



MINUTES

MOBILITY COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 7:00 pm

In Person Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Commissioner Spencer

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Mark Spencer, Chair
Flavio Poehlmann, Vice Chair
Nisar Ahmed
Tejinder Dhani
Shikha Jain
Erin Vaca
Ken Wu

Members Absent:

Monique Chapman

Staff Present:

Hans Larsen, Public Works Director
Eric Hu, Principal Transportation Engineer
Aleksandr Zabyshny, Senior Transportation Engineer
Lilian Ayala, Senior Transportation Engineer
Eliza Villaluz, Senior Office Specialist

SCHEDULED ITEMS

1. **Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call** - Commissioner Mark Spencer

2. **Approval of Minutes for March 15, 2023 Meeting**

Unanimously approved by Mobility Commission.

3. **Active Transportation Plan**

Lilian Ayala provided a presentation with updates regarding community outreach, engagement plan, goals, and objectives for the active transportation plan.

Mobility Commissioners provided the following comments:

- Ensure outreach to unhoused community.
- Get feedback from majority of residents.
- Ensure that any surveys are not used as official voting mechanisms but only for general feedback.
- Outreach with local business community and discuss incentives to promote alternative and active transportation options.
- Look at connections to adjacent communities.
- Promote safe and effective infrastructure.
- Coordinate with FUSD.
- Promote safe routes to destinations like transit and safe routes for seniors.
- Consistency and alignment with Parks Master Plan and Trails Strategy Plan.
- Outreach at special events.
- Ensure safe infrastructure for all users, including drivers.
- Highlight irresponsible behavior of users.

Public Comment: Andreas Kadavanich of Bike Fremont stated that ATP outreach should target communities that have experienced fatalities like the Montrose neighborhood for added perspective and that “slow street” events be considered as part of the outreach.

4. **Staff Updates**

Noe Veloso updated the commission with a presentation on 2023 Vision Zero Crash Fatalities and Walk and Roll to School Program. Crystal from AC Transit discussed the “Realign” project and encouraged everyone to fill out the survey according to their needs of public transportation and that the larger question will be whether the community prefers “coverage versus demand.”

Commissioners provided the following comments:

- Congestion on I-880 could be a big factor for delay on Fremont Blvd.
- Recommend using near-miss data to supplement analysis.

- Important to distinguish between trends versus correctable factors.

Public Comment: Andreas Kadavanich of Bike Fremont asked if the investigation into the Montrose fatality had been completed and if corrective measures have been implemented. Staff provided a summary of the finalized police report and preliminary discussions for roadway improvements.

5. Discussion of Mobility Commission Workplan

Hans Larsen presented the prior workplan to the commissioners and stated the significant progress made with the Walk and Roll Program and implementation of numerous communications initiatives. Hans suggested the Commission revisit the workplan in 2024 since staff resources will be focusing on the Active Transportation Plan.

Commissioners provided the following comments:

- Highlight signal timing coordination efforts that improve experience for motorists. Share before and after data.
- Communicate limits of roadway capacity.
- Future workplan should include BART safety improvements.

6. Public Comments

Andreas Kadavanich of Bike Fremont: Requests staff to pursue improvements associated with the Paseo Padre Safe Streets Project that include road diet striping that increase bike lane widths and intersection improvements for bicyclists.

Daniel Karpelevitch: Recommended “coffee with cops” style outreach for Transportation and more bike infrastructure bike tours. Recommended signs that promote signal coordination timed for specific vehicle speeds.

Steve Skala: Regarding the Draft Climate Action Plan, recommended information on effectiveness of Transportation Demand Management plans and the effectiveness of the Walk and Roll Program on reducing vehicle miles traveled. Has Safe Routes to School reduced any car usage? Messaging on speeding and red light running should be equivalent to previous campaigns on drunk driving.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm

