



**MEETING MINUTES of the
San Mateo County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (SMCBPAC)
Wednesday, June 18, 2025
7:00 P.M.**

500 County Center, 1st Floor - Manzanita Hall
Redwood City, CA 94063

1. WELCOME

Chair Langbein called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Michael Barnes
Susan Doherty
Elaine Salinger
John Langbein
Mark Lee
Fred Zyda

Absent:

Cristina Aquino

County Staff: Joel Slavitt, Carter Choi, Gina Luiz, Hannah Ormshaw, and Kevin Pankhurst.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Member of the public, Mr. Ron Snow, expressed a concern and requested an update on why a reduction on the posted speed limit on the Alameda de las Pulgas near State Route 84 and in the unincorporated West Menlo Park business district has not happened.

4. ACTION TO SET AGENDA

*Motion: Vice Chair Barnes moved to approve/Member Langbein seconded.
The motion carried 6-0.*

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Review and Approve February 20, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes (Action)

Motion: Michael Barnes moved to approve/Member Lee seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1, with Member Salinger abstaining.

6. BPAC Member Announcements and Discussion (Information)

- Member Salinger expressed concerns regarding the amount of Measure A Transportation Sales Tax available for the Pedestrian and Bicycle projects compared to the amount available for the Highway Program, and asked that an item be agendaized to further discuss at the next BPAC meeting and that the BPAC send a letter to the Board of Supervisors.
- Member Langbein noted that Caltrans recently installed bollards for protected bike lanes on State Route 84 as part of a recent pavement maintenance project.

7. Sheriff's Office Online Incident Reporting System Update for Bicycle Complaints (Information)

Sergeant Neumann from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office shared an update on their crime reporting website, specifically regarding bicycle complaints.

- Member Salinger asked if the information from the Sheriff's Office is shared with other law enforcement agencies.
- Sgt. Neumann said that the California Highway Patrol has a system for reporting on State Highways, but it is not coordinated with the County Sheriff's Office. He shared that if the Sheriff's Office receives complaint for other jurisdictions, they forward them to the respective agency.
- Member Lee asked if the reporting system is available Countywide.
- Sgt Neumann stated the Sheriff's Office Crime reporting system covers areas that are under the Sheriff's Office jurisdiction. When processing reports, the first thing the Sheriff's Office does is determine the jurisdiction of where the incident occurred. If not under the Sheriff's Office jurisdiction they will forward the complaint to the correct agency jurisdiction.
- Member Lee asked if data the Sergeant verbally shared is available to the public.
- Sgt. Neumann noted that they've only shared data when they have reported out at BPAC.
- Member Doherty asked how many three-foot warning letters have been sent out, and Sgt Neumann stated 29 letters were sent.
- Member Doherty also asked if a video could be submitted with a report for evidence.
- Sgt Neumann responded affirmatively.
- Member Doherty asked about cyclists who don't have cameras.
- Sgt Neumann explained that calls go to dispatch and if a vehicle description and license plate number are provided a deputy may be dispatched. He noted that a three-foot rule violation is an infraction, and it must be witnessed by a Sheriff's Officer for a ticket to be issued.
- Member Langbein noted that when he called to report litter being dumped in the bike lane on State Route 84, Caltrans acted quickly. He was asked for the

address, but he didn't know and provided a cross street. He suggested a better identification system be offered.

- Member Salinger noted that she and member of the public, Steve Lubin, have attended law enforcement meetings with videos, noting sometimes cyclists need to take the lane and not all deputies know this.
- Sergeant Neumann said he has provided trainings regarding the three-foot rule violations for his team and tries to educate drivers as well.
- Member Lee asked if cyclists need to move to the edge of the road if there are sharrows on it.
- Sergeant Neumann said yes, unless signs say otherwise but it also depends on the circumstances, such as if there is debris on the side of the road.
- Mr. Snow noted that people on e-bikes going fast can be incompatible with other cyclists. He asked what document BPAC has in terms of promoting guidelines for e-bike use.
- Member Langbein noted the different classes of e-bikes.
- Sgt Neumann noted the emerging e-mobility market and the variety of different laws, some of which are old and intended for mopeds that don't fit as well with newer forms of e-mobility

8. SamTrans Grand Boulevard Initiative (Information)

Mr. Nick Yee, Senior Planner with SamTrans, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the relaunch of the Grand Boulevard Initiative.

