

**BICYCLE / PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Regular Meeting  
Monday May 4, 2020

1. Call to Order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Members: Harr, Lovett-Harris, Birch, Burrows, Kain, McCamy, Modic, Scheuerman

Liaison & Staff: Medina, Anderson, Humphrey, Oaks, O'Connell,

Public: Ali von Klan, Aqshems Nichols, Beth Ferguson, David Campbell, Dorry Funaki, Jill Cooper, Melody Gu, Noel Vivar, Robert Prinz, Ron Freund, Rob Arias,

3. Public Comment: No public comment

4. Approval of March 2, 2020, Regular Meeting Action Minutes

**BPAC Move/Second/Passed (M/S/P)** Modic/Scheuerman/8-0-0-0-0 (Ayes-Noes-Abstain-Absent-Recuse) to approve March 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

5. Action Items

5.1 Recommendation that the UC Berkeley SafeTREC Intersection Safety Study be Forwarded to City Council for Acceptance

SafeTREC members provided a presentation on the background and summary of findings from their study of select intersections near the Powell and Christie intersection. Public comment (written) was received as well as oral comments regarding potential for a two-way cycle track on the southside of Powell as well as a protected intersection at Shellmound and Christie. Additional comments received on automation of ped crossing at the off-ramp at Bay Trail crossing.

BPAC members discussed results of the study, including pedestrian crossing automation, desire for background assumptions of study, issues with recommendations at intersection 5, additional recommendations at intersection 9, potential for pedestrian scramble/walk phases, and how study results and recommendations will be implemented.

**BPAC M/S/P** McCamy/Modic/7-1-0-0-0 to extend discussion of Item 5.1 by 30 minutes.

**BPAC M/S/P** McCamy/Burrows/8-0-0-0-0 that the SafeTREC report agenda item continue at the June BPAC meeting and not be forwarded to City Council at this time.

5.2 Updates and Recommendations on City COVID-19 Response

Staff O'Connell presented updates on the automation of pedestrian crossing signals at intersections controlled by the City as well as the closing of select blocks of Doyle Street to through traffic. Staff is receiving monitoring existing projects and adjusting measures as necessary.

BPAC discussed calming effects of automated activation on both pedestrian and bicycle transit as well as speeds of vehicles passing through Emeryville. Additional discussion around pedestrian buttons as a vector for pathogens after shelter in place is lifted.

**BPAC M/S/P Lovett-Harris/Modic/7-0-1-0-0** to recommend that City Council that the temporary automated activation of pedestrian walk signals continue on a permanent basis.

Members discussed the inadequate width of sidewalks in Emeryville, for both social distancing and social walking in general. Members discussed including sidewalk width specifications in upcoming Bike/Ped plan.

**BPAC M/S/P McCamy/Burrows/8-0-0-0-0** to recommend the City aggressively look for opportunities to create space for pedestrians activities that also allow social distancing.

Members discussed tradeoffs for a larger amount of low-level activities as opposed to fewer high level activities such as Doyle Street closures.

### 5.3 Recommendation to Amend Requirements for Committee Vacancies

BPAC members discussed difficulty of filling current vacancy despite interested community member and both short-term and long-term need for potential changes to committee prerequisites. Confusion on discrepancies in definitions on City website were highlighted.

**BPAC M/S/P Lovett-Harris/Modic/8-0-0-0-0** to recommend the City Council consider BPAC Committee composition be changed to 7 community members and 2 business *or* community members.

## 6. Information Items

### 6.1 Council Update: Councilmember Medina (5 min)

Councilmember Medina reported no additional updates.

### 6.2 Update on Bay Wheels Bikeshare Pricing Proposals for E-bikes

Staff Humphrey provide an update on regional negotiations of bikeshare pricing and contract discussions. BPAC discussed program exclusivity, pricing differentials with e-bikes, and merits of dockless options.

### 6.3 Planning Department Update: Staff Oaks (5 min)

Staff Oaks announced Council has approved removal of parking minimums effective May 21, March Planning Commission was cancelled, second study session for Chiron PUD completed and will be coming to BPAC for review, and a shared mobility ordinance will be going to Council in July.

## 7. Future Agenda Items

### 7.3 Review and Modify Future Agenda Item List:

BPAC members discussed future agenda items to include action items of continuing SafeTREC report discussion, COVID-19 response action recommendations, and Bike Ped Plan scoping discussion.

### 7.4 BPAC member or Staff Comments/Announcements.

No comments or announcements.

### 7.5 Adjournment at 8:27

Written public comment received:

#### COMMENT SECTION

**Meeting Date\***

05/04/2020

**Please specify which Committee you wish to comment to:\***

[Bicycle / Pedestrian Advisory Committee V]

**I wish to comment about:\***

Safety and Emissions

**My comments:\***

Two major goals of the City's Sustainable Transportation Plan, are 1) reduce greenhouse gas emissions and 2) Promote Public Health in which I would include pedestrian and cyclist safety. The massive proposed development by the Onni Corporation involves a 54 story Skyscraper and a 16 story Office Building. Onni envisions a 3 year construction period and the addition of another 1005 parking spaces. As proposed, this development would seriously undermine both of City's Sustainable Goals. The Powell/Christie corridor is already considered dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. They have experienced numerous collisions leading to injuries and one fatality. The SafeTREK report states, "Of all the study intersections, Powell and Christie experienced the highest percentage of vehicle violations of pedestrian right-of-way." (p. 101) With a minimum of 1000 new cars, the traffic will increase dramatically making this corridor even less safe than currently. The GHG emissions from the years of construction will be very high. Add in the HVAC to cool/heat a glass and concrete skyscraper and the increased volume of car/truck traffic and you have a Climate Change disaster. Cosmetic changes to signage and lights will not solve this pending crisis. BPAC should call on the City to 1) reduce in the number of parking spaces permitted in the development. 2) call for more green space than the current 1/2 acre proposed, 3) Require the developer to pay for a pedestrian/cyclist bridge over Powell St at the intersection, 4) require that only electric or hybrid construction vehicles be used, and 5) request Onni to develop a plan for a shorter building to decrease construction and GHG operating emissions. Thank you.