

## **BPAC Date of Meeting March 22nd**

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

**Roll Call: Gabriel Lozano**

**District 1 Sean Zweifler**

**District 2 Matthew Woodard**

**District 3 Vacant**

**District 4 Laura Gromis**

**District 5 Gabriel Lozano**

**District 6 Absent**

**District 7 Bryan Bird**

**Mayoral Absent**

**Mayoral Vacant**

Quorum Met

## **STAFF**

**Jill Gormley, Scott Sehm**

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion to approve the agenda as is by: Gabriel Lozano, and Sean Zweifler, 2nd. February's agenda was approved, passed unanimously with changes.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion approve the minutes by, seconded by 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**, "The Pinedale Bicentennial Celebration, there will be participation of BPAC in coalition with the Fresno County Bicycle Coalition. We will be passing out bicycle helmets to the kids and also have a bicycle rodeo. There also will be a bike ride sponsored by the Cruise Along Bike Party.

**PD Enforcement & Collision Report - J. Belli**, (There was 1 fatality this month, the investigation is ongoing. The comparative data is from 2022 to 2023, for the first two months. The headings used were, total collisions, pedestrians, and bicyclists for each year. The link below provides that data. There is also a comparative report for fatalities

to date for each and this report goes through the month of February. **Sean Zweifler**, ("Was the driver given a toxicology test? **J. Belli**, (Yes, the driver volunteered for a test. The driver showed no sign of being impaired and stayed at the scene. Laura Gromis, (On the preliminary inspection is there an idea of the cause?") **J. Belli**, (There isn't but weather might be a cause, but it is still under investigation. There is no data that suggests a reason for the rise from one year to another." **Sean Zweifler**, "What is the protocol when there is a collision? **J Belli**, (Anytime there is a fatality there is an extensive investigation by our Collision Reconstruction Detectives. Most of the time for a collision they do get a blood draw but not always investigation. I will say most of the time the subjects have volunteered for a blood draw by the drivers. **PUBLIC COMMENTS Tony Molina**, "Can you explain the investigation process in terms of when investigation reports are final. Are they public records, and what type of data would be available to the Bicycle Advisory Committee, (BPAC)? **J Belli**, (Each case is different, the variables determine the time needed for each case in terms of how long it takes to complete. When the detective authorizes it, I do provide the primary collision factor, and when the investigation is complete a PRA can be requested. **Sean Zweifler**, (A heartfelt thank you for handing out bike helmets at the Poverello House." **J Belli**, (Thank you and are planning on distributing more helmets and we are working with their staff to schedule more events. I am currently putting the hardware together and will reach out when help or donations are needed."

**PRESENTATIONS:** None

**TASK FORCE REPORTS:** **Matthew Woodard** - "Summary of Bike Task Force Month, there were two meetings, and the objective was to work with BPAC to introduce an event for Bike Month. Some of the ideas were Bike to Work-Day, a ride premiere, and a few others. The idea was to have two stations set up for bike to work day that would provide resources for the riders. The mayor is interested in participating on bike to work day. There are other activities being planned and BPAC will be updated as each event is finalized. **Awards Task Force** - we are still trying to put that together.

### **MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

**BPAC 101 Presentation Update M. Woodward** - tabled for the next meeting.

**Bicycle Friendly Community Report - M. Woodward** - tabled for the next meeting.

**Signage Taskforce. - M. Woodard**, "We met once, the discussion was that there were signs all over on the coast that stated cars needed to give bicyclists 3 feet clearance but in the city of Fresno there were none. There were instances where signs were requested and put up, one such sign was, bicyclists can use the full lane. Other areas

were identified where they could be put in and the law changed where the requirements had changed, changing from a 3-foot clearance to requiring them to pass on separate lanes. If that was not possible, they would slow down and do it safely. There are also plans to identify what sign we would like to see or more any type of sign and what location or locations.

Relevance and Process of Project Suggestions - Scott Sehm - "If you have project selections, in the work plan, under BPAC you can add a project suggestion that can be added that can be helpful to public work factoring in projects for the current fiscal year's budget. Please email your suggestions to Jill Gormley and or Scott Sehm. [jill.gormley@fresno.gov](mailto:jill.gormley@fresno.gov) or [Scott.sehm@fresno.gov](mailto:Scott.sehm@fresno.gov). Please take into consideration that this year's budget is done as we start in November, so we are talking about the next fiscal year. In short, the deadline for suggestions for the next fiscal year. Scott Sehm, that does not mean you can't turn in suggestions because for any suggestion money has to be found and so projects are aligned to resources by do they meet enough of a reason for why the money is being given for. At this time the project list is in need of suggestions. We need ideas to remember a list is ever evolving because of different variables and funding is one of them. Project Review Task Force can be put together to review projects and BPAC could have their input. These meetings could be done monthly. There are projects that would benefit from input from BPAC.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

**District 1 Sean Zweifler**, Class IV Bike Lane continues to have obstruction and we are working to find solutions to fix that.

