



**REGULAR MEETING of the
San Mateo County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (SMCBPAC)
Thursday, August 15, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

455 County Center, Conference Room 101
Redwood City, CA 94063

***** HYBRID MEETING – IN-PERSON AND BY VIDEOCONFERENCE *****

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1. **WELCOME**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

This item is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on any SMCBPAC-related matters that are as follows: 1) Not otherwise on this meeting agenda; 2) Staff Report on the Regular Meeting Agenda; or 3) Committee Members' Reports on the Regular Meeting Agenda. Public comments on matters not listed above shall be heard at the time the matter is called.

Speakers are customarily limited to two minutes, but an extension can be provided to you at the discretion of the Committee Chair.

4. **ACTION TO SET AGENDA**

This item is to set the final regular agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. **Review and Approve April 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes** (Action)
6. **BPAC Member Announcements and Discussion** (Information)
7. **Proposal to hold a Special September BPAC meeting for the Draft Final Report on the Coleman and Ringwood Avenues Transportation Study** (Action)
8. **Atherton El Camino Real Complete Streets Study** (Information)
9. **Nomination of BPAC members to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) Joint Pedestrian/Bicycle and Alternative Congestion Relief/Transportation Demand Management Call for Projects Evaluation Panel** (Action)
10. **BPAC Support Letter for the SMCTA Pedestrian/Bicycle Program Call for Projects: Hillside Boulevard Complete Streets Corridor Project** (Action)
11. **BPAC Support Letter for the SMCTA Pedestrian/Bicycle Program Call for Projects: Alpine Road Corridor Improvement Project** (Action)
12. **Santa Cruz/Alameda de las Pulgas Complete Streets Project Design Modifications** (Information)

13. Research Follow up on Law Enforcement Policy Regarding Motorist/Bicyclist Conflicts (Information)

14. County Updates (Information)

15. Adjournment

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3. You will be asked to enter an email address and name. We request that you identify yourself by name as this will be visible online and will be used to notify you that it is your turn to speak.
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1. WELCOME

Chair Salinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Elaine Salinger
John Langbein
Michael Barnes
Susan Doherty
Fred Zyda
Cristina Aquino
Mark Lee

Members Absent:

County Employees: Joel Slavit, Vanessa Castro, Kevin Pankhurst, Cassandra Matter

Mr. Slavit conducted a roll call. A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Member of the public, Mr. Mike Swire, requested a status update on items and concerns mentioned during prior BPAC meetings, including the proposal to lower speed limits on County roads near schools, the cyclist collision on Polhemus Drive, and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority Highway 101 Managed Lanes Project.

Member of the public, Mr. Ron Snow, spoke about the Broadmoor Safe Routes to School Improvements Project and shared that County staff had addressed some of the concerns that he had previously raised but noted the raised mid-block crosswalk across South Park Plaza Drive wasn't elevated enough to slow traffic.

4. ACTION TO SET AGENDA

Member Barnes motioned to set the agenda. Vice Chair Langbein seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Review and Approve February 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes (Action)

Chair Salinger motioned to approve. Member Barnes seconded. The motion carried 4-0-1, with Member Doherty abstaining.

6. BPAC Member Announcements and Discussion (Information)

Member Barnes shared images of the Broadmoor Safe Routes to School Improvement Project and ribbon cutting ceremony.

Vice Chair Langbein shared that the County received an allocation of over five million dollars for the construction of the Santa Cruz Avenue and Alameda de las Pulgas Corridor Improvement Project from the California Transportation Commission under the Active Transportation Program. He also noted that the Project was going to the County Board of Supervisors meeting the following week prior to the advertisement for construction bids and that he would continue to monitor progress on the Project.

Chair Salinger shared that she met with three members of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority and wrote an op-ed for the San Mateo Daily Journal advocating for cycling and pedestrian infrastructure funding. She also noted that she would like to elevate concerns about the Highway 101 Managed Lanes Project so that community members can be better informed when it goes to governmental bodies for action. Member Doherty was concerned that many actions take place in the County without the BPAC's prior knowledge, and shared she would like people to speak out against this project and to advocate for more active transportation improvements. Mr. Slavit responded that San Mateo County Transportation Authority staff could be invited to present at a future BPAC meeting. He also shared that the draft environmental impact report was proposed to be released later in the spring and would be shared with the BPAC and interested parties when available.

Chair Salinger asked for an update on the Safe Routes to School proposal to reduce speeds near schools on County roads and the video pilot program. Mr. Slavit shared that the proposal to reduce speed limits near schools on County roads was proposed to go to the County Board of Supervisors in May to amend the County's existing ordinance for Prima Facia Speed Limits to include 15 and 20 miles per hour speed limits. Chair Salinger also asked for an update on the proposed cyclist video pilot program. Ms. Cassandra Matter shared that Supervisor Mueller carefully reviewed the video pilot program letter, but the Supervisor did not recommend the proposal to go forward to the County Board of Supervisors.

7. Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition El Camino Real 2030 Campaign (Information)

Sandhya Laddha, Deputy Director with the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, presented an informational item about the El Camino Real 2030 Campaign.

Member Barnes asked about the plan for Burlingame since this stretch of El Camino Real is lined with eucalyptus trees. Ms. Laddha noted that although there are currently no bike lanes, pedestrian improvements have been made. Chair Salinger asked for clarification about the tree removal. Ms. Laddha responded that the City of Burlingame is interested in preserving trees but that she is unsure of any further updates. Member Barnes also asked about plans for the Colma and South San Francisco segments of El Camino Real. Ms. Laddha responded that Colma has an El Camino Real Corridor Plan and is working with Caltrans to add bike lanes.

