

# ATAC Meeting, May 24th

**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 Julie Congi**

**District 4 Laura Gromis**

**District 5 Gabriel Lozano**

**District 6 Bryan Bird**

**District 7 Absent**

**Mayoral Absent**

**Mayoral Vacant**

**Quorum Met**

**STAFF**

**Andre Benelli, Scott Sehm**

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion to approve the agenda as is by: Sean Zweifler, and Matthew Woodard, 2nd May's agenda was approved with the change of removing the Signage Task Force from the agenda, passed 5 to 0 with one member with changes

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion approve the minutes by Sean Zweifler, seconded by Gabriel Lozano and the minutes were approved as is 5 to 0, with one member absent.

**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.

**Yohonis** "There was a press conference by Council Members from District 1 and 2. The topic was on safety in the area. The item is LL on tomorrow's agenda, Which is a resolution to do a traffic assessment of the top ten intersections that will combat red light problems, speeding and collisions specifically with pedestrians and bicyclists. The location of the press conference will be near Woodward Park.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Bike Summit - Nick Yovino, " The idea of an international bicycle summit came about when a delegation from Munster, Germany visited the City of Fresno. During the tour of Fresno a statement was made "What a beautiful downtown but where are the people? Another presented the question "You should do a bike summit.". Once I heard that what a wonderful idea because the city of Munster is the bicycle capital of Germany. So that is how the wonderful idea of an international bike came about. One of the stops was to attend a council where Dr. Molina was receiving a proclamation. So a conversation was had and meetings were had. In fact one of the meetings was with public works which led to a meeting with the Transportation Institute at Fresno State. In doing this it went from a local to regional to an international event. The

support has grown to include cities around Munster and various cities around the United States. The Mayor from Rochester Minnesota will be speaking at the event. The event will be the weekend of October 27th through 29th and will be held at the convention center. Even though it is a transportation summit its focus will be on bicycles. Half of the summit will be on safety and include public planning and policy, commerce and education. What is originating from the summit, that in July at Fresno State a Bicycle Academy will be held for 30 students. They will spend a week at Fresno State, learning about bicycle safety, all aspects about bicycle education, and a field trip that will include pedestrian and bicycle safety planning. At the end of the week all 30 students will be able to take their bikes and gear home with them. With everyone's help it is becoming something special. The City of Fresno will be sending a delegation to Munster. The trip will be months before the summit and the objective will be to gain ideas to add to the summit. One of the great things there is there 3000 slots to park your bikes near public transportation. This shows the amount of residents using bikes and how different modes of transportation can work together to not only improve participation but improve the quality of life. One of the goals is to make it an annual event and there were other events taking steps to do this with their events. The first day will have speakers and be directed towards transportation partners though the public is encouraged to attend. Friday there will be an event at a brewery that is in contact with a brewery in Munster. Saturday will have a mural ride and an event with music and activities, such as a movie in the park. Sunday will be another bike ride around Fresno. We are working on a keynote speaker with a possibility of two. We are also reaching out to the senior population. There is outreach to community organizations to gather participation and see what is important to them. We are trying to get Vision Zero as part of the summit and their staff. Hoping mayors from other cities attend the event. Urban Diplomacy - Due to the relationships with our sister cities, the Munster had a grant to focus on relationships and they wanted to expand that to an international level. We were one of eight cities awarded this grant in the United States. There was a meeting in Washington DC where sustainability was discussed. They heard about the bike summit and they have joined us for the bike summit. Germany is also focusing on Urban Diplomacy and the bike event is the start of their Urban Diplomacy Movement. Other modes of transportation will be included in all phases, access to events, education and participation. Students will travel to each other's country to be part of the educational process. Marketing will to professional, government agencies and transportation partners. The goal for it to grow is to grasp the international concept and use Munster as not only an example but create contacts so that the theme of bike is met but that it grows to the point of sustainability. **Tony Molina**, "I would love for BPAC to be part of the process and want to let you know we have meetings on Wednesday at 10 AM at Fresno City College. If each district could ask their councilmember to subsidize members of the public who are interested in attending.

