



CITY OF NOVATO
PUBLIC WORKS

Bicycle / Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 - 5:30 PM

Teleconference Only

A. CALL TO ORDER, AND ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 5:38 PM

In attendance: Chair Mark Vanderscoff, Vice Chair Joakim Osthus, Mark Birnbaum, Jack Gedney, Burt Greenspan, Nestor Schnasse.

Absent: Luke Heslip

Staff Liaison - Petr Skala, Senior Traffic Engineer - Mary Jo Yung

B. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

M/S Schnasse / Gedney: All in Favor 6-0-1 Mark Vanderscoff, Joakim Osthus, Mark Birnbaum, Jack Gedney, Burt Greenspan, Nestor Schnasse.

Absent: Luke Heslip

**C. Approve the meeting minutes of November 11, 2020 and
Approve the special meeting minutes of December 9, 2020.**

M/S Birnbaum / Gedney: All in Favor 6-0-1 Mark Vanderscoff, Joakim Osthus, Mark Birnbaum, Jack Gedney, Burt Greenspan, Nestor Schnasse.

Absent: Luke Heslip

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

E. GENERAL BUSINESS

These items include significant and administrative actions of special interest and will usually include a presentation and discussion by the Committee. They will be enacted upon by a separate vote.

E.1. Revised prioritization of the proposed bike projects as submitted by the committee members – Discussion / Action.

Everyone's revised scores were received and consolidated. The goal was achieved by getting a more consistent use of the scoring criteria / matrix.

Petr will send the summary of the scores as presented to him by Jack to the committee via email. The committee agreed on submission of the proposed bike projects to the City council as an addendum to the approved 2015 Bicycle / Pedestrian Masterplan.

M/S Gedney/ Vanderscoff All in favor 6-0-1 Mark Vanderscoff, Joakim Osthus, Mark Birnbaum, Jack Gedney, Burt Greenspan, Nestor Schnasse. Absent: Luke Heslip

E.2. Senior City Traffic Engineer (Mary Jo Yung – W – Trans) – Receive Updates.

Mary Jo discussed the traffic signal bicycle detention process. She showed the committee her proposed edits to the existing policy and explained that the city follows Caltrans standards for both design and operations. The city uses loops and video cameras for detection. Almost all the traffic signals / intersections have a detection device. Mary Jo will compare current findings with the inventory list of equipment that was done in 2015 and amend this list to include anything that has no bicycle detection at a given location. She will provide the updated list to the B/PAC committee after completion.

E.3. Proposed revisions to three (4.2 Multi-Modal Connections, 4.7 Recommended Bicycle Programs & Policies, 5.2 Recommended Pedestrian Programs & Policies) chapters from the 2015 plan – Discussion.

- The committee reviewed the existing 2015 Bicycle / Pedestrian Masterplan and identified the above listed chapters for update.
- The new text was added in bold to differentiate the changes. Mary Jo thought it would be confusing and suggested opening both docs so you can see the differences / changes.
- Mary Jo is currently working with multiple neighborhoods regarding traffic calming and although no formal polices exist, these ongoing neighborhood group meetings will hopefully drive new polices.

E.4. Receive Updates CIP projects.

- De Long Avenue near Whole Foods – localized pavement restoration.
- Mirabella Avenue – two speed tables were installed.
- Rowland Blvd. at HWY 101 overpass – New Striping was installed by Caltrans.
- Rowland Boulevard Improvements (proposed Costco Gas Station) - design phase.
- San Marin Pavement Rehabilitation - There are two separate contracts; one for concrete flat work, and the second is for scrub and micro pavement resurfacing including new striping and pavement markings.
- Grant Ave Bridge - scheduled to go to construction 2022.
- Sutro Ave Multi Use Path - from Novato Blvd. to the first residential area - plans were presented – submitted application for grant funding.

F. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

This section is used for Commissioners and the Staff Liaison to orally report on topics that can be considered for discussion at a future meeting.

F.1. Consider future topics.

- Proposed revisions to three (4.2 Multi-Modal Connections, 4.7 Recommended Bicycle Programs & Policies, 5.2 Recommended Pedestrian Programs & Policies) chapters from the 2015 plan – Continued Discussion.
- Pedestrian project list update.
- Sidewalk gap issues - how to integrate into the current pedestrian project list.

F.2. Next Meeting Date (March 10, 2021)

Meeting date was confirmed for March 10, at 5:30 PM time

G. ADJOURNMENT (7:00 PM – TIME APPROXIMATE)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM

M/S Schnasse / Gedney: All in Favor 6-0-1 Mark Vanderscoff, Joakim Osthus, Mark Birnbaum, Jack Gedney, Burt Greenspan, Nestor Schnasse.

Absent: Luke Heslip