Vice Chair Langbein shared his support for bike lanes on El Camino Real but had concerns about the recommended Class IV bike lanes, as they could be restrictive for bicyclists traveling at different speeds, and the number of conflict points with vehicular crossings from adjacent land uses. Ms. Laddha noted that the City of Mountain View expressed similar concerns and was exploring the addition of plastic bollards. Member Doherty shared her preference for Class IV bike lanes. Chair Salinger also spoke in support of Class IV bike lanes stating that they encourage more people to ride bikes.

Mr. Swire and Mr. Snow both spoke in support of the Campaign. Mr. Snow also noted other north-south routes through the County as well.

8. Bay to Sea Trail Feasibility Study Update (Information)

Jesse Jones, Associate Principal with PlaceWorks, and Bryanna Whitney, Public Access Project Manager with Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST), provided an informational update on the Bay to Sea Trail Feasibility Study.

Member Barnes wanted to know if trailside bicycle skills features were considered. He shared that a pump track with skill-building components could promote the Bay to Sea Trail. Ms. Jones responded that this could be added as part of the Trail's vision. Chair Salinger suggested inviting elected officials to ride the trail to build support. Member Doherty added that marketing could enhance the Trail and could bring economic benefits to the communities along the route. Chair Salinger asked if funding is the main impediment to building out the Trail. Ms. Jones replied that funding and the multijurisdictional component both impact its construction. She noted that the Trail is intended to be implemented by the jurisdictions it passes through, and that it could be provided on routes that have already been planned, such as the Bay Trail, where there is already momentum.

Mr. Swire asked how POST arrived at the proposed route. Ms. Jones responded that the route was chosen due to its continuous connection to open spaces.

9. Walk This Way: Advocating a Path for Safer Streets (Information)

Theresa Vallez-Kelly, Safe Routes to School Coordinator for the San Mateo County Office of Education and Liz Sanchez, Community Program Specialist with County Public Health, Policy and Planning provided an informational update on the Countywide Safe Routes to School Program.

Member Doherty asked for access to the Walk Audit Facilitator Training resources. Chair Salinger thanked the presenters for engaging students in their efforts. Mr. Snow commended the Safe Routes to School outreach plan and commented on student safety when crossing Alameda de las Pulgas near Woodside High School.

10. Research Follow up on Law Enforcement Policy Regarding Motorist/Bicyclist Conflicts (Information)

Chair Salinger led discussion on this item.

Alternate Member Lee shared the following responses from local law enforcement agencies he had contacted:

- City of Belmont: no citations issued in either year. No other information.
- City of San Mateo: no citations issued in either year. No other information.
- City of Redwood City: no citations issued in either year. No other information.
- San Mateo County Sheriff (includes Half Moon Bay, Portola Valley, Woodside, San Carlos, and Millbrae): one warning citation issued. In addition, there were “approximately 35 online reports for investigation of 3 ft rule violations. Warning letters were issued for most of these.”
- California Highway Patrol: one citation in 2022 and one citation in 2023, each citation the result of a collision.

In a brief discussion about the department policies, he stated that they have written policies that were not publicly disclosable because they contain some confidential information. He did state that officers were to apply the language of the statute as written, which provides that a vehicle overtaking a bicyclist within three-feet was not deemed a violation when providing the three-foot clearance would otherwise be “prohibited by law.”

Alternate Member Aquino suggested that the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Department should present this information at future BPAC meeting. Member Doherty requested a written summary of these findings be shared with the BPAC.

Chair Salinger shared her opinion that there should be more protected bike lanes, more people should ride with video cameras and that there is a need for more road safety education. She also shared that she has considered writing another op-ed about lack of enforcement. Member

Doherty suggested writing an op-ed that highlights the work done in the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department as opposed to one highlighting the lack of enforcement. Chair Salinger asked if BPAC members could write to jurisdictions in San Mateo County to address the concerns. Mr. Slavit replied that the BPAC can only bring recommendations to the Board for items that fall within the County's jurisdiction.

Mr. Snow shared that his experience reaching out to law enforcement agencies at Stanford, Menlo Oaks and Atherton was similar to what other BPAC members shared and that reports aren't processed for violations of the three-foot warning law or other bicycle incidents such as near misses. He said it was important for law enforcement to be able to identify the locations of where infractions are taking place and to share this information with Public Works Departments.

11. County Updates (Information)

Mr. Slavit shared an article sent by Member Doherty regarding the Los Angeles voter approved Measure HLA to help make the city more bicycle friendly. He also shared that, as part of a re-branding effort, the Office of Sustainability is now the Sustainability Department. Mr. Slavit also followed up on the notice he previously shared on the Caltrans submittal for a Coastal Development Permit application to the County for its State Route 1 Multi-Asset Roadway Rehabilitation Project. While the County Planning Commission recommended the approval of the Coastal Development Permit, it was appealed.

Mr. Slavit shared that the County and the City of Half Moon Bay were in the process of developing a Transportation Demand Management Plan for the Midcoast and Half Moon Bay to offer a greater array of alternative transportation choices to reduce congestion. He said that a public workshop was held on Thursday, April 25th from 6:30-8:00pm at the Half Moon Bay Community Center and noted the project website for the development of the Plan at: www.get-there-together.com. Ms. Castro wrapped up the updates sharing information about the City of Menlo Park's SafeTrec safety site visits.

Vice Chair Langbein inquired about the status of the comments he provided to the Department of Public Works on their Roads Project List, as he had not yet received a response.

Mr. Swire expressed his appreciation of the BPAC's effort to collect information on three-foot violations. Chair Salinger considered inviting Police Chiefs from other jurisdictions to future BPAC meetings.

12. Adjournment

Member Doherty motioned to adjourn. Vice Chair Langbein seconded. The motion carried: 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM.