

**Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
Monday, June 28, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee Meeting of June 28, 2021 was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Chairperson Deckert. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: Chairperson Chuck Deckert, Justin Brown, Bruce Henry, John Houston, Matt Maciel, Todd Nelson, Sharon Piekarski, Sierra Stewart.

Committee Members Absent: Steve Nigro, Tejas Prakash.

Staff Present: Matt Nelson, Associate Traffic Engineer, Matt Gruber, City Landscape Architect.

Agency Representatives: None.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

None.

MINUTES

1. **Approval of the January 25, 2021 and March 22, 2021 meeting minutes – item continued to the next schedule BPTC meeting.**

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2. **Introductions/Awards/Recognitions**

Associate Traffic Engineer Nelson welcomed the new Committee members.

Justin Brown, Bruce Henry, and Sierra Stewart introduced themselves.

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

None.

MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

4. Nevada Street Improvements Schematic Plan Review

City Landscape Architect Gruber summarized the Nevada Street Improvement project including schematic plan, use of the trail, and proposed plan.

Member Henry questioned use of the dirt lot for parking. City Landscape Architect Gruber stated the design would continue through 2021 and be bid in Summer 2022. Member Henry indicated support for the project and stated he liked the additional access on Zone 7.

Member Houston stated he liked the project, green space, and encouraging use of the bike paths. He stated the intersections were imperative, and signage and lights needed to be triggered for bicyclists. He asked if Zone 7 was cooperating.

Member Brown stated it was necessary to ensure the public parking spaces were not consumed with cars for sale. He asked the intended signage and if winter versus wet weather path would be indicated. He asked if there would be gates to close Zone 7 during wet periods and if the route would be published in the City's materials. City Landscape Architect Gruber stated the maps would be updated to include the wet and dry season routes. He referenced challenges under the bridge and the need to work with Zone 7.

Member Maciel asked if Nevada Street at Wyoming Street would be widened. City Landscape Architect Gruber stated the street would be widened and parking and bike lanes would be included. Member Maciel asked if there would be design features to make it obvious that Wyoming Street terminated at the plaza. City Landscape Architect Gruber stated the design had to be worked out but Zone 7 equipment access was necessary. Member Maciel suggested removable bollards and a means to mitigate cross traffic and indicate mixed use. In response to Member Maciel, Associate Traffic Engineer Nelson discussed the proposed street lumps on Nevada Street. Member Maciel suggested integrating a raised crosswalk with speed hump and signage for two-hour parking.

Member Piekarski requested clarification on the width of the trail. City Landscape Architect Gruber explained the location of the ten-foot wide trail and six-foot wide sidewalk, joining the four-foot wide sidewalk. Member Piekarski expressed concern with bicycles riding on the sidewalks. She questioned the striping and potential curb relocation to improve the trail. Associate City Engineer Nelson discussed the two-way center left turn lanes due to business access. He stated moving the curb and gutter was not feasible. He discussed traffic signalization which would alleviate congestion and speeding. Member Piekarski expressed concern with the width of the sidewalk. She discussed her experience in trying to ride the trail. She agreed with public feedback

regarding the development of the Aufdermaur property. City Landscape Architect Gruber stated it was not related to the trail. He stated the concept plan, public comments and BTPC comments would be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission in August. Member Piekarski stated she had concerns with the project.

Member Nelson discussed his ride on the trail. He expressed hope for the use of asphalt instead of concrete and echoed previous comments about signage. He stated he did not think the project filled the trail gap.

In response to Chair Deckert, City Landscape Architect Gruber discussed project funding.

In response to Member Brown, City Landscape Architect Gruber stated the City preferred concrete over asphalt due to maintenance.

In response to Member Houston, City Landscape Architect Gruber discussed conversations with Zone 7 and understanding that the road washed out.

Elke Rank, Water Resources Planner, Zone 7, discussed permitting efforts to repair the washed-out road.

Steven Dunbar questioned when the proposed vision for a shared use path was precluded. He discussed the merge lanes on Bernal.

City Landscape Architect Gruber discussed efforts to create safe, usable trails.

Member Nelson suggested current maps be utilized.

In response to Member Maciel, Ms. Rank stated she was not part of the engineering group and the work she discussed was repair of the washed away road and strategic vegetation maintenance.

5. Status Update on the West Las Positas Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Corridor Plan

Associate City Engineer Nelson provided an update on the project indicating the project would be completed in conjunction with roadway reconstruction. He stated there was currently no funding for the project.

Member Nelson expressed concern that the top priority would not be completed.

Member Houston agreed with Member Nelson.

Member Piekarski expressed similar frustration. Associate Traffic Engineer Nelson stated the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan would be incorporated into the roadway plan. He discussed efforts for an interim build. He stated further design had not been conducted

on the westbound crossing at Santa Rita Road and that he did not anticipate starting the Santa Rita Road plan.

Member Henry suggested discussing why the Committee's number one priority did not get done. He suggested consideration of safety at the middle school.

6. Review of Bicycle Lane Installation Concurrent with Road Resurfacing Projects

Associate Traffic Engineer Nelson presented the annual resurfacing and restriping projects.

In response to Member Maciel, Associate Traffic Engineer Nelson stated there were no delineators, reconstruction nor curb realignment; the project was simply striping. Member Maciel suggested lead-ins be shortened to prevent cars from driving through the bike lane.

In response to Member Piekarski, Associate Traffic Engineer Nelson stated Hacienda Overpass grant funds were not being used for the resurfacing projects. He confirmed the plan to have buffered bike lanes from overpass to overpass.

Member Nelson noted heavy equipment on Independence.

Member Houston suggested signs indicating bicycles allowed to use sharrows.

In response to Member Nelson, Member Brown stated it was up to the contractor to schedule the work.

Steven Dunbar discussed stop bars applying to bicycles and provided suggestions for bike lane corrections. He questioned the proposed bike boulevards.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. Updates from the Parks and Recreation Commission

Chair Deckert discussed the joint City Council/Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to listen to concerns of neighbors around Bicentennial Park, with the solution of parking at Century House.

8. Updates from Project/Program/Agency Representatives

None.

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

None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Chair Deckert discussed the City of San Jose's use of parking cement blocks to delineate bike paths.

Member Piekarski requested the materials be provided to the Committee earlier. She suggested the Committee Members attend the Council meeting to support its priorities.

Member Nelson requested information on cyclist road use. Associate Traffic Engineer Nelson stated the annual collision report would be provided soon. He discussed camera and consultant bicycle counts and estimated a 25-35% vehicle decrease.

Member Houston asked when the committee would meet in public. Associate Traffic Engineer Nelson anticipated the soonest would be the fall.

In response to Member Piekarski, Associate Traffic Engineer Nelson discussed the intent to meet more regularly going forward.

In response to Member Maciel, Associate Traffic Engineer Nelson stated the Bernal Railroad Project was progressing.

STAFF COMMENTS

Associate Traffic Engineer Nelson stated next meeting is anticipated for June and welcomed the new members.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Deckert adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.