach meeting for The River West Eaton Trail on May 10th from 5:30 to 7:30PM at Spano Park.

**Signage Task Force** - We did not meet but did meet with public works on the signage. We were given guidelines for signage and so we must have a meeting and discuss content and produce a report.

## **MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

**District 1** - Project to shorten the intersection at Olive and Van Ness is almost done.

**District 2** - Volunteered at Bike Station for Earth Day

**District 3** - My first meeting, developing outreach programs for the cycling community that will make it easier to bike to locations.

**District 4** - Involved in organizing the Bike Summit, the date for the event has been confirmed and that is October 27th, 2023. It is a Friday and will be at the convention hall, Friday will be the summit, Saturday will consist of social activities, Sunday. The goal of the summit is to orient Fresno to how the cycling infrastructure is in Munster.

How every year improvements are planned so that they improve access for cycling and promote use in the communities that comprise the city.

**District 5** - Working on the Fancher Creek Trail and it is in the work plan for the current update. We have a Cinco De Mayo Event that we are distributing helmets and kids bicycles.

**District 6** - Absent

**District 7** - There is a lot of police presence on Friant road to improve the safety there. We have received calls that the community wants at certain locations.

**Bicycle Friendly Community Report - M. Woodward** – C. Gonzalez went over the new BFC application and provided updates. C. Gonzalez also went over the workplan. City staff presentations – C.Scholz and G. Rangel were present to answer any questions regarding the Merced Street Reconstruction Project. C. Gonzalez advised that the previous Grants Administrator Shelby MacNab presented at the BPAC to go over the Merced Street Reconstruction and to ask for BPACs support with a letter of support.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn the meeting, Sean Zweifler, second, Julie Congi