

**MINUTES**  
**FREMONT BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**NILES ROOM**  
**39550 LIBERTY STREET**  
**FREMONT, CALIFORNIA 94538**  
**April 18, 2018, 7:00 P.M.**

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Steve Skala
  
2. **ROLL CALL:**  
**BPTAC Members (present):** Melissa Avery, Ken Wu, Gary Suplick, Phillip Swenson and Steve Skala  
**City staff (present):** Noe Veloso, Sonny (Sukhcharn) Sunak, and Rene Dalton
  
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting minutes of March 21, 2018 was requested by Gary Suplick to be revised. On page 5, last bullet point, remove comment attributed to Melissa Avery and attributed to Gary Suplick about a proposed new gas station development at the southeast corner of Mission Boulevard and Niles Canyon Road intersection. Following the suggested revisions a motion was made by Steve Skala to approve the minutes and the motion seconded by Melissa Avery. The minutes were unanimously voted for approval by all members.
  
4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**
  - Orchard Drive resident commented that the proposed East Bay Greenway Trail Project along Orchard Drive will not accommodate the proposed bikeway facility due to potential increase in bike collisions and removal of on-street parking. The City should consider holistic view of safety and consider another trail alignment instead of Orchard Drive.
  - A concerned resident stated Orchard Drive already has plenty of activity such as baseball league events between March and November, school traffic activity. The proposed new trail along with sports events, school activity will present significant issues for the neighborhood.
  - The proposed bikeway facility, per the scoping study will require portions of neighborhood homes front yard to loose landscaping in order to accommodate bikeway facilities.
  - Mitch, a resident, stated he supports the project but does not support the trail alignment on Orchard Drive and Mission Boulevard which has high volume and traffic speeds. Use Iron Horse Trail in Danville as a good example of a well-planned trail project.
  - Sandeep, an Orchard Drive resident, stated there is an issue with the Pickering Avenue traffic signal and prefers a different bikeway alignment than Orchard Drive.
  - An Orchard Drive resident stated that the City did not properly notice the residents on Orchard Drive with some residents receiving public notice and

most residents not receiving a notice. Rene Dalton stated post card notice about the public meeting was sent to property owners within 300' on either side of the trail corridor.

- Andreas Kadavanich stated that Orchard Drive is just a scoping study developing a conceptual design, with project schedule and cost estimate utilized specifically for pursuing grant funds only.
- Melissa Lorentz, Orchard Drive resident, was surprised the City is proposing a bikeway on Orchard Drive. The East Bay Greenway Scoping Study, Appendix D, indicates many fronting residents to Orchard Drive will lose mature trees.
- Bernice, a neighborhood resident, stated the project would be a mistake. Traffic is already busy with baseball traffic and school traffic.
- Noe Veloso stated that the scoping study was created to pursue grant funds. He stated the scoping study was not publicly reviewed. Residents and the public will have opportunity to provide public comments in the design should the Council approve acquisition of the railroad corridor for trail development. Currently, City staff is doing its due diligence and investigation for potential acquisition of the Union Pacific Railroad abandoned corridor. The first phase of the investigation includes the soil testing for soil contamination and to what extent. Following City investigation and due diligence City Council will decide whether to proceed with the land purchase or not.
- A resident requested that the soils test report should be disclosed after the testing is complete.
- A comment was received for staff to regularly provide status update of the railroad right-of-way acquisition process.
- Rene Dalton stated for future public meetings about the project, all Orchard Drive residents will be noticed.
- Bernice, a neighborhood resident stated a Pleasanton newspaper or the Diablo News reported some bike paths or cycle tracks where not well received.
- Marty, Orchard resident stated there are four Day Care facilities along the project segment of Orchard Drive.
- Steve Skala stated the BPTAC should schedule this item at a future BPTAC meeting.
- Melissa Avery (BPTAC Member) stated parents regularly ask her for trail facilities and safe places to ride with children and family members. She stated trail facilities are the type of facilities most inviting for parents and children to ride their bicycles. A good example is Iron Horse Trail which passes through residential neighborhoods.

