



**Palo Alto Pedestrian and  
Bicycle Advisory Committee**

**Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 6:15 P.M.  
El Palo Alto West Room, Mitchell Park Community Center  
3700 Middlefield 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:  |         |
| a. Safe Routes to School   | 6:25 PM |
| b. <a href="#">Bike and Scooter Share Pilot Program</a>  | 6:30 PM |
| c. Hanover/Page Mill Project Status  | 6:35 PM |
| d. <a href="#">Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons</a>   | 6:40 PM |
| e. Bol Park Path Project Status  | 6:45 PM |
| 6. STANDING ITEMS:   |         |
| a. VTA BPAC Update   | 6:50 PM |
| 7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:   |         |
| a. <a href="#">Neighborhood Traffic Safety Bicycle Boulevard Ph 1 Report</a> - Summary<br>of Council Meeting | 7:00 PM |
| b. <a href="#">Neighborhood Traffic Safety Bicycle Boulevard Ph 2 Plans</a>                                  | 7:45 PM |
| 8. ADJOURNMENT   | 8:00 PM |



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Tuesday, February 4, 2020

6:15 P.M.

**EMBARCADERO ROOM, RINCONADA LIBRARY**

1213 Newell Road, Palo Alto, CA

Members Present: Ken Joye (Chair), Art Liberman (Vice Chair), Bill Courington, Cedric de la Beaujardiere, Kathy Durham, Penny Ellson, Paul Goldstein, Robert Neff, Eric Nordman, Rob Robinson, Jane Rothstein, Alan Wachtel, Bill Zauman

Members Absent: Bruce Arthur, Ann Crichton, David Hirsch, Owen Longstreth, Steve Rock, Richard Swent

Staff Present: Sylvia Star-Lack, Joanna Chan

Guest: Bruce Donoghue

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

**2. AGENDA CHANGES**

None

**3. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES**

**MOTION**

Motion by Chair Joye, seconded by Mr. Nordman, to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Mr. Courington abstaining.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**a. Meeting on March 3, 2020 only at MPCC, El Palo Alto West Room**

Bruce Donoghue, Santa Clara BPAC, expressed that he is present to observe the operation of the meeting and to learn how PABAC engages the public in its programs and meetings. He provided a handout of the new standard for crosswalk illumination.

Mr. Goldstein found comments contained in correspondence to PABAC to be disrespectful of staff and suggested such comments not be stated in emails or conversations.

1 Joanna Chan reminded that the March 3 meeting will be held in the El Palo Alto West Room at  
2 Mitchell Park Community Center. The April meeting will return to Rinconada Library.

3 **5. STAFF UPDATES:**

4 **a. Bylaws**

5 Ms. Chan indicated Chair Joye requested staff to express their perspective of PABAC and its  
6 advisory role. PABAC's feedback and experience is very helpful to staff. Staff conveyed that it  
7 will be advantageous to focus on upcoming projects, but is willing to report back on current  
8 projects as requested.

9 Mr. Joye explained that he and Vice Chair Liberman wished to ensure PABAC and staff have the  
10 same view of PABAC's and staff's roles.

11 **b. Safe Routes to School**

12 Ms. Chan reported that the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) team is observing selective locations  
13 for driver behavior, speeding, and recording bicycle/vehicle interaction. Site assessments are  
14 underway at Gunn and Palo Verde. Staff and Traffic Safety Representatives (TSR) will meet  
15 with PAUSD consultants on the first phase of Measure Z projects at Escondido, Walter Hays,  
16 Greene, Palo Verde, Fletcher, and JLS. Staff will host SRTS encouragement tables during the  
17 events on Martin L. King Jr. Day and Presidents Day at Mitchell Park. PTAs have prepared  
18 letters supporting the bicycle boulevard report and will submit them to the Council prior to  
19 Council discussion of the report.

20 **c. Bicycle Boulevard**

21 **i. Phase 1 Report**

22 **ii. Phase 1 Survey**

23 **iii. Phase 2 Plans**

24 Ms. Chan reported the Council discussion is scheduled for February 24, and staff are currently  
25 finalizing the report for Council. The City Manager's Office led the survey, and staff  
26 communicated to PABAC the release of the survey as timely as possible. Phase 2 plans can be  
27 found on the project website and will be discussed in community meetings after the Council  
28 meeting.

29 In response to questions, Sylvia Star-Lack indicated staff is reviewing the consultant's report of  
30 outcomes from the Ross Road project. She did not know if the report would be shared with  
31 PABAC prior to the Council meeting. If the discussion goes forward on February 24, the staff  
32 report will be available publicly on February 14. The results of the survey are incorporated into  
33 the report. The survey or a summary of survey results will probably not be released separate  
34 from the report.

35 **d. Charleston-Arastradero Corridor**

36 Ms. Chan noted Public Works is working to complete Phase II work. Phase III should be  
37 released for bids mid-year.

1 In answer to queries, Ms. Star-Lack agreed to ask Public Works about any changes to Phase III  
2 plans. Phase III plans include continuous bike lanes across El Camino and a section from  
3 Middlefield to Nelson. Mr. Neff summarized the contents of Phase III plans.