Grants Update - **A. Linares**, "Grant Administrator for Public Works, City of Fresno. I apply for grants that are for transportation and structure projects for the City of Fresno. This is an update, Sideon what we have and will be applying for or considering. We submitted a grant application for Cal Trans for clean California for a Cycle 2 grant. The grant was for several projects that include litter abatement, sidewalk reconstruction, henced landscaping, trail enhancements, restoring the Kearney Boulevard Gateway Sign, filling in sidewalks in all of Fresno but mainly

focuses on SouthFresno. In addition to Clean California, we are considering applying for a grant for public art, The Bloomberg Philanthropy Asphalt Art Grant or a painting on sidewalks, crosswalks, the goal is to actually beautify the space that has a safety component such as make a crosswalk more visible and stand out more so that it increases safety. A community organization is needed to partner to apply, so we are considering applying for the grant. We are planning on applying for the next round of Safe Streets for All, which is a grant that for this round would be for an implementation grant, that would implement strategies identified in an existing plan. The plan is the SSAR Plan, the proposed project would focus on Blackstone Avenue, that would improve lighting, and safety. Coming in the fall we are planning to apply for multiple projects for Fresno COG'S, Regional call for projects for CMAC, STBG and new funding for carbon reduction program that is similar to CMAC which is Congestion, Mitigation, Air Quality, mostly aimed at reducing pollutants, the difference is that it is only focused on Carbon. STBG, is for Surface Transportation Projects. We are reviewing projects to apply for. **Andrew Benelli**, "We have applied for CMAC Grants, that can be for or can be trail and bike improvements which is what is typically done and the Carbon is new and we are deciding what type of project to apply for but it could be a FAX Grant. A leading pedestrian pole is, when the button is hit for a pedestrian waiting to cross, they are given first access to the crosswalk before the light hits green and has been proven to be a viable safety feature. **Tony Molina**, "Welcome Alicia, can you tell us about your history/experience?," **Alica**, "I have been here almost five months, and still new to the world of public works. I just came from a nonprofit in Fresno and have been writing grants for about six years. **Tony Milina**, "Interested in the Asphalt Art Grant, one project idea I like are Traffic Gardens. It is creating a miniature landscape that helps children learn about bikes and safety. For the CMAC idea on suggestion I have is to look at encouragement activities that would get people out of their cars and onto bikes. There are programs that give people incentives to do this.

**Safety Task Force - Laura Gromis**, "There is interest in reviewing all of the programs in place for safety and how BPAC. Identifying gaps and what suggestions BPAC could make is the purpose of this committee. Sean Zweifler, Laura Gromis, and Gabriel Lozano have volunteered for the safety task force with Sean Zweifler leading the task force. On a motion to set up the Safety Task Force for BPAC: Motion Gabriel Lozano, 2nd Sean Zweifler, The motion passed 5 to 0, with one member absent.

**BPAC Award Task Force - Gabriel Lozano**, "Report is being put together and should have a report by next month.

## **MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

**District 1** - Participated in the mayor's ride, Ride to Work. Would like to see all events advertised evenly.

**District 2** "The mayor's ride was the highlight of Bike Month. Did not attend any of the events but did focus on the River West Project. We are looking at the ADA access to the river area.

One of the questions is can FAX provide access to the river but a set of stairs is the only way to get to the trail. I actually was also part of the Bike to Work Day,

**District 3** “We had a comic book bike ride. We have a bike station event that will help with bike repairs and is free to the public. We are always out for Art Hop, 1st Thursday of the month. We are helping out with an Alley Cat Race by making sure bikes are OK to participate in the race.

**District 4** “Attended the mayor's ride and that was a great event. Need for the word getting out there to improve and we can do that with better communication. Working on a bike to school day with kids and other parents. Safety is still a concern after a near miss.

**District 5** “I love the mayor's Bike ride, one of the reasons is I rode an electric bike for the first time. One result is that I am in the market for an electric bike. Saw a family using their scooters with the proper safety equipment. Attended a Cinco De Mayo Event, gave out 50 helmets, 3 bikes and 1 scooter to at risk residents.

**District 6 absent**

**District 7** nothing to report

### **TASK FORCE REPORTS:**

**BPAC Charter - C. Gonzalez** “LTF funds we are working on a contract with Valley PBS to air PSA'S for bike and safety education. We are asking another set of eyes to review our application for BFC that is due in August. Tomorrow at the city council we are encouraging BPAC Members to attend to see if the Charter is officially approved or if we asked to speak on it. The update on the name change would align it better with grant applications because it would be inclusive in other modes of transportations. The name proposed currently, Bicycle, Pedestrian Advisory Committee to the **Active Transportation Advisory Committee**. **Bryan Bird**, “Can the PSA's include law changes.”

**PD Enforcement & Collision Report - C Gonzalez,**

<https://cmac.tv/show/fresno-bicycle-and-pedestrian-advisory-committee-5-24-2023/> The 2023 numbers are year to date.

<https://fresno.legistar.com/gateway.aspx?M=F&ID=51641ff6-9a95-4d9e-8928-4de4fa0c6772.pdf>

**BPAC Work Plan - C. Gonzalez -**

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**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn the meeting, Gabriel Lozano , 2nd Matthew Woodard