



Palo Alto Pedestrian and
Bicycle Advisory Committee

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.
Adobe North Room, Mitchel Park Community Center
3700 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | 6:00 PM |
| 2. AGENDA CHANGES | 6:01 PM |
| 3. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES | 6:05 PM |
| 4. PUBLIC COMMENT | 6:08 PM |
| 5. SRTS UPDATE | 6:10 PM |
| 6. STAFF UPDATES: | 6:20 PM |
| a. Bike Boulevard Evaluation | |
| b. Adobe Bridge | |
| c. Newell Bridge EIR | |
| d. Charleston-Arastradero Corridor: design tweaks at Coulombe or elsewhere? | |
| e. Caltrans Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons | |
| 7. DISCUSSION ITEMS: | 6:40 PM |
| a. SVBC BPAC Survey Results | |
| b. Subcommittee Report: BPTP Project Priorities
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| c. Leading Pedestrian Interval Ordinance | |
| 8. STANDING ITEMS: | 7:45 PM |
| a. VTA BPAC Update | |
| b. Grant Funding Update | |
| 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS | 7:55 PM |
| 10. ADJOURNMENT | 8:00 PM |



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Tuesday, September 3, 2019

6:00 P.M.

MATADERO ROOM, MITCHELL PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA

Members Present: Eric Nordman (Chair), Bruce Arthur, Bill Courington, Cedric de la Beaujardiere, David Hirsch, Art Liberman, Robert Neff, Rob Robinson, Steve Rock, Richard Swent, Bill Zauman

Members Absent: Ken Joye (Vice Chair), Ann Crichton, Kathy Durham, Paul Goldstein, Jane Rosten

Staff Present: Philip Kamhi, Sylvia Star-Lack, Rosie Mesterhazy, Joanna Chan

Guest: Owen Longstreth, Jim Poppy

1. CALL TO ORDER at 6:00 p.m.

2. AGENDA CHANGES

Chair Nordman announced Item 7b has been continued.

Ms. Star-Lack added Item 6g for the Park Boulevard bike lane.

3. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES

MOTION

Motion by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Swent, to approve the minutes of August 6, 2019, as presented. Motion passed 8-0, Nordman abstaining.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Poppy requested that PABAC members comment in writing regarding Castilleja School's Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), specifically the impact of the proposed garage entry/exit at the Bryant Street Bike Boulevard. The deadline to provide comments to the Planning and Transportation Commission (PTC) regarding the DEIR is September 16.

1 **5. SRTS UPDATE**

2 Ms. Mesterhazy reported the first City/School Traffic Safety Committee meeting of the school
3 year was well attended. During the meeting, PAUSD representatives indicated the City's
4 evaluations help them plan school circulation patterns. School representatives were excited to
5 hear of a Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) grant, which could be used for bike racks.
6 City staff will help PAUSD prepare grant applications. Palo Alto Police Lieutenant/Traffic
7 Safety Committee Member Con Maloney shared with the Traffic Safety Committee that the
8 work on Charleston-Arastradero has improved circulation around Charleston and Carlson.

9 Ms. Star-Lack advised that Mr. Goldstein and she visited Maybell to observe the morning school
10 commute. Mr. Goldstein now understands the proposed design for the Maybell Bicycle
11 Boulevard. The northbound movement from Clemo to Maybell could use some improvement.

12 **6. STAFF UPDATES:**

13 **a. CTO Introduction**

14 Mr. Kamhi introduced himself. One of his goals is to learn what the community wants with
15 respect to transportation infrastructure. At the current time, he cannot comment regarding an
16 update of the Bike Plan. Recruitment for staff continues, and new staff is working to familiarize
17 themselves with existing projects and programs. Data regarding bike boulevards could be
18 presented to the Council in mid-October at the earliest.

19 **b. Bike Boulevard Evaluation: Counts, Bollards, Tweaks**

20 Ms. Star-Lack stated staff will conduct counts before beginning construction of future bike
21 boulevards. Staff will explore moving the existing bollards at Louis and Amarillo. Staff
22 continues to refine bike boulevards when possible.

23 Mr. Swent suggested at a minimum staff could wrap the bollards with reflective tape.

24 Chair Nordman explained that PABAC reviewed the original positions of the bollards, but staff
25 decided the positions were too close to vehicles. Relocating the bollards gave rise to the current
26 concerns for bicyclists.

27 In response to questions, Ms. Star-Lack was unsure whether PABAC would have an opportunity
28 to review the staff report for the Ross Road project. Staff has obtained data, but it needs a final
29 review and verification before it is released. Ms. Mesterhazy advised that SRTS staff is
30 preparing a parent survey, and wording the questions and achieving the right tone is challenging.
31 Staff considered surveying high school students, but a self-selecting sample could result in
32 biased or skewed responses. Mr. Kamhi indicated the PTC may review the Ross Road data.

33 Mr. de la Beaujardiere suggested staff may want PABAC to review the data prior to presenting it
34 to the Council.

1 **c. Adobe Bridge**

2 Ms. Star-Lack reported the project has been released for bids. Bids will be opened on
3 September 25. Council approval of a construction contract could occur in October.

4 **d. Newell Bridge EIR**

5 Ms. Star-Lack advised that the comment period for the DEIR ended on July 30. Staff and
6 consultants will prepare responses to comments and are continuing efforts to advance the project.
7 Certification of the EIR may occur in December. Public access will not be available during
8 construction. Construction within the creek is scheduled to occur over five months, and the
9 project is scheduled for completion in approximately 18 months. A traffic control plan will be in
10 effect during construction.

11 **e. Charleston-Arastradero Corridor**

12 Ms. Star-Lack indicated concrete work for median curbs is complete for Phases I and II.
13 Barricades have been installed at the end of each median along the corridor and will remain until
14 landscape work is complete. Public Works and the Office of Transportation will monitor
15 improvements to determine whether changes are needed.

16 **f. Caltrans Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons**

17 Ms. Star-Lack stated she would provide an update once she receives it.

18 **g. Park Boulevard Bike Lane**

19 Ms. Star-Lack related that the bike lanes between Page Mill and Olive are too narrow and will be
20 fixed.

21 Ms. Star-Lack introduced Senior Transportation Planner Joanna Chan.

22 Ms. Chan reported she is working on an application for a TFCA grant to fund the Crosstown
23 shuttle. Awards should be announced by the end of the year.

24 **7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

25 **a. Subcommittee Report: BPTP Project Priorities**

26 Chair Nordman advised that the subcommittee needs to meet again before PABAC considers the
27 priorities.

28 **b. SVBC BPAC Survey Results**

29 [This item was continued.]

1 **8. STANDING ITEMS:**
2 **a. VTA BPAC Update**

3 Mr. Neff indicated a meeting was not held in August. He will forward PABAC members a link
4 to the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) discussion of options for bicycle projects.

5 **b. Grant Funding Update**

6 [See Item 6g.]

7 **9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

8 Mr. Neff announced Bike Palo Alto is scheduled for September 29.

9 **10. ADJOURNMENT** at 6:40.

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