

City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2023

1. Call to Order

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

Name	Agency	Jan 2023	Mar 2023	July 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023
<u>Public</u>						
Matthew Self - Chair	County of San Mateo	X	X			X
Malcolm Robinson	San Bruno	X				X
Alan Uy – Vice Chair	Daly City	X	X	X	X	X
Angela Hey	Portola Valley	X	X	X		X
Justin Yuen	South San Francisco	X	X	X	X	
Marina Fraser	Half Moon Bay	X		X	X	X
Mike Swire*	Hillsborough			X	X	X
<u>Elected</u>						
Ann Schneider	Millbrae	X	X	X		X
Emily Beach**	Burlingame	X		X		
Flor Nicolas	South San Francisco	X		X		X
Mary Bier	Pacifica	X	X	X	X	
Patrick Sullivan	Foster City	X	X		X	X
John Goodwin	Colma		X	X	X	X
Lisette Espinoza-Garnica	Redwood City	X	X	X	X	

*Appointed at May 2023 C/CAG Board meeting.

**Resigned at July 2023 BPAC meeting.

C/CAG Staff present: Audrey Shiramizu, Sean Charpentier, Kaki Cheung.

Guests: Diane Dohm (Metropolitan Transportation Commission), Jasmine Stitt (Caltrans), Giuliano Carlini.

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

None.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the September 28, 2023 Meeting

There were no public comments on the minutes.

Motion: Member Nicolas motioned to approve minutes. Member Sullivan seconded the motion. All members in attendance voted to approve. The motion passed.

4. Review and approval of the 2024 Committee meeting Calendar

C/CAG Transportation Program Specialist Audrey Shiramizu presented the proposed 2024 Committee meeting calendar. Staff proposed moving the meeting start time to 6:00 PM for more flexibility in reserving meeting spaces.

Member Nicolas noted that the C/CAG Airport and Land Use Commission (ALUC) meetings end right before BPAC meetings. Members Nicolas and Sullivan are members of ALUC and BPAC. The committee suggested having BPAC meetings at the same location as ALUC (Burlingame Community Center).

Committee members also discussed meeting at 6:00 PM or 6:30 PM. The Committee suggested meeting at 6:30 PM for the upcoming January meeting and to reevaluate at that meeting. Members Goodwin and Swire asked for meeting locations to be bike- and transit-friendly.

Motion: Member Fraser motioned to approve. Chair Self seconded the motion. All members in attendance voted to approve. The motion passed.

5. Receive a presentation from Caltrans on the District 4 Bicycle Plan Update

Jasmine Stitt from Caltrans District 4 presented on the District 4 Bicycle Plan Update.

Member of the public Giuliano Carlini noted that the bike survey was too fine grained and suggested Caltrans look at entire road segments for a holistic approach. Giuliano also suggested reviewing the San Mateo County Transportation Authority's (TA) bike projects on El Camino Real.

Member Robinson asked what Caltrans is doing to change bike culture in the Bay Area. Jasmine responded that the focus is on infrastructure and there are no specific programs at this time.

Member Schneider noted that the survey is targeted for members of the public and not elected officials. She asked if the survey acknowledges cities with high-cost projects. She also asked how Plan Bay Area projects fit into this plan. Jasmine responded that funding issues are large and Caltrans is looking into this.

Vice Chair Uy asked the process for ranking projects. Jasmine responded that Caltrans will rank based on three metrics: safety, mobility, and equity. Data will come from Transportation Injury Mapping System (TIMS), Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS), CalEnviroScreen, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Equity Priority

Communities. Jasmine noted that the Bike Plan working group, which includes county agencies and advocacy groups, will review Caltrans' prioritized list.

