



## BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN & TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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**Pleasanton Senior Center**  
5353 Sunol Boulevard, Pleasanton, CA 94566  
**Monday, December 9, 2019**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee Meeting of December 9, 2019 was called to order at 6:48 p.m. by Chairperson Bowers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **ROLL CALL**

Committee Members Present: Chairperson Bryan Bowers, Vice-Chairperson Allen, David Fisch, Mark Flynn, John Houston, Steve Nigro, Sharon Piekarski and Ashwin Sriram.

Committee Members Absent: Todd Nelson and Herb Ritter.

Staff Present: Mike Tassano, City Traffic Engineer; Matt Nelson, Associate Traffic Engineer; Léa Frizzell, Recording Secretary.

Agency Representatives: None.

### **AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

None.

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Approve regular meeting minutes of November 25, 2019**

A motion was made by Ms. Piekarski, seconded by Mr. Fisch, to approve the November 25, 2019 meeting minutes. **The motion was approved.**

### **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

## **2. Introductions/Awards/Recognitions/Presentations**

None.

## **3. Public comment from the audience regarding items not listed on the agenda**

None.

## **MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

### **4. Review summary and recommendations for the West Las Positas Corridor**

Mr. Nelson introduced the current status of the West Las Positas Corridor plan and explained that the consultant, Toole Design, was not able to attend tonight's meeting.

Mr. Tassano provided a brief overview of the following West Las Positas Corridor design options:

1A/1B: One-way separated bikeways (low/high cost)

2A/2B: Two-way separated bikeway on south side and standard bike lane or one-way separated bikeway on north side (low/high cost)

3A/3B: Hybrids of alternatives 1 and 2

- Foothill to Hopyard: 1A/1B design
- Hopyard to Santa Rita: 2A/2B design
- Santa Rita to eastern limit of project: 2A/2B design

4: Shared-use path on south side (sidewalk-level two-way separated bikeway) with one-way separated bikeway on north side

Mr. Tassano shared the top priorities from the online survey results:

- Separate bicycles and vehicles
- Improve pedestrian crosswalks
- Design "all ages and abilities" bicycle facilities
- Rapid implementation of improvements

Mr. Tassano added that the survey showed preferred design alternatives as 1A/1B – 40%, 4 – 21%, and 3B – 19%.

Mr. Tassano presented the similar design features for major intersections at Hopyard Road, Willow Road, Owens Drive, and Santa Rita Road. He added that the cost breakdown will be brought to the next BPTC meeting.

Mr. Nigro and Mr. Tassano discussed funding sources and budget constraints associated with the project. Mr. Tassano explained that the first phase of the 1A/1B option can be combined with annual resurfacing and CIP projects.

Ms. Piekarski discussed her preference to design alternative 2 and Mr. Tassano explained that other cities with two-way bikeways have experienced problems that include confusion at intersections.

Mr. Tassano recommended that the committee move forward with 2 alternatives that could be later refined to a single alternative. The two alternatives are:

- 1A/1B with 2B from Iron Horse Trail to Santa Rita Road.
- Alternative 4

If two alternatives are selected, they can be refined for the January BPTC meeting and a report to City Council for adoption in February.

Ms. Piekarski asked about extending the 2B section to Fairlands Elementary.

Mr. Tassano stated that is a possibility that will be explored and brought back for discussion.

Mr. Flynn asked about the loading zone at Hart Middle School and how the 2B alternative would affect that.

Mr. Tassano stated that the loading zone will remain, and the bike lane will be protected from the loading zone with enough space for car doors to open without obstructing the bike lane.

Mr. Tassano concluded his presentation and asked the committee for any additional feedback or questions.

Chairperson Bowers stated that he likes the feasibility of the 1A/1B option and agrees with the staff recommendation.

Mr. Nigro asked about fine tuning numbers from consultant.

Mr. Tassano responded that he was not comfortable with the cost presented for alternative 4 and expects the storm drain relocation to be more expensive than the current estimate.

Mr. Nigro stated he would like to see alternative 4 removed as an option and focus on 1A/1B.

Mr. Sriram agreed with the staff recommendation – citing that it is the best of both.

Mr. Schulenberg agreed with the staff recommendation.

Ms. Piekarski expressed that she would like to keep alternative 4 (cycle track) as an option.

Mr. Fisch stated that he prefers the 1A/1B alternative and agrees with the staff recommendation.

Mr. Flynn agreed with staff recommendation.

Mr. Houston stated he favors 1A because it will be implemented the soonest and does not support alternative 4.

Vice-chair Allen stated that she does not support alternative 4 due to cost and feasibility and agreed with the staff recommendation of alternative 1A/1B.

Mr. Tassano proposed that he bring back the two alternatives to the next meeting for further review and to make a final recommendation after the costs have been calculated.

Ms. Piekarski asked if this project will be brought to the Parks & Rec Commission for their input.

Mr. Tassano responded that it is a possibility but may delay Council approval.

Ms. Piekarski asked about a timeline for the project.

Mr. Tassano responded that 1A could have final plans drawn by mid-summer and the striping completed before school starts.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **5. Updates from the Parks and Recreation Commission**

None.

### **6. Updates from Project/Program/Agency Representatives**

None.

7. **Other brief reports on any meetings, conferences, and/or seminars attended by the Committee members**

None.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

None.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Bowers adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.