



**Palo Alto Pedestrian and
Bicycle Advisory Committee**

**Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 6:15 P.M.
Embarcadero Room, Rinconada Library
1213 Newell Road, Palo Alto**

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
 - a. Meeting on March 3, 2020 only at MPCC, El Palo Alto West Room
5. STAFF UPDATES: 6:25 PM
 - a. Bylaws
 - b. Safe Routes to School
 - c. Bicycle Boulevard
 - i. Phase 1 Report
 - ii. Phase 1 Survey
 - iii. Phase 2 Plans
 - d. Charleston-Arastradero Corridor
6. DISCUSSION ITEMS: 6:45 PM
 - a. Letters by the Chair
 - b. Meeting Restructuring
 - i. Dedicating discussion time by mode: bicycling, walking, rolling, other topics (e.g. complete streets)
 - c. Regional Connectivity
 - i. Should it be a discussion item or a monthly standing item
 - d. PABAC Representation at Other Relevant Meetings (e.g. XCAP)
7. STANDING ITEMS: 7:45 PM
 - a. VTA BPAC Update
8. ADJOURNMENT 8:00 PM



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Tuesday, January 7, 2020

6:15 P.M.

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1213 Newell Road, Palo Alto, CA

Members Present: Eric Nordman (Chair), Ken Joye (Vice Chair), Bruce Arthur, Cedric de la Beaujardiere, Kathy Durham, Paul Goldstein, Art Liberman, Robert Neff, Rob Robinson, Steve Rock, Jane Rothstein, Richard Swent, Alan Wachtel, Bill Zauman

Members Absent: Bill Courington, Ann Crichton, Penny Ellson, David Hirsch, Owen Longstreth,

Staff Present: Sylvia Star-Lack, Joanna Chan

Guest:

1. CALL TO ORDER at 6:15 p.m.

2. AGENDA CHANGES

None

3. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Neff, seconded by Mr. Swent, to approve the minutes of November 5, 2019, as presented. Motion passed 7-0 with Vice Chair Joye abstaining.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

5. STAFF UPDATES:

a. Safe Routes to Schools

Jose Palma introduced himself as the new Safe Routes to School Coordinator. Selection of the priorities for the fourth year of the Five Year Plan and preparation of an Equity Plan are underway. Spring bicycle education at PAUSD schools will include a walking field trip for second graders, refresher training for fifth graders, and the getting to high school program for

1 eighth graders. Staff is working with Stanford Research Park to develop better visualization of
2 data.

3 In response to questions, Sylvia Star-Lack reported the City's equity efforts have been translating
4 resources into multiple languages and ensuring Safe Routes to School cover the entire city.
5 Currently, the City has no facilities that children with special needs can use. There is a
6 movement to convert road signs from text to graphics to benefit diverse populations. Mr. Palma
7 will be working with high school students to develop meaningful programming for high school
8 students. Road signs have to comply with State requirements.

9 **b. Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons**

10 Joanna Chan reported that electricity has been connected to four of the five beacons, but Caltrans
11 has not released a date when the beacons will be operational.

12 **c. Bicycle Boulevard Report**

13 Ms. Chan indicated the report is tentatively scheduled for Council discussion and possibly action
14 on February 24. Staff will continue collecting data as long as possible; therefore, staff is
15 uncertain when the staff report could be shared prior to the Council meeting.

16 **d. Palo Alto Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan 2012 Update**

17 Ms. Chan reported staff will request funding for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan update in the
18 fiscal year 2021 budget, but work cannot begin until the Council acts on the bicycle boulevard
19 report.

20 **e. Charleston-Arastradero Corridor**

21 Ms. Chan related that Phase I construction on the Hetch Hetchy bike path will begin in January
22 while Phase II irrigation and planting is almost complete. Public Works, Transportation, and the
23 Fire Department will work with PAUSD regarding the median at the Hoover Elementary exit
24 driveway. The Council has not approved Phase III.

25 Mr. Rock advised that the merge arrow on westbound Charleston between Nelson and
26 Middlefield to be modified to eliminate confusion for drivers.

27 Ms. Durham noted the Hetch Hetchy bike path is closed and work is being done on the bike path.

28 **f. Traffic Circle at Park Boulevard/Stanford Avenue**

29 Ms. Chan indicated the project, which is a part of the Bicycle Boulevard Phase II work, is on
30 hold pending Council action on the bicycle boulevard report. Ms. Star-Lack added that all
31 bicycle projects will be subject to community engagement and review.

32 PABAC discussed the traffic circle and the need for safety improvements and suggested the use
33 of rolled curbs and bollards.

1 **6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

2 **a. 2020 Chair and Vice Chair Election**

3 **Motion** by Chair Nordman, seconded by Mr. Rock, to approve Ken Joye as Chair. Motion
4 passed 13-0.

5 **Motion** by Mr. Liberman, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve Art Liberman as Vice Chair.
6 Motion passed 12-0.

7 **b. Page Mill Road at Hanover Street**

8 Ms. Chan explained that the City is a supplemental reviewer for the County project. Mr. Ruis is
9 working with the County.

10 Mr. Goldstein did not believe the signal could be tripped from the right-hand lane on Hanover in
11 both directions.

12 **7. STANDING ITEMS:**

13 **a. VTA BPAC Update**

14 Mr. Neff reported that the December meeting included presentations from Caltrans and San Jose
15 Vision Zero. The new VTA bus network is operating. The carbon impact of people taking VTA
16 express buses is about the same as driving solo. The total cost of Page Mill/280 bicycle safety
17 improvements will be approximately \$1.1 million.

18 **9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

19 Mr. de la Beaujardiere indicated that in its January 9 meeting, the VTA Board will consider
20 moving public comment to the end of the agenda, increasing bus funding, and declaring a
21 climate emergency.

22 Ms. Durham suggested that the City should look into ways to promote bus and shuttle services
23 rather than expecting people to gather information from the City and VTA websites.

24 Ms. Rothstein announced the winter biking class will be held in Redwood City on February 5,
25 2020 at 4:30pm.

26 **10. ADJOURNMENT** at 7:30 p.m.

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