Member Swire thanked Jasmine for the presentation and suggested that in addition to building infrastructure for making biking safer, that Caltrans should take a holistic approach in changing its culture around prioritization of car traffic over bike and pedestrian traffic. He noted the US-101 widening in the County and that an increase in car traffic can make it more dangerous for bicyclists. Jasmine responded that Caltrans is aligning their investments to the California State Transportation Agency's (CalSTA) Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI), with the goal of reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and slowly phasing out highway expansion and VMT-increasing projects.

Member Sullivan noted prevalence of freeway counters and if this can be done for bike paths. Jasmine noted Caltrans is using StreetLight Data for bicycle and pedestrian data. Member Schneider noted that the City of Millbrae is installing devices to capture pedestrian data.

Member Hey suggested using white reflective paint on lanes for safety.

Chair Self noted that new bike lanes were built in the City of Redwood City but that residents were notified after construction. Jasmine noted that Caltrans is starting to do engagement at Project Initiation Document (PID), or at the first phases of projects.

Chair Self asked about next steps. Jasmine responded that Caltrans will review the survey results, document identified improvements, and compare those to the previous Bike Plan and local jurisdictions' plans. Caltrans plans to have a list by spring followed by a second round of engagement.

6. Receive a presentation from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission on the Bay Trail SFO Gap Study

Diane Dohm from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) presented on the Bay Trail San Francisco International Airport (SFO) Gap Study.

Member Schneider requested to meet with MTC prior to closing the survey. She noted that the only Bay Trail access for Millbrae is through El Camino Real, which is difficult to access. Diane confirmed that MTC is meeting with City staff in the next week to discuss the upcoming City's East Side Specific Plan.

Member Hey asked if the east side is where MTC wants to close the gap. Diane responded that MTC is reviewing options including the west side of US-101. Member Schneider asked the number of surveyors from the cities of Millbrae and San Bruno. Diane noted both cities were represented and would check.

Member Sullivan recommended the survey be available in different languages. He asked if environmental and seismic analysis were included. Diane noted she would check. Member Sullivan suggested including bike counters on the Bay Trail to reinforce to the public that the trail is being used.

Member Schneider noted that One Shoreline is working with the cities of Millbrae and Burlingame on sea-level rise projects with geographical information that may be helpful.

Member Swire suggested MTC reach out to Google's SF2G group that bikes from San Francisco to Mountain View. He also noted that for commuters, the Bay Trail zigzags and suggested more opportunities to make the trail a more desirable option for commuters.

Member Robinson asked if the path will go through the Baylands/green belt on the west side of US-101 or on El Camino Real. Diane responded this is not confirmed and the team is analyzing three different pathways. She confirmed that El Camino Real and greenway through west of Bayshore, towards 101, are both in the mix. Chair Self noted his excitement for the greenway option.

7. Member Communications

Member Robinson noted that automated vehicles (AVs) need to be safe, and accommodating active transportation users.

Member Schneider noted that the Committee has not discussed electric buses, which may help remove cars off the road. Member Fraser noted that SamTrans has multiple orders of electric buses on order.

Member Swire noted he attended the unincorporated County BPAC last month and suggested more coordination between BPACs and the TA. Chair Self noted that this Committee's role is to advise the C/CAG Board. C/CAG Executive Director Sean Charpentier noted that the Committee is sometimes focused on planning and other times on funding, depending on what is required of the Committee at the time. He noted that the purview is bicycle and pedestrian improvements and not necessarily electric buses. He noted the Committee is open to collaboration with other BPACs. He reminded the Committee of a busy year ahead with the Transportation Development Act 3 (TDA 3) review and the Local Road and Safety Plan. He noted that while C/CAG is not a research agency, staff does bring important topics to the Committee like the County Sheriff's Office incident reporting tool.

Member Hey noted that the Caltrans' standard is seven exits per driveway per mile and suggested advocating for closing some of those exits.

C/CAG Executive Director thanked the Committee for the busy year and noted that there are currently two vacancies for elected officials on the Committee. He asked members to share the notice from staff and to let staff know of possible candidates.

Chair Self adjourned the meeting at 8:32pm.