

# City of Fresno

## Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes, July 23, 2009

Member Attendees: Nick Paladino, Stephen Lewis, Nancy Ellis, Philip Decker, David Moll, Catherine Wolzmoth, Joseph Guagliardo, David Lighthall.

Members Absent: Lori Cherry (excused)

City Staff: Bryan Jones, Martin Wendels, Isreal Trejo, John Downs

Guests: Ed Smith, Semrau Riviera

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes: E-B-A-B should be E-B-a-6. Lighthall moved approval, Moll seconded. Minutes approved with correction.
3. Review and Comment on Draft Policy on Sidewalks:
  - a. Isreal Trejo provided background about why the sidewalk policy came to be. A current issue for the Planning and Development is guidelines to respond to requests from developers to provide sidewalks on only one side of streets. An investigation of the policies of other cities was conducted. For private streets, sidewalks are required on both sides of residential streets with exceptions for 1) single-loaded streets, and 2) developments with proposed alternative pedestrian walks/pathways.
  - b. Elizabeth Krants – Discontinuities should be minimized if a developer argues that a development does not require sidewalks.
  - c. Public Comment on proposed policy:
    - Ed Smith: What is the requirement for sidewalks along a greenbelt?
    - Riviera: Well thought-out plan.
  - d. BPAC Comments on proposed policy: Nick Paladino: On behalf of Mary Savala and Ed Ames: Under Rules 2b2 (pg. 4) add “other residences” after “other elements”. Savala and Ames prefer “safe and accessible” rather than “adequate” in the document.
  - e. Joe Guagliardo: Would like to see that we have design standards for paseos (walkways) and get it adopted at the same time as this policy, and would like to see some discussion regarding commercial/private sidewalk standards
  - f. David Lighthall: Appreciates the issue being brought before BPAC.
  - g. David Moll: Sidewalks provide accessibility and safety; has problems with exceptions in the draft policy.
  - h. Joe Guagliardo: The exception allows for due process. “Any coded action has the ability for appeals.”
  - i. Stephen Lewis: Would like wider sidewalks; 6’ rather than 4’, and emphasized the importance of sidewalks in creating “liveable streets”.
  - j. Catherine Wulzmoth: Wonders if there could be secondary thresholds; has a “private street” ever reverted to a “public street”? Mello Ruis districts? Street speed limits? Same grade alternatives? Bryan Jones: Not ADA-compliant. Most major streets are getting 6’ concrete sidewalks.
  - k. Nick Paladino: Would like to second Stephen Lewis’ request for 6’ sidewalks in section 2-b-III.
4. Bus Rapid Transit – John Downs

BRT is a system of technologies that allows getting people to their destinations faster. Techniques include signal priority, queue jump lanes for BRT, and dedicated lanes. Busses will accommodate 6-8 bicycles inside the vehicle. If the bike storage area is full, passengers stand and hold their bikes. Busses will enjoy continuous flow for distances of a mile or more. Vehicles will be 60' articulated busses. Based on a recent economic study, the first BRT corridor may be Blackstone rather than Ventura/Kings Canyon. John Downs said, "This will not solve all of Fresno's traffic problems, but it is a start."

5. Report on Public Outreach Meetings and surveys on the BMP – Jeff Clark

About 200 people attended the three outreach meetings. Attendees ranked separate bikeways (Class 1 facilities) first, road diets second, bike boulevards third. The #1 long-term parking vote-getter was indoor bike parking. The #1 short-term bike parking was the hitch and the second choice went to the wave. The most votes for trail locations went to the Herndon Trail/Bankside Trail, the second most votes went to the Herndon Ave. Trail completion. And the third favorite were on the canals. The 1500 surveys have not yet been summarized.

Jeff will report more to us in September.

6. Bike lane and Trail projects

This was continued to the September meeting.

To Do List

Bike lane and Trails projects—Bryan will report in Sept.

Presentation—Bryan—How the City processes projects.

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