

**City of San Rafael**  
**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**  
**Wednesday October 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Minutes

Present: Chair Powers  
Member Allison  
Member Bergman  
Member Hagerty  
Member Mooney  
Youth Member Nielsen  
Member Coyne, Alternate

Absent: Member Solomon

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Powers called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**2. Approval of meeting minutes**

Minutes for regular August 4, 2021 meeting approved.

**3. Public Comments for Items not on Agenda**

Lori Schifrin noted the chat function wasn't working. Staff noted that chat function has been removed for City Council meetings and the setting may have been updated in Zoom.

**4. Ad-hoc Committee Updates (note this item got moved up the agenda)**

Member Mooney provided an update on the North-South Greenway projects.

- a. The Golden Gate Bridge Highway Transportation District hosted a virtual open house for their bicycle safety study on the bridge earlier today. Some additional signage and a focus on bicycle speed limits. Rep. Jared Huffman included the Vista Point Trail Rehabilitation Project as one of his earmarks in the federal transportation bill.
- b. Sausalito: The city is working on a project to improve the ferry landing, including bike circulation. The Gate 6 intersection update was just finished, after years in the making.
- c. Mill Valley: The Mill Valley-Sausalito Pathway is getting repaved in its most deteriorated section (between Gate 6 and Almonte Road). It means that the pathway will be closed for two days, completely cutting off Sausalito/Marin City from non-car access. TAM just allocated money to Mill Valley to improve the Lomita Drive pathway connection to the Horse Hill Path.
- d. Corte Madera: The North/South Greenway Gap Closure Project over Corte Madera creek is continuing and hoping to open now sometime in spring of 2022.
- e. San Rafael: The preferred alternative for the Transit Center would construct two blocks of the greenway through Downtown San Rafael. Current plans call for a pick-up/drop-off area on the east side of West Tamalpais just north of Fourth St, which would have to co-exist with through-bikers headed to the Lincoln Path. The San Rafael Connection project is still being designed. The McInnis to Smith Ranch Road SMART segment is funded and is awaiting permitting.

- f. Novato: The segment of pathway going behind the Costco on Rowland Boulevard has been held up by a lawsuit.

Chair Powers invited public comment.

**Speakers:** Jean Severinghaus

## 5. Vision Zero

Leah Shahum, Vision Zero Executive Director, presented the on Vision Zero, the goal of working towards zero deaths or severe injuries related to traffic collisions. It is a public health approach toward mobility. Goals should be to control speeding and design complete streets. It is important to have elected officials support Vision Zero too. Questions from committee members included: what would be involved in adopting Vision Zero? What is the financial commitment? What resources are available? Is there a guidance manual?

Chair Powers invited public comment.

**Speakers:** Wendi Kallins

Committee members provided final questions and comments: What is the benefit of Vision Zero? Adopting Vision Zero is a goal in the San Rafael Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Keep in mind the issue of exposure. Policy reflects values. Integrating design with enforcement to set targets.

## 6. Bicycle Wayfinding

Warren Wells, Planning and Policy Director with Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC) presented current conditions of wayfinding between the Richmond-San Rafael bridge and destinations within San Rafael. Comments from committee members included: suggesting routing to points further west than the B Street Community Center, wayfinding is a goal in the BPMP, requests for wayfinding on Lincoln, consider adding information about restroom and water stops, think to future connections.

Chair Powers invited public comment.

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## 7. San Rafael Connection

Patrick Seidler with WTB-TAM (Transportation Alternatives for Marin), presented on WTB's preferred alternative for the San Rafael Connection, from Puerto Suello path to North San Pedro Road. WTB's preferred alternative includes switch backs, the smallest amount of cut and fill and path slopes no greater than 5 %. Questions from the committee include: how will the path connect to the existing path north, the preferred alignment seems to be the only alignment that meets both goals (all ages and abilities and safety). There is general support of the "Western Alignment" from the committee. No action was taken because the committee is requesting a presentation from Zoon engineering.

**8. Adjournment**

Chair Powers adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm.

Approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2021

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