BICYCLE / PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Monday June 1, 2020 Minutes

- 1. Call to Order at 5:34 p.m.
- Roll Call:

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

Liaison & Staff: Medina, Anderson, Houlihan, Humphrey, Keena, O'Connell,

Public: Jill Cooper, anonymous

- 3. Public Comment: A member of the public commented on the inclusion of 45th and 53rd St. in the annual report to Council.
- 4. Approval of March 4, 2020, Regular Meeting Action Minutes

BPAC Move/Second/Passed (M/S/P) Harr/Scheuerman/7-0-0-1-0 (Ayes-Noes-Abstain-Absent-Recuse) to approve May 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes with the removal of "BPAC thanked" from item 5.2.

- Action Items
- 5.1 Recommend that City Council Receive a Summary Presentation of Data from Powell Street Pedestrian and Bicycle Studies

Staff O'Connell presented on the Powell Street Walking Tour and SafeTREC study approaches and opportunities for integration of both moving forward. A member of the public commented on parliamentary procedure and stakeholder engagement. BPAC discussed issues with SafeTREC study assumptions and various options for bringing SafeTREC data and Walking Tour data and recommendations to Council.

BPAC M/S Scheuerman/Burrows/2-4-1-1-0 that the BPAC forward SafeTREC study to City Council with BPAC Walking Tour recommendations. [motion fails]

BPAC M/S/P Harr/Scheuerman/6-1-0-1-0 that the BPAC forward the Powell Street SafeTREC study to City Council with BPAC Powell Street Walking Tour recommendations and the following two sentence statement:

- 1. Intersection #3 (Powell/Christie) is the BPAC's top priority area for pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements.
- 2. BPAC forwards the Powell Street SafeTREC Study to the City Council without supporting the recommendations that were included in the report, but BPAC highlights the importance of the data presented within the report in regards to bicycle/pedestrian/vehicle behavior and perceptions of safety.
- 5.2 Updates and Recommendations on City COVID-19 Response

Staff O'Connell presented on Doyle Street Opening status and potential next steps, including applying for an ATP quick-build grant and 20mph changes for bike boulevards. Staff Keena presented on expedited permitting process for outdoor restaurant facilities in public right of way as a response measure that will be brought to City Council later this month.

A member of the public commented on the balance of traffic volume and speeds on bike boulevards. BPAC discussed need for additional pedestrian social distancing in the current City infrastructure, commenting on potential areas to address, including: removing the parking lane on Powell St. at the peninsula, general sidewalk widenings, kid-safe streets, additional open/slow streets, more street changes such as Doyle St, triangle area, removal of lane at Powell St from frontage road to Towers and paint purple, garbage accumulation, cleanliness of Amtrak pedestrian facilities, try experiments/things start with Powell St. corridor lane reductions, turning lane reductions from Christie to Powell, reduce Powell bridge to single lane, trial 40th St. corridor quick-build, education to reduce volumes on 53rd St, consider opportunities on smaller residential such as Christie Ave. Park or south of Powell where streets could be shut down entirely to non-local car traffic.

It was noted by members that NACTO has a guide to open streets during the pandemic with useful information. The potential issue of CDC guidelines for returning to work in single-occupancy vehicles was raised as a potential future discussion topic.

BPAC M/S/P McCamy/Harr/7-0-0-1-0 BPAC recommends the City to look for other opportunities to create safe space for walking and biking in areas including but not limited to Powell Street between Frontage Road and the Towers, the Amtrak crossing, near Christie Avenue Park, and throughout other residential neighborhoods. Measures could include sidewalk widening, slow streets/closure to through traffic, combining improvements to create continuous networks for access.

BPAC M/S/P Lovett-Harris/Burrows/7-0-0-1-0 that the City work to make key corridors safer, including the Powell/Christie corridor by testing measures such as one or more lane removal to achieve a safer and more accessible place for people to walk and bike.

BPAC M/S/P Lovett-Harris/McCamy/7-0-0-1-0 to develop quick-build options to create a safe passage for all ages, including children, to the Bay Bridge Trail.

5.3 Recommendation of Items to Include in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Scope of Work for the Request for Consultant Proposals

Staff Keena presented a summary of a draft scope of work for a consultant to work on the Emeryville Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Members gave feedback, including inclusion of design guidelines, incorporating quick-build, use of the curb, desire for diverse community feedback, amenities, on-street wayfinding, shared mobility, focus on network connectivity, and sense of safety as a metric.

- 6. Information Items
- 6.1 Council Update: Councilmember Medina

Councilmember Medina gave council updates including cancellation of the June 2nd Council meeting and inclusion of Emeryville projects in the ACTC 10-year CTP priorities.

6.2 Planning Department Update

Staff Keena is working on an Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant for 40th St. and will be coming to BPAC for a letter of support at a future meeting.

6.3 Public Works Department Update

Staff O'Connell updated on the status of the Bayfront Bridge, midblock crossing at San Pablo, and Powell/Doyle intersection.

- 7. Future Agenda Items
- 7.3 Review and Modify Future Agenda Item List:

Equity and inclusion in walking and biking in Emeryville and letters of support for the ATP grant were discussed as future agenda items.

- 7.4 BPAC member or Staff Comments/Announcements.
- 7.5 Adjournment at 7:40