



**Palo Alto Pedestrian and
Bicycle Advisory Committee**

**Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 6:15 P.M.
Embarcadero Room, Rinconada Library
1213 Newell Road, Palo Alto**

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | 6:15 PM |
| 2. AGENDA CHANGES | 6:16 PM |
| 3. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES | 6:18 PM |
| 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | 6:20 PM |
| 5. STAFF UPDATES: | 6:30 PM |
| a) Safe Routes to Schools | |
| b) Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons | |
| c) Bicycle Boulevard Report | |
| d) Palo Alto Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan 2012 Update | |
| e) Charleston-Arastradero Corridor | |
| f) Traffic Circle at Park Blvd./Stanford Ave. | |
| 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS: | 7:00 PM |
| a) 2020 Chair and Vice Chair Election | |
| b) Pagemill Rd. at Hanover St. | |
| 7. STANDING ITEMS: | 7:15 PM |
| a) VTA BPAC Update | |
| 8. ADJOURNMENT | 7:30 PM |



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Tuesday, November 5, 2019

6:00 P.M.

ADOBE NORTH ROOM, MITCHELL PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

3700 Mitchell Road, Palo Alto, CA

Members Present: Eric Nordman (Chair), Bruce Arthur, Bill Courington, Cedric de la Beaujardiere, Kathy Durham, Penny Ellson, Paul Goldstein, David Hirsch, Art Liberman, Owen Longstreth, Robert Neff, Steve Rock, Jane Rostein, Richard Swent, Alan Wachtel, Bill Zauman

Members Absent: Ken Joye (Vice Chair), John Cordes, Ann Crichton, Frisco del Rosario, Jim Poppy, Rob Robinson

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

Guest:

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

2. AGENDA CHANGES

None

3. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES

MOTION

Motion by Mr. Neff, seconded by Mr. Liberman, to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2019, meeting as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. SRTS UPDATE

Rosie Mesterhazy reported bike count numbers have increased. Palo Alto High School and Gunn High School reported 1,120 and 982 students biking respectively. Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle School reported an increase from 51 percent to 70 percent of students biking. Travel tallies are consistent with the bike counts.

1 In response to Mr. Goldstein's question, Ms. Mesterhazy explained that Fletcher Middle School
2 consistently has fewer students biking because of the location of students' homes. PABAC
3 members discussed the statistical reliability of the bike counts.

4 **6. STAFF UPDATES:**
5 **a. Adobe Bridge**

6 Joanna Chan reported that a construction contract is scheduled for Council review and approval
7 on November 18. Construction is expected to take 18 months.

8 **b. Newell Bridge EIR**

9 None

10 **c. Charleston-Arastradero Corridor**

11 Ms. Chan indicated that landscaping is almost complete. Widening the path will begin soon, and
12 tree pruning will begin November 6. Striping and signage will be modified.

13 **d. Caltrans Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons**

14 Ms. Chan related that Caltrans has to conduct the final check for the beacons located at Barron,
15 Vista, and Fernando. At College and Monroe, the City has not installed the electric meters for
16 the beacons.

17 **7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
18 **a. 2020 PABAC Meeting Location and Time**

19 PABAC members discussed meeting locations in 2020 at the Art Center, Lucie Stern, City Hall,
20 or Rinconada Library, and beginning meetings at 5:00 p.m. or 6:15 p.m.

21 **MOTION**

22 Motion by Mr. Goldstein, second by Ms. Ellson, to schedule the 2020 PABAC meetings at
23 Rinconada Library beginning at 6:15 p.m. and to alternate meeting locations each year. Motion
24 passed 14-0.

25 Chair Nordman noted PABAC will not meet in December.

26 **b. 2020 Chair and Vice Chair Election**

27 Chair Nordman reported the election of officers will be held at the January meeting. Anyone
28 interested in being nominated for Chair or Vice Chair should contact Chair Nordman or staff.

29 **c. Guest Speaker: Safety on Rural Roads**

30 Mr. Selker reported on the need to improve the shoulders along Skyline Boulevard. Caltrans has
31 identified a project and assigned it a mid-tier priority. Caltrans informed him that cities should
32 notify Caltrans that upgrades are a high priority for Caltrans to consider increasing the priority.

1 Skyline Boulevard is heavily used, and vehicles travel fast along Skyline. Between 2003 and
2 2012, 205 accidents occurred. Mr. Selker indicated an individual is willing to pay for the
3 improvements, but Caltrans cannot accept private funding.

4 PABAC members discussed the possibility of Caltrans being affiliated with a nonprofit
5 foundation that could accept donations for the work; Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition's bike ride
6 that resulted in spot improvements on Skyline; reviewing a list of projects that Caltrans has
7 identified as high priority; one individual determining public policy; standards for shoulders and
8 bike lanes; and Skyline having limited right-of-way in many places for a full shoulder.

9 **MOTION**

10 Motion by Mr. Swent, seconded by Mr. de la Beaujardiere, to recommend staff to notify Caltrans
11 that shoulder improvements on Highway 35 are a high-priority project.

12 PABAC members considered the value of widening shoulders compared to the value of projects
13 identified as high priority; focusing on projects that would save lives; Caltrans' funding for the
14 improvements; and the improvements increasing bicyclists' safety. The City could send a letter
15 to Caltrans and state that the lack of shoulders is a problem for Palo Alto cyclists.

16 **Amended Motion** by Mr. Swent, seconded by Mr. de la Beaujardiere, to support improving
17 safety on Skyline Boulevard by increasing the width of shoulders and recommend City staff to
18 notify Caltrans that increasing the width of shoulders on Skyline Boulevard is a high priority.
19 Amended Motion passed 9-3.

20 **8. STANDING ITEMS:**
21 **a. VTA BPAC Update**

22 Mr. Neff reported at the October meeting, VTA BPAC received information regarding typical
23 costs of bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure and funding sources, and a presentation of the Eastridge
24 to BART light rail extension. VTA is seeking partners to subsidize the express bus network.

25 PABAC members questioned the estimated costs of bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure. Ms. Star-
26 Lack explained that the amounts are planning level costs estimates.

27 Mr. Goldstein requested the final cost of bicycle improvements on Page Mill/Highway 280. Mr.
28 Rock inquired regarding CO₂ emissions per express bus passenger mile compared to automobile
29 emissions.

30 **b. Grant Funding Update**

31 None

32 **9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

33 Mr. Rock shared his observations of bicycle infrastructure in Canada.

34 Mr. Goldstein noted the bridge in Bol Park needs maintenance.

- 1 Ms. Rothstein announced the winter bike class will begin November 14.
- 2 In reply to queries, Ms. Star-Lack advised that a date has not been set for the Council to discuss
3 bicycle boulevard data. She will continue to advocate for PABAC's advance review of the staff
4 report and will provide PABAC with the date of the Council discussion when it is set.
- 5 **10. ADJOURNMENT** at 7:49 p.m.
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