## **5.1 2018 Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Work Plan**

Rene Dalton of City of Fremont Public Works/Transportation gave a presentation

to Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Committee (BPTAC) members and meeting attendees of the 2018 Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Plan. The Work Plan elements presentation included the following:

- Bikeway Improvements will be incorporated in the City's Annual Pavement Management program with the continuation to expand Class 2 buffered bike lanes, green striping and installation of delineators within the buffered bike lanes.
- Transportation Division will also implement an annual bikeway improvement project funded by Measure B & BB funds focusing on the 5 Year All Ages and Ability Bicycle Network consisting of Neighborhood Bikeways, Class 2 standard bicycle lanes, Class 2 enhanced buffered bicycle lanes, and separated bicycle lanes (buffered bike lanes with delineators).
- Pedestrian Improvements - continuation of pedestrian crossing enhancements of uncontrolled multi-lane arterials with crosswalks. Improvements may include, flashing beacons, ladder crosswalks, striped or raised bulb-outs and median refuge, curb ramps, striping and signing.
- Safe Routes to School- ATP funds
- Encouragement and Promotion Activities
- Bike Share, Bike Parking, Bike Detection, Bike Detection App
- Freeway Interchange Improvements
- Evaluation and External Recognition
- Planning
- Funding
- 2018 upcoming BPTAC meetings in June, September and December.
- Rene Dalton stated that Melissa Avery after persistence the last 2 years received approval to host Bike to Work Day event at Blacow Elementary School.

Following the presentation Staff received the following questions and comments:

- Steve Skala commented that Safe Routes to School new ideas should be reviewed to provide safety measure such as Warm Springs Development.
- Steve Skala commented that staff should evaluate and consider the possibility of scooters. Noe Veloso stated scooter companies have contacted the City and that vendors will be focusing on bike share.
- Table BPAC until Mobility Commission is established and the roles and responsibilities of both bodies are established.
- Steve commented that we need a Commission body that is dedicated to bike and pedestrian items. It can be determined the reporting structure of the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee.
- Noe Veloso stated he wants BPTAC to aid in advocacy such as writing to Caltrans and other organizations. Encourage walking and biking in community, more people riding bikes. Consider Cyclovia event.

- Melissa Avery inquired if scooters are permitted in sidewalk?
- Ken Wu asked if City has a preference to bike docking stations or dock less bike stations.
- Steve Skala asked how work plan is communicated to City Council. Noe Veloso stated Hans Larsen; Public Works Director gives regular update to City Council.
- Steve Skala stated there is a need to communicate to Council the need for more bicycle and pedestrian funds. He also stated at a recent Mobility Task Force meeting it was suggested that Council have more involvement with Planning Division.
- Andreas Kadavanich requested traffic counts and presentations to be posted on-line.
- Diane Shaw of the public stated, the BPTAC should not be diminished if a Mobility Commission is established. Noe Veloso stated that the key is the Commissions duties and roles do not overlap.
- Steve Skala raised a concern that funding a segment Mission Creek, which will presumably serve a small community that was recently developed; from bike/pedestrian funds can appear to jump the queue relative to other small community trails that have been planned for a long time. Also, building a segment of Mission Creek would be perfectly acceptable if impact fees or other funds that are not dedicated bike/pedestrian tax funds (Measure B or BB) are used.

## **5.2 May 2018 Bike to Work Day Events**

Sonny (Sunak) Sukhcharn gave a brief presentation of planned Bike to Work Day events in the month of May. Highlights of Bike to Work Day and Bike to School Day events include the following:

- City Council Bike to Work Day Proclamation on May 1, 2018.
- Bike to Work Day Ride with Mayor and Council member on May 10, 2018.
- Fremont hosting eight (8) energizer stations.
- Bike Fremont to host Bike to Work Day Happy Hour at Whole Foods.
- 17 Schools planned to host Bike to School Day.

Following Sonny's presentation the following comments and questions were received by City staff:

- Kelly Abreu stated that Coscto was selling bike helmets for \$15.
- Steve Skala suggested highlighting bike routes.
- Consider Police Department participation for Bike to School Day/Bike to Work Day.

- Consider placing on the BPTAC Agenda the East Bay Greenway Project and Orchard Drive bikeway alignment. Consider alternative alignment to Vallejo Mill Street and/or bicycle and pedestrian tunnel similar to Mission Boulevard.
- What segment of Grimmer Boulevard is planned for completion in 2018?
- Comment that the class 1 path along Grimmer will have a 2 foot wide separator to traffic.

**7. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.