4 Mr. Wachtel remarked that the block between San Antonio and Fabian is particularly  
5 problematic.

6 Chair Joye recommended PABAC members to review Phase III plans.

7 **6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**  
8 **a. Letters by the Chair**

9 Chair Joye requested information regarding letters written by the Chair on behalf of PABAC.

10 Mr. Goldstein advised that in the past PABAC members voted on a motion for the Chair to write  
11 a letter in support or opposition to a topic. The motion typically contained details to be  
12 addressed in the letter. The Chair could solicit feedback on a draft letter from members of  
13 PABAC. The letters are usually addressed to the City Council. At times, PABAC has disagreed  
14 with staff regarding a project, and staff did not object to PABAC writing a letter to the Council.

15 Bill Zauman noted the Bylaws do not address letters specifically, but comments in the Bylaws  
16 may be pertinent to letters.

17 Mr. de la Beaujardiere concurred with Mr. Goldstein's recollections. The reason for writing a  
18 letter is to express PABAC's views beyond transportation staff.

19 Ms. Durham suggested a letter would be appropriate if PABAC did not have sufficient time to  
20 relay its views through staff.

21 Mr. Robinson recalled extensive discussions and revisions of the components for letters.

22 Mr. Neff indicated the typical letter represented PABAC's support for a project to the Council.

23 Ms. Ellson referred to Section 8 of the Bylaws regarding staff's responsibility to facilitate  
24 transmission of PABAC's concerns to the City Manager and City Council.

25 **b. Meeting Restructuring**  
26 **i. Dedicating discussion time by mode: bicycling, walking, rolling, other**

27 Vice Chair Liberman suggested the concept to hold meetings focused on issues raised by a guest  
28 speaker.

29 Chair Joye suggested devoting time during each meeting to discuss walking because discussion  
30 is most often focused on bicycling.

31 Ms. Chan added that the concept is to present the views of a range of transportation modes. This  
32 could be helpful in updating the Bike Plan.

1 Mr. de la Beaujardiere remarked that PABAC is not explicitly oriented towards pedestrian  
2 issues, and bringing the issues to PABAC's attention would be good.

3 Mr. Nordman concurred with having guest speakers and focusing an item on other modes of  
4 travel.

5 Mr. Goldstein commented that PABAC's is used to react to issues presented by staff. Updating  
6 the Bike Plan should include PABAC's feedback on comments from the public and plans and  
7 reports prepared by consultants and staff. Guest speakers would not be a good use of PABAC's  
8 time.

9 Mr. Zauman recalled a prior PABAC discussion regarding lack of expertise around pedestrian  
10 issues. However, PABAC was composed of different members at that time.

11 Ms. Rothstein suggested having some agenda items, perhaps not at every meeting, for pedestrian  
12 issues.

13 Ms. Durham seemed to recall that pedestrian was added to the title because it was required.  
14 PABAC should consider bringing in information about active transportation.

15 Mr. Zauman stated that finding people who have pedestrian expertise and are willing to  
16 participate is difficult.

17 Mr. Goldstein felt PABAC is capable of addressing pedestrian concerns.

18 Mr. de la Beaujardiere believed PABAC could increase its awareness and expertise about  
19 pedestrian topics through guest speakers.

20 Chair Joye questioned whether there are constituencies that could be queried about transportation  
21 barriers.

22 Mr. Neff remarked that examining a map could lead one to identify barriers.

23 Mr. Robinson suggested PABAC to review the Embarcadero/El Camino/Galvez intersection  
24 from the perspectives of bicyclists and pedestrians.

25 Mr. Zauman proposed a timekeeper to ensure the meeting progresses efficiently and items later  
26 in the agenda are discussed fully.

27 Chair Joye indicated the consensus is not to restructure meetings.

28 Ms. Durham suggested agenda items be framed in an inclusive way.

29 **c. Regional Connectivity**  
30 **i. Should it be a discussion item or a monthly standing item**

31 Chair Joye removed this item from discussion.

1           **d.       PABAC Representation at Other Relevant Meetings (e.g., XCAP)**

2 Chair Joye noted other groups are discussing infrastructure changes and additions that could  
3 affect bicyclists and pedestrians. Perhaps, PABAC members should attend these meetings to  
4 learn about proposals and to provide feedback.

5 Mr. Neff suggested that staff should request PABAC participation in meetings when there may  
6 be bicycle and pedestrian issues. Mr. Goldstein concurred.

7 Mr. Robinson remarked that participation in other groups' meetings can provide information that  
8 PABAC does not learn about.

9 Ms. Ellson proposed grade separations be presented to PABAC for comments rather than  
10 PABAC attending XCAP meetings.

11 Vice Chair Liberman felt the XCAP group is different from earlier groups in that grade  
12 separations will have a major impact in the City.

13 Ms. Star-Lack did not believe staff input is necessary until the option for each crossing is chosen.  
14 The process is geared to include bicycle and pedestrian connectivity.

15 Mr. de la Beaujardiere agreed with having a representative of bicycle interests at meetings.

16 Ms. Ellson requested staff update PABAC periodically about grade separation concepts.

17 Chair Joye clarified that PABAC should review a concept plan for grade separations.

18 **7.       STANDING ITEMS:**  
19           **a.       VTA BPAC Update**

20 Mr. Neff reported VTA is working on an update to the Bikeways Map. The BPAC failed to elect  
21 a chairman. Measure B funding will support bicycle programs that VTA administers. VTA's  
22 main focus is funding a SRTS person at the county level.

23 Mr. Nordman suggested PABAC obtain the draft Bikeways Map and provide feedback prior to  
24 its publication.

25 **8.       ADJOURNMENT** at 7:41 p.m.

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