

City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2024

1. Call to Order

Chair Swire called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Name	Agency	Jan 2024	March 2024	May 2024	Sept 2024
<u>Public</u>					
Matthew Self	County of San Mateo	X			X
Malcolm Robinson	San Bruno	X	X	X	X
Alan Uy – Vice Chair	Daly City	X		X	X
Angela Hey	Portola Valley	X		X	X
Justin Yuen	South San Francisco	X	X	X	
Marina Fraser	Half Moon Bay	X		X	
Mike Swire - Chair	Hillsborough	X	X	X	X
<u>Elected</u>					
Ann Schneider	Millbrae	X	X	X	X
Flor Nicolas	South San Francisco	X	X	X	X
Mary Bier	Pacifica	X	X		X
Patrick Sullivan	Foster City		X	X	
John Goodwin	Colma	X	X		X
Lisette Espinoza-Garnica	Redwood City		X	X	
Rich Hedges	San Mateo			X*	X

*Attended meeting online via Assembly Bill 2449.

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

Guests: Jasmine Stitt (Caltrans), Cassie Halls (San Mateo County Transit District), Charlsie Chang (San Mateo County Transit District), Sue-Ellen Atkinson (San Mateo County Transportation Authority), Patrick Gilster (San Mateo County Transportation Authority), Armando Mora, Al, and others in attendance.

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the May 23, 2024 Meeting

There were no public comments on the minutes.

Motion: Member Nicolas motioned to approve the minutes. Member Schneider seconded the motion. Vice Chair Uy abstained from the vote. All other members in attendance voted to approve. The motion passed.

4. Review and recommend FY 24/25 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 funding for the San Mateo Countywide Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan update to the C/CAG Board for approval

C/CAG staff Audrey Shiramizu presented an update on the FY 2024/2025 TDA Article 3 program. She stated that staff recommends allocating \$250,000 of the TDA funds for the next update to the Countywide Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

Committee members asked about progress made since the 2021 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Staff will follow up with Joint Venture Silicon Valley to share information gathered previously on new bike facilities added in the County.

For the electric bike (e-bike) strategy component of the plan, Chair Swire asked about including micromobility. C/CAG Executive Director Sean Charpentier noted that the plan will focus on e-bike trips as those trips have greater potential for mode shift. Member Bier asked about focusing on the coast side. The Executive Director noted this is to be determined and the plan will look at Half Moon Bay and Pacifica.

Member Schneider suggested looking at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Plan Bay Area priority projects.

Motion: Member Hedges motioned to recommend FY 24/25 TDA Article 3 funding for the San Mateo Countywide Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan update to the C/CAG Board for approval. Member Bier 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.

Chair Swire asked what is included in the state highway system. Jasmine noted that El Camino Real, State Route 35, and State Route 84 are part of the state highway system. Member Hey asked about priority bikeway project in the state highway system, including on

SR-35. Jasmine noted that Skyline Boulevard is on the list but did not confirm if it is a priority.

Vice Chair Uy noted that in the Caltrans best practices, ideas seemed expensive. He asked if the best practices support quick build projects and if Caltrans can streamline processes. Jasmine noted that streamlining is a big topic for Caltrans. She is presenting to internal Caltrans departments to get support for alignment of processes.

Member Schneider noted that Cal Enviro Screen, one of the criteria for identifying projects, misses specific pollutants like noise pollution from airports.

Member Goodwin noted that El Camino Real is ideal for building a quick build bike lane. However, that the corridor is dangerous because of speed and six car lanes. Member Goodwin asked Caltrans to work with improving communications with the cities. Member Self noted another communication issue during a Caltrans bike lane repaving project on Woodside Road. He noted that there was no outreach until after the project was advertised for bid. Jasmine acknowledged these concerns, and mentioned that Caltrans is starting to do more and earlier engagement at the project initiation phase.

C/CAG Executive Director asked for the deadline to submit comments on the story map and priority projects. Jasmine responded that comments are due October 31. The Executive Director expressed concern with the lack of high priority improvements on the coast. Member Robinson noted that Highway 1 should be a draw for bicyclists.

Chair Swire expressed his concern about freeway widening to Caltrans.

6. Review and confirm receipt of MTC Complete Streets Checklists from the San Mateo County Transit District, and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority for projects in cities of Millbrae, San Bruno, San Mateo, Redwood City and East Palo Alto

Cassie Halls from the San Mateo County Transit District presented the MTC Complete Streets Checklist for the Dumbarton Busway Feasibility Study.

