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Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Semi-Annual Report (April 2020 through September 2020) (Citywide).

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Would like to comment on an item in the consent calendar: ID 20-001570, if possible.

Would like to comment on the need for an ATP Coordinator position in the Department of Public Works (DPW) mentioned in the semi-annual report. This is the same as a bicycle~pedestrian coordinator but more often used now in California cities.

There is a dysfunctional relationship between DPW and BPAC, a case of the tail wagging the dog. DPW keeps BPAC going so that they can say the City has one on grant applications but there is little if any collaboration between the two. This is NOT how BPAC was set up 15+ years ago and I'm tired of it functioning in this 'rubber

capacity which devalues my input into the process of making the City better for cyclists. Too many items have come up where cycling facilities were shortchanged. I'd be happy to give some examples but I'm more concerned now with the design of the Midtown Trail with NO INPUT from the BPAC.

Also, while it must be that Jill Gormley is a competent City Traffic Engineer, it is ridiculous for DPW to say that she is the ATP Coordinator - she has neither the background nor inclination to act in this capacity. And it's not just a little bit insulting to say she acts in this capacity. Again, it's only for appearances sake on grant applications.

I have previously sent to Council the job description several of us put together for an ATP Coordinator. The primary focus of this position would be to help BPAC have input into DPW projects and policies dealing with cycling and pedestrian issues and liaise with many different departments and agencies, etc. This needs to be a full-time, NON-ENGINEER position. We have waited for this to be taken up for many years. IT'S TIME!