



CITY OF NOVATO
PUBLIC WORKS

Bicycle / Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 - 5:30 PM

Teleconference Only

A. CALL TO ORDER, AND ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm

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

Absent: Mark Birnbaum, Luke Heslip

Staff: Petr Skala, Chris Blunk, Kenny Jeong (Traffic Engineer)

Guests: Scott McDonald-Transportation Authority Marin

B. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

M / S Schnasse / Gedney: All in Favor 5-0-2 Mark Vanderscoff, Joakim Osthus, Jack Gedney, Burt Greenspan, Nestor Schnasse

Absent: Mark Birnbaum, Luke Heslip

C. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES - March 10, 2021

M / S Greenspan / Osthus: All in Favor 5-0-2 Mark Vanderscoff, Joakim Osthus, Jack Gedney, Burt Greenspan, Nestor Schnasse

Absent: Mark Birnbaum, Luke Heslip

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Warren Wells Policy and Planning Director, from Marin County Bicycle Coalition, introduced himself as he has replaced Bjorn Gripenburg who left earlier this year.

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. Electric Bicycles in Marin County / Study - Presentation (*Scott McDonald – TAM*).

Scott McDonald with TAM reviewed a comprehensive, Power Point presentation, regarding Electric Bicycles in Marin and answered questions.

E.2. CIP Budget - Receive Updates (*Christopher J. Blunk - Public Works Director*).

Chris Blunk presented the 2021 – 22 CIP budget. E.2. and E.3. were merged as there is significant information overlap. CIP Project update included:

- Rowland Boulevard Improvements (proposed Costco Gas Station) - currently on hold pending litigation estimated delay of the project is 6-9 months.
- San Marin Drive Pavement Rehabilitation – Contract one - under construction. Contract two will start first half of July.

- Grant Avenue Bridge - scheduled for construction 2022.
- Sutro Ave Multi Use Path - from Novato Boulevard to Michele Circle.

E.3. CIP Projects - Receive Updates (*Christopher J. Blunk - Public Works Director and Petr Skala – City of Novato*).
Merged with E2.

E.4. Proposed Pedestrian Projects - Revision / Prioritization (*Committee Members*).
Jack presented revised and consolidated scores to the committee. Scoring criteria were discussed at the last meeting. There are no major changes. Four items will be removed from the list (completed or duplicates). Burt's scores will be integrated into the final document. What are the next steps to finalize Addendum 1? Petr will format the document and give it to Chris for review prior to publishing the document on the City website for 30-day period for public comments. We would like to bring it to City Council for adoption in September. Petr will request original files (Figures / Maps) from Alta Planning for revisions and updates. If files are not available, the Figures / Maps will be revised with the next complete update of the City of Novato Bicycle / Pedestrian Plan.

E.5. 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 – Approval of the final revisions (*Committee Members*).
Proposed revisions were discussed at the last meeting and most of the changes were minor. Everyone had a chance to read and review the documents and Jack will now provide final version for the Addendum 1.
Burt made a motion to approve the revisions to the 2015 City of Novato Bicycle / Pedestrian Plan as they stand. Jack seconded. All in Favor 5-0-2 Mark Vanderscoff, Joakim Osthus, Jack Gedney, Burt Greenspan, Nestor Schnasse
Absent: Mark Birnbaum, Luke Heslip

E.6. New Traffic Engineer – Introduction / Receive Updates (*Kenny Jeong - W-Trans*).
Kenny Jeong from W-Trans introduced himself as Mary Jo Yung's replacement.

E.7. Commissioner (*Mark Birnbaum*) **Requested Discussion Concerning New Developments: Marriott Residence Inn and Park-A-Pup Dog Boarding on Redwood Boulevard.**
Mark B. was absent, and this topic will be moved to the next meeting.

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

- E.7- Mark B. was absent, and this topic will be moved to the next meeting.
- What are the next steps to complete Addendum 1?

F.2. Next Meeting Date (*July 14, 2021*)
Meeting date was confirmed for July 14, at 5:30 PM

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:03
M / S Greenspan / Gedney: All in Favor 5-0-2 Mark Vanderscoff, Joakim Osthus, Jack Gedney, Burt Greenspan, Nestor Schnasse
Absent: Mark Birnbaum, Luke Heslip