# **City of Fresno**

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# **Meeting Minutes - Draft**

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

5:30 PM

**Regular Meeting** 

In Person Fresno City Hall, Room 2165 Active Transportation Advisory Committee

> Laura Gromis, Chair Sean Zweifler, Vice Chair Gabriel Lozano, Member Diana Durham, Member Paul Marquez, Member Edna Pedroza, Member Mohammad Shaikh, Member Vacant, Member Vacant, Member

#### PUBLIC ADVISORY:

THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE WELCOMES YOU TO CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM #2165, LOCATED ON THE 2ND FLOOR, 2600 FRESNO STREET, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93721.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER.

Chair Laura Gromis called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

- **Present: 4** Chair Laura Gromis, Vice Chair Sean Zweifler, Member Gabriel Lozano, Member Paul Marquez
- Absent: 3 Member Edna Pedroza, Member Mohammad Shaikh, Member Diana Durham

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

On a motion by Vice Chair Zweifler, seconded by Member Lozano, the agenda was approved.

- Aye:4 Chair Laura Gromis, Vice Chair Sean Zweifler, Member Gabriel Lozano,<br/>Member Paul MarquezNo:0
- Absent: 3 Member Edna Pedroza, Member Mohammad Shaikh, Member Diana Durham

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On a motion by Vice Chair Zweifler, seconded by Member Lozano, the May Meeting Minutes were approved.

 Aye: 4 – Chair Laura Gromis, Vice Chair Sean Zweifler, Member Gabriel Lozano, Member Paul Marquez
No: 0
Absent: 3 - Member Edna Pedroza, Member Mohammad Shaikh, Member Diana Durham

#### 4. UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT.

Members of the public may address the BPAC regarding items that are not listed on the agenda. Each person is limited to a three (3) minute presentation. Anyone wishing to be placed on an agenda for a specified topic should contact the Traffic Operations and Planning Office at least seven (7) days prior to the desired date. BPAC action on unscheduled items, if any, shall be limited to referring the item to a future meeting.

None.

### 5. TASK FORCE REPORTS.

#### ID 25-594 Safety Program Coordination Task Force

Vice Chair Zweifler spoke about the task force's intent, explaining that its purpose is to connect and coordinate with local agencies, non-profits, and committees involved in safety education. The goal is to develop a unified approach that supports collaboration across these groups, helping to streamline safety efforts. It was shared how a position who could support in this coordination could be someone from Public Works, PARCS, or Fresno County Department of Public Health. Andreina Aguilar from Public Works shared that each department has a person and it's just making sure that everybody is talking through possible regular meetings. Public Works is hoping to receive more direction from Vision Zero on how to better coordinate with other departments. Additionally, Vision Zero is supposed to also provide guidance on how to put together a task force focused on more roadway safety overall.

Members discussed.

Chair Gromis requested if staff could provide information on any available funding opportunities through Measure P for bicycle education programs outside of city efforts.

#### 6.MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS.

Members provided reports.

District 1: Vice Chair Zweifler reported on attending Fresno Council of Governments (COG) Measure C meeting and Vision Zero's outreach event.

District 2: Chair Gromis reported on receiving her League Cycling Instructor certification, attending Vision Zero's event, and being involved with Fresno COG's Measure C outreach efforts.

District 3: Vacant

District 4: Vacant

District 5: Member Lozano reported on meeting with Public Works staff, working with community residents to address their concerns, and noticing the need for enforcement.

District 6: Absent

District 7: Absent

Mayoral Elect: Member Marquez reported on Vision Zero event and the Measure C renewal meeting.

Mayoral Elect: Absent

#### 7.STAFF REPORTS.

ID 25-140 ATP and Vision Zero Action Plan

Andreina Aguilar, with Department of Public Works, provided an update on ATP and VZ.

ATP plan is being drafted by the consultant, including the 30% design for the selected corridors approved by council. The draft will be provided to the committee and the public for a 30-day review this summer, with City Council adoption in fall. Currently, the target date to present the draft to the committee and public is scheduled for the end of July.

Members provided initial ATP input and recommendations. Members requested to keep Class I bike lanes in the plan even if it's not currently feasible at this time. Staff suggested having two exhibits, with one conveying long-term plans that would only be feasible under certain conditions and then having the other exhibit showing more realistic and near term within the next 5,10,15 years that would be attainable and reasonable. Members also voiced the importance of investing in infrastructure projects in areas that need it most and ensuring community input is received and incorporated into the ATP plan.

Staff presented on the nine (9) Vision Zero June Workshop Poster Boards.

Members discussed and requested a heat map of collisions from the consultants. Additionally, it was requested that trains be added to the Vision Zero plan. The draft will be provided to the committee and the public for a 30-day review in early fall, with City Council adoption in mid-to-late fall.

During public comment, Tony, from the Bicycle Coalition, inquired if the consultants will be identifying any new opportunities for AB43 implementation beyond what is already being done. Staff shared that consultants will address AB43 but also reported that the city is currently using it to implement speed reductions around Fresno.

#### ID 25-595 Traffic Collision Report

Andreina Aguilar, Department of Public Works, provided collision numbers from the Fresno Police Department.

Members discussed.

#### ID 25-596 Capital Project Updates

Harmanjit Dhaliwal, Assistant Director of Public Works, provided updates.

- 1) 209900243 Maroa/Shields/BNSF Safety Improvements
  - The City needs to have a discussion with the Administration and Council District 7 regarding impacts of what is needed in the area before the consultant can move forward. There is a chance that Princeton Ave. could be affected based on the railroad study but that is still being reviewed, and no decisions have been made until Public Works meets with Council District 7 and City Manager's Office.
  - Vice Chair Zweifler shared concerns of zero visibility when moving west on Princeton and crossing over. Staff provided additional information about an

anticipated meeting in August or September with all organizations to discuss possible solutions.

- 2) Caltrans Project SR-99 near Hughes
  - Caltrans is required to improve Hughes from McKinley to Olive, based on plans to eliminate the northbound 99 off-ramp and the southbound 99 on-ramp to McKinley. The ramps will not be eliminated until Olive is fully reconstructed with the 2 roundabouts. The plans are that they will overlay Hughes Ave. Public Works will be working with Caltrans on a striking plan. If the width does allow for bike lanes, Public Works will request it to be added.
  - Vice Chair Zweifler shared concern about losing some 180 overcrossings. Requested for more bike lanes and street improvements from Olive and Hughes to Kearney.
- 3) Caltrans Project Pedestrian Bridge Over SR-99
  - Public Works is in discussion with Caltrans District 6 and they are aware of the administration and council district's push for that pedestrian overcrossing to be installed. Caltrans is working to secure funding for a permanent crossing.
  - Monthly meetings are held with Public Works, Caltrans, High Speed Rail, and the Zoo in regard to improvements at Olive, 99, and all the High Speed Rail projects on Belmont and McKinley.
- 4) High Speed Rail (HSR) @Roading Park
  - HSR received approval to close Golden State Boulevard between Olive and Belmont permanently since that is where the future HSR tracks will run. There will be a wall built to separate Roeding Park and HSR. The wall will be high enough so that there will be no visibility of HSR when one's in the park.
  - Staff shared that there will be Class II bike lanes from Palm to Parkway.

Members discussed.

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During public comment, Nick, a community member, requested to review the design plans for 209900409 – Peach Ave. Pavement Rehab SR180 to McKinley since this project seems to be a complete street overhaul with sidewalk rehab and installation of a Class IV bike lane.

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT.

On a motion by Chair Gromis, seconded by Vice Chair Zweifler, approved to adjourn at 7:25 pm.

**Aye: 4** – Chair Laura Gromis, Vice Chair Sean Zweifler, Member Gabriel Lozano, Member Paul Marquez

No:

Absent: 3 - Member Edna Pedroza, Member Mohammad Shaikh, Member Diana Durham