- Member Salinger asked how much of the proposed improvements on El Camino Real would include a dedicated bike lane.
- Mr. Yee noted that it is up to the individual jurisdictions to determine the nature of the improvements and planning work is ongoing.
- Member Salinger asked if new land use development could be conditioned to pay for bike lanes.
- Mr. Slavitt noted that C/CAG has a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan to guide local jurisdictions with new development projects (those that generate 100+ peak hour trips), and includes a suite of options for reducing single vehicle occupancy trips, which include bicycle facilities.
- Member Salinger asked what cities have agreed to put in dedicated bike lanes.
- Mr. Yee cited that both Colma and Atherton have plans for proposed bike lanes of El Camino Real.
- Member Lee asked if Caltrans has been kept in the loop.
- Mr. Yee responded that Caltrans attends task force and working group meetings of the Grand Boulevard Initiative, and that they are becoming more multi-modal focused.

9. Tunitas Creek Beach Improvement Project (Information)

Ms. Hannah Ormshaw, Assistant Director of Parks, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Tunitas Creek Beach Improvement Project.

- Member Doherty mentioned a concern for southbound cyclists riding adjacent State Route 1.
- Ms. Ormshaw noted that there is a separate lane for right turning vehicles and that bicyclists could ride in the shoulder.
- Member Langbein noted that most cyclists would likely ride in the right-hand turn lane in advance to avoid conflicts with turning vehicles.
- Member Doherty asked if there would be warning signage so drivers are aware of cyclists traveling through the area.
- Ms. Ormshaw said signage has not been provided as part of this project, and that further coordination would be needed with Caltrans. Parks would be open to considering further striping and signage improvements.
- Member Doherty noted concerns about the narrow Tunitas Creek Bridge to the north where cyclists have experienced near misses. She also shared concerns with potential conflicts from cars exiting the north end of the parking lot making wide left turns with fast riding northbound cyclists.
- Ms. Ormshaw noted that Parks is open to more conversations pertaining to striping and signage improvements, but that it could take some time working through the Caltrans approval process. Concerns pertaining to the bridge should be directed to Caltrans.
- Member Langbein noted that Greg Currey from Caltrans was attending the meeting remotely.
- Mr. Currey agreed with some of Member Langbein's suggestions and noted that improvements could be made as part of a future Caltrans project, or from local agencies obtaining encroachment permits.
- Member Langbein noted that northbound bicyclists going downhill will experience anxiety from drivers making left turns to head northbound from the parking lot on State Route 1 wondering if they will veer into the shoulder.
- Member Doherty suggested that Caltrans provide sharrows on the bridge.
- Member Langbein suggested signage that says bikes can use the full lane.
- Mr. Currey said sharrows are unlikely as they are generally prohibited on Caltrans roads over 30 miles per hour, but he did like the idea of warning signage and that he would look for a mechanism to do that.
- Member Doherty said she wanted to see follow-up on this matter.
- Member Langbein said he would follow up w/ Mr. Currey to submit a service request.

10. Public Works Mid-Year Updates on the 2025 Road Project List and Pavement Preservation Program (Information)

Mr. Carter Choi, Principal Civil Engineer, provided a PowerPoint presentation on Public Works Mid-Year Updates on the 2025 Road Project List and Pavement Presentation Program.

11. Authorize Elaine Salinger to Advocate for Completion of the Crystal Springs Trail Gap on Behalf of the BPAC (Action)

Motion: Vice Chair Barnes moved to approve/Member Doherty seconded.

The motion carried 6-0 with a request for a summary and to keep BPAC informed.

12. County Updates (Information)

13. Adjournment

Motion: Vice Chair Barnes moved to adjourn/Member Doherty seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM.