City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting Minutes October 24, 2024

1. Call to Order

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

Chair Swire called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

*Attended meeting online via Assembly Bill 2449.

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

Guests: Carlene Foldenauer (Safe Routes to School), Sue-Ellen Atkinson (San Mateo County Transportation Authority), Ana Vasudeo (San Mateo County Transit District), and others in attendance.

C/CAG Executive Director Sean Charpentier announced and recognized three outgoing Elected Official Committee members: Ann Schneider (Millbrae), John Goodwin (Colma), and Rich Hedges (San Mateo). The ED thanked the three members for their service to the Committee and to the County.

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 September 26, 2024 Meeting

There were no public comments on the minutes.

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

4. Review and approval of the 2025 Committee Meeting Calendar

C/CAG Senior Transportation Program Specialist Audrey Shiramizu presented the proposed 2025 Committee meeting calendar. Staff proposed moving the meeting start time to 6:00 PM.

Member Hey preferred starting at 6:30 PM due to traffic and to avoid curtailing Airport Land Use Committee (ALUC) meetings. The ED noted that ALUC rarely ends late. Members Goodwin, Espinoza-Garnica, and Schneider preferred 6:00 PM to end meetings earlier. Vice Chair Uy asked about the proposed meeting dates. The ED noted that members may be able to attend remotely under Assembly Bill 2449 or as a public member.

Motion: Member Fraser motioned to approve the calendar and move the meeting start time to 6:00 PM. Member Hedges seconded the motion. All members in attendance voted to approve. The motion passed.

5. Receive the FY 2022-2023 San Mateo County Safe Routes to School Program Annual Report

Carlene Foldenauer from Safe Routes to School presented on the FY 2022-2023 San Mateo County Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) Annual Report.

Member Schneider asked about bringing school buses back to Millbrae. Carlene noted she will follow up with Theresa Vallez-Kelly from Safe Routes to School.

Member Espinoza-Garnica asked for a breakdown of grantees located in Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Equity Priority Communities (EPCs) and/or underserved areas. Carlene noted she will follow up with Office of Education staff. Carlene noted that the SRTS fellowship program does not have specific questions or definitions on equity/underserved areas. Member Espinoza-Garnica recommended that the SRTS program works closely with the County Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). She also suggested working with the Office to determine metrics for reporting.

Member Espinoza-Garnica asked if programs need community support to move forward. Carlene noted that it is rare for a project to not have positive feedback. Member Goodwin noted that drivers need better education and better enforcement, especially at school slow zones. Carlene noted that police enforcement was formerly a key program principal but has become less of a focus. Chair Swire noted that enforcement does not need to be police and can be speed cameras.

Chair Swire asked how the Committee can support SRTS. Carlene noted prioritizing pedestrians and bicyclists over vehicles and including that in planning processes.

C/CAG staff Eva Gaye noted that the SRTS program completed a High Injury Network analysis and enforcement was included in the analysis. She also noted that all SRTS grant include EPCs and C/CAG Equity Focus Areas (EFA). The ED added that equity geographies do not perfectly align with all SRTS routes and/or schools. He noted that C/CAG also applied for a Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant to implement a vision zero plan.

C/CAG ED asked for the timeline of the next round of pilot applications for the school travel fellowship. C/CAG staff Eva Gaye noted January 2025.

A public member from the City of Brisbane noted that the walking flags have good intentions, but that they still are not the most effective to stop drivers.

6. Receive a presentation from the San Mateo County Transportation Authority on the US 101 San Mateo County Crossings Improvement Implementation Plan

Sue-Ellen Atkinson from the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) and Ana Vasudeo from the San Mateo County Transit District presented on the San Mateo County Transportation Authority's US 101 San Mateo County Crossings Improvement Implementation Plan.

Member Hey asked if there are public private partnerships. The TA replied that the team is reviewing this.

Member Goodwin suggested making the project website more user-friendly. He noted difficulty finding projects within specific geographies.

Chair Swire sought clarification on the intent of this project and how it may differ from previous efforts. The TA replied that the project will help prioritize projects already identified in local plans. The goal is to prioritize, create narratives, and identify funding sources for crossings and corridor improvements near US-101. The project will not identify new projects but better allocate TA funding to provide technical assistance to cities for design and construction phases.

Member Self noted a Redwood City project was incorrectly located on the website map.

Vice Chair Uy asked for clarification on criteria to identify and narrow down priority projects. The TA noted they reviewed adopted plans (e.g. Caltrans' plans, C/CAG Comprehensive

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan) for active transportation projects located within a quarter mile of US-101. Projects were prioritized based on 101 Corridor Connect goals, including safety, connectivity, EPA/EFAs, and community feedback. Prioritized projects are mostly intended to be crossings or connecting to crossings and include some corridor improvement projects.

Member Espinoza-Garnica asked for clarification on preliminary phases. The TA noted those projects are at the planning stage. The TA plans to take 8-10 projects from the planning phase to conceptual design. The TA also confirmed that Active 101 does not include freeway expansion projects.

Member Yuen asked if city staff have been briefed. The TA noted they presented at C/CAG's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) last week.

Chair Swire asked if the TA does this process for highway projects. The TA noted that they are trying to focus on more multimodal projects.

Member Schneider noted that residents in Millbrae may be afraid to cross El Camino Real and asked for updates. The TA noted that multiple efforts are happening – Active 101 includes projects within a quarter mile of US-101 and the multimodal strategy looks at projects one mile from US-101. Those projects are included in the North County multimodal strategy.

7. Member Communications

Member Hedges shared that he attended a League of California Cities meeting in Long Beach. Member Schneider noted she is stepping down from California Cities.

Member Schneider asked about reviewing helmet policies. Staff noted that this is included in Safe Routes to School. Staff noted that C/CAG is working with Commute.org and the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition to secure funding for a countywide bicycle education program.

Chair Swire adjourned the meeting at 8:48 PM.