**District 2 Matthew Woodard**, included in member reports. Participating in the Pinedale event. Public works is sponsoring an event at Popolo's Pizza for a meeting on Audubon Drive.

**District 3 Vacant** They are appointing someone on the 30th of March.

**District 4 Laura Gromis**, "Planning for a bike summit is ongoing and one of the events will be a bike ride. We are looking for volunteers for their expertise on a course for bike ride.

**District 5 Gabriel Lozano**, "Looking to improve safety all around through education and structural change along the corridor. Also planning to improve equipment for the underserved due to the lack of disposable income. Familia En Accion is having a Cinco de Mayo event and that's a good time to have representation from BPAC and other organizations.

**District 6 Absent**

**District 7 Bryan Bird**, "Looking to find resources for those that cannot afford bike helmets."

**Mayoral Phil Arballo, Absent**  
**Mayoral Vacant**

**Updates to Barstow Class IV Project, Scott Sehm,** “The project will connect along Barstow from Blackstone to Fresno State/Hoover with a Class IV Bike Lane from a Class II Bike Lane. It will not be a protected parking bike lane but will have buffers and flexible post delineators like the rest of the city. There will be video detection added to the intersection which is a relatively new standard we are working on for Class IV projects. The contractor has it in the pre-construction stage. A pre-construction will happen, and the contractor has fixed time to actually start work and the goal is for the bulk of the work done this summer. The construction does not impede on Fresno State traffic so work will be done from Cedar westward. There is a traffic light going in on Barstow and Bond near Hoover High School and another one on Barstow and Tenth when funding is available. This will help the students living north of the school to have access to the school and stadium. Outreach is that public works will work council staff and Fresno State to accomplish this. There was a meeting with the university staff and admin staff to explain the project. The project will be user friendly for the current fleet of street sweepers. I like to add that Van Ness was half the project and Wishon was the other part. It did not get built because of the weather and the community outreach. Wishon will start up as soon as the weather is good enough. The same project with minor differences than Van Ness like the impact it has on parking. This will include some stop signs along Wishon. Like to add there are seven projects in bidding which are important. Please use the link for those details.

### **BPAC Work Plan - J. Gormley**

**Relevance and Process of Project Suggestions - L. Gromis** If there are any suggestions, we can take them and try to have an answer by the next meeting.

**Grants Update - J. Gormley** - Public works were successful on two grants for funding and the information about the grants is on the SAR. We submitted 5 ATP applications. We were not successful at the state level, and we have resubmitted at the regional level and received one. The project will install multiple HAWKs along Blackstone. Received a Reconnecting Communities Grant for a pedestrian overcross. Working on some California grants and Measure C Grants. There's three measure C Grants and we received all of them.

**Charter update - J Gormley** “Still working with risk management on what needs to be done to update it.”

Jill Gormley - Please if you have not completed form 700 and other compliance forms, they are due in April. There is a session that helps you please contact Brianna Parra for those dates and times. There is also an online meeting for the Audubon Corridor study meeting that is being held at Popolo's Pizza for those that can't make it but make it virtually and it's on the 29th and there is an online tool for those that can't make it to Popolo's. There is also a Truck reroute and health study that is looking for input residents that work in the targeted area. We need input for that study and the survey can be accessed on the BPAC page. The target area is roughly south of McKinley and West of Chestnut. We are looking for input from trucks that use the targeted routes. Are they good, do they work among other questions? We have zero movement on our LTRF funding and are working with a person to put a marketing campaign to use those funds.

### **PARCS**

Presentation from Bicycle and Pedestrian Program, Ryan O, Eli offer education to the you and target senior housing and programming throughout the city of Fresno through the pedestrians and bicyclist and has been in existence for 5 years. Also do programs at city parks and at times offer free helmets when funding is available. Ryan O, Recreation Specialist, gave results of their programming at events and oriented BPAC to upcoming events. Some of the results were free helmets and multiple events and bicycle rodeo. She is an employee of the city who has lots of experience in this setting. The money is for the current fiscal year and needs to be used ASAP. The funds are for safety through use of an educational platform.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn the meeting Matthew Woodard, 2nd Sean Zweifler