

City of San Rafael
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
Wednesday April 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Minutes

Present: Chair Hagerty
Member Bergman
Member Mooney
Member Powers
Alternate Member Coyne

Absent: Member Allison
Member Solomon

1. Call to Order

Chair Hagerty called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. Approval of meeting minutes

Minutes for regular February 1, 2022 meeting approved.

3. Public Comments for Items not on Agenda

Jeffrey Olson – asking for an assessment of 5th Ave and California

Craig Murray – Request SRBPAC to consider the 101 SMART Gap project to connect west side of 101 to east side of 101 and a safe route to Venetia Valley School; Announcement that City of Richmond with Fehr & Peers and community partners will be holding Design Events on April 12, 13, 14 on Richmond Greenway to design the significant 23rd St. Bridge as final connection of the Richmond Greenway with SF Bay Trail and Ohlone Greenway in the East Bay.

Dave Rhoads – Encouraged committee to support Point San Pedro Road Pilot Project

Tyler Dibble – Encouraged committee to support Point San Pedro Road Pilot Project

Cathy Manovi – supportive of Merrydale connections

Warren Wells – Encouraged committee to support Point San Pedro Road Pilot Project

4. City Updates

April Miller, City Engineer, presented the following updates: Third Street Rehab construction detours, Bike the Boulevard event on May 21, 2022, Parks and Recreation Master Plan – survey for input, upcoming grant applications including Canal lighting, sidewalk, and transit shelter improvements, Canal Swing bridge, and tee-ing up the 2nd St/4th St intersection

Chair Hagerty invited public comment.

Speakers: Jeffrey Olson, Patrick Seidler

5. Ad-hoc Committee Updates

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

Vista Point: This is the linking section to the Golden Gate Bridge. It is fully funded, but because of the timing of the funds, construction wouldn't happen until 2025. That said, National Parks has a \$1.4M request in with MTC that would advance construction to FY23.

Bridgeway: This is the section of the greenway through Sausalito. The first update is that City Council set aside \$200k as a construction match for the eventual project on the southern segment of Bridgeway (Golden Gate Market to Downtown). The city won a planning grant for this, but it's been delayed a bit. The second is that the city is working on a safety study of the northern segment of Bridgeway (Napa to Downtown) where there have been a large number of bike and pedestrian-involved crashes. This study is kicking off soon.

Corte Madera: First: The City of Corte Madera is planning to submit an ATP grant application for a project that would improve the N/S connections on the west side of US-101 between the Wornum Path and the Pedestrian Overcrossing. Second: The bridge over Corte Madera creek is open! It's not fully done yet so you can see that the full width is not traversable, but it's already an improvement over the 4' path. Full completion is expected in May or June.

SMART: earmarked money for engineering and permitting all the remaining unbuilt segments of the pathway. This will get all the segments "shovel ready" and help to be competitive for grants.

- b. Member Powers provided an updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan process. Monthly meetings until December 2022.

Chair Hagerty invited public comment.

Speakers: Patrick Seidler, Shirley Fischer

6. Merrydale North Promenade

Rafat Raie, City Traffic Engineer, presented the conceptual alternatives of the Merrydale North Promenade, which would connect bicyclists and pedestrians from Northgate to the Civic Center SMART station on the north side. Rafat noted that this project is not funded, however the proposed Northgate Development could accelerate a connection here.

The committee is very supportive of improving this connection and all of the options presented. The considerations of the project should focus on the goal of improving mobility, prioritizing bike/ped user experience, and keeping the most green features (trees, bioswales). Member Mooney, Member Powers, Member Coyne, Chair Hagerty support the alternative with no parking or very little parking. Member Bergman would like to understand the pros and cons better, but he is mostly supportive of the no/low parking alternative as well.

Chair Hagerty invited public comment.

Speakers: Shirley Fischer, Jean Severinghaus, Cathy Manovi, Bill Carney, Patrick Seidler

7. Vision Zero Update

The Ad-hoc committee, consisting of Member Bergman, Member Powers, and Chair Hagerty have been working on moving a Vision Zero program for City of San Rafael forward. The ad-hoc committee prepared a draft resolution addressing the current problems, identifying goals and objectives, and proposing action items.

Member Coyne wants to focus on more than just reducing speed. Member Mooney recognized City efforts that are already in line with Vision Zero.

Chair Hagerty invited public comment.

Speakers: Dave Rhoads, Jean Severinghaus, Jeffrey Olson, Patrick Seidler, Wendi Kallins

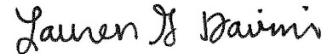
8. Future Items

Next Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan Update, Point San Pedro Road Lane Diet Pilot Project, Merrydale South Connector from the Meadows, 2nd St/4th St Intersection, Review 5th/California Intersection

9. Adjournment

Chair Hagerty adjourned the meeting at 8:01 pm.

Approved this 1st day of June 2022



Lauren Davini, Staff Liaison