Member Goodwin asked if the project can be designed to include a multiuse bicycle path. Cassie responded that the feasibility study will explore this option and that the District plans to share the alternatives with this Committee. She noted that the primary focus of the project is busways, given the level of transit usage in the community. Member Goodwin suggested including adequate bicycle storage on vehicles if there is not room for a bike lane. Cassie mentioned that the Monterey Surf project is a good example. Member Self noted that there appears to be room for a bike lane.

Member Hey noted that the schedule seems long for a feasibility study and asked about bottlenecks. Cassie responded that there are many factors to manage for this project, including environmental clearance, Caltrans right-of-way, and Caltrain connections. The 2028 timeline will lead up to preliminary design.

Vice Chair Uy asked if the project is just for SamTrans buses. Cassie responded that the project may include private shuttles and Dumbarton Express.

Member Schneider asked if the project plans for climate resiliency. Cassie responded yes.

Member Self asked about feasibility to connect to the transit center underpass. Cassie noted that the team is reviewing options.

Member Hedges noted that there used to be a bus from San Mateo County to the east bay. Cassie noted that the team is looking into that.

Sue-Ellen Atkinson from the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) presented six Complete Streets Checklists for projects in the cities of Millbrae, San Bruno, San Mateo, Redwood City, and East Palo Alto.

Member Robinson asked to better understand the high cost for the San Bruno Huntington Avenue project. Sue-Ellen noted that the project is asking for construction funding, which can be costly, while other projects are asking for studies, which typically have lower costs.

Chair Swire asked about local matches for Regional Measure 3 (RM3) projects. Sue-Ellen confirmed that no local match is required for RM3 projects.

Member Goodwin expressed enthusiasm for the San Bruno Huntington Ave project.

Member Schneider expressed enthusiasm for the Millbrae trail project. She noted the importance of keeping nature in for the SFO/Bay Trail Gap Closure project.

Member Self asked about alignments for the Redwood City Bay Trail project. Sue-Ellen noted that the project will look at other alignments.

Member Self asked if the RM3 funds are one-time. Sue-Ellen noted that the funds should be recurring.

Motion: Member Robinson motioned to confirm receipt of the MTC Complete Streets Checklists from the San Mateo County Transit District, and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority for projects in cities of Millbrae, San Bruno, San Mateo, Redwood City and East Palo Alto. Member Schneider seconded the motion. All members in attendance voted to approve. The motion passed.

7. Member Communications

Member Hedges noted that Washington, D.C. has good examples of how parking and bike lanes can coexist. He also noted that Kansas City recently covered 55 office buildings to housing.

Member Goodwin noted that he rode the new electric Caltrain trains today.

Member Bier noted that the Fog Festival will take place in the City of Pacifica this weekend. She also thanked the Executive Director for asking Caltrans about the deadline for the Bike Plan Update comments. The Executive Director noted that staff will send a link to the Bike Plan story map to the Committee to make comments.

Member Nicolas noted that there is a ribbon cutting for the Centennial Way Skate Park in the City of South San Francisco this Sunday.

Member Hey noted that the Portola Valley Town Picnic happened last week, and that the County Sheriff's Office closed the road. She noted that speeding is an issue in the Town of Portola Valley.

Member Self noted that the City of Redwood City developed new bike standards and regulations for buildings and apartment buildings regarding bike storage. He noted that only four cities in the country have similar standards.

Vice Chair Uy noted that he also took the new Caltrain trains. He thanked the new Chair for chairing today's meeting.

The Executive Director shared several announcements:

- The C/CAG Board adopted the Shared Micromobility Feasibility Study two years ago. He noted that MTC is now moving forward with adding the Bay Wheels micromobility program to the City of Daly City.
- C/CAG applied for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant to continue implementation of the recently adopted Countywide Local Roadway Safety Plan.
- The C/CAG Vehicle Miles Traveled/Greenhouse Gas Model Mitigation Program draft report will be presented at the October C/CAG Board meeting. He noted the report lists potential mitigations for projects, private development, and/or transportation developments.
- The Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC) will be presenting on biking in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties at the C/CAG Congestion Management & Environmental Quality (CMEQ) Committee on September 30.

Chair Swire recommended Committee members to watch C/CAG Board meetings for information and to continue helping this Committee move the needle.

Chair Swire adjourned the meeting at 8:21PM.