



**CITY OF NOVATO
PUBLIC WORKS**

Complete Streets & Pathways Oversight Committee

MINUTES

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
WOMACK CONFERENCE ROOM - 2nd Floor
922 MACHIN AVENUE
NOVATO, CA 94945

Wednesday, July 13, 2022 - 5:30 PM

A. WELCOME

A.1 Call to Order, and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm

Committee-Mark Birnbaum, Meheredad Namiranian, Joakim Osthus, Nestor Schnasse, Ed Schulze, Mark Vanderscoff

Staff-Chris Blunk, Angela Beran, Julie Eichner, Barry Bergman (Wtrans)

B. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

Committee Action: Motion by Schulze/Second by Schnasse to approve final agenda

Voted 6-0-0-0

AYES: Mark Birnbaum, Meheredad Namiranian, Joakim Osthus, Nestor Schnasse, Ed Schulze, Mark Vanderscoff

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

C. Approve the meeting minutes of May 11, 2022

Committee Action: Motion by Vanderscoff/Seconded by Schnasse

Voted 5-0-1-0

AYES: Mark Birnbaum, Meheredad Namiranian, Joakim Osthus, Nestor Schnasse, Mark Vanderscoff

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Ed Schulze-absent last meeting

ABSENT: None

D. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Matthew Hartzwell-spoke about his interest in having SMART's involvement and/or regular updates included in the meetings so they can provide feedback throughout their processes.

Two visually impaired students, who will be incoming freshman attending San Marin High, spoke about their concerns regarding the lack of a signal at the intersection in front of San Marin, making accessibility difficult for impaired travelers.

Faith Dunham, the Orientation and Mobility Specialist for the Marin County Office of Education, spoke as well, reiterating the need for safer crossings as currently the students will need escorts to assist when crossing. The hope is for a traffic signal to be installed, to allow the visually impaired to cross independently, specifically at San Marin and San Carlos, but San Marin and Novato Blvd was also mentioned.

Thad Anders, suggested that the Grant Ave Bridge project, on hold due to lack of funding, be closed to through traffic and be left open for pedestrian and bicycles only in an effort to eliminate the cut through traffic using Virginia to access Simmons.

Angela read a public comment from: Nicole Camarada regarding the need for improvements to active transportation infrastructure within the city.

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 Discuss and Consider Revising CSPOC 2022 Regular Meeting Schedule Dates and Times

Different times and days were discussed to reach a consensus on finding an alternate day for the meetings to be held as one member currently has a conflict with the 3rd Wednesday schedule as it stands. The 3rd Wednesday, instead of the 2nd Wednesday of every other month, was determined to be an agreeable time for all.

Committee Action: Birnbaum moved to change the standard meeting time from the 2nd Wednesday to the 3rd Wednesday of every other month. Seconded by Schnasse. Meetings will continue to have the same start time of 5:30 pm. Next meeting will be held September 21st.

Voted-6-0-0-0

AYES: Mark Birnbaum, Meheredad Namiranian, Joakim Osthus, Nestor Schnasse, Ed Schulze, Mark Vanderscoff

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

E.2 Discussion on Crosswalk at San Marin Drive and San Mateo Way

Kenny Jeong was absent so Barry spoke on his behalf. He said (Kenny) would like to further study the area, before making a recommendation. Ideally, he would like to wait until the school year starts so the vehicle and pedestrian traffic is higher, and he has more accurate counts before making a determination. The collision history from the past 10 years revealed 2 collisions; one was with a pedestrian.

E.3 Receive Update on Diablo/DeLong Corridor Enhancements

Visual graphics were presented on screen, including the intersection of DeLong, Diablo and Redwood, which will be undergoing some improvements and enhancements due to the high collision rate.

An, HSIP, federal grant was applied for; anticipated costs are expected to be about 1.2 million to make safety enhancements to this corridor.

The focus is on the intersection of DeLong, Diablo and Redwood with a goal to make it more navigable with less collisions.

Improvements will include an advanced detection system, which can detect speeds of approaching vehicles, therefore, affecting the timing of the traffic signals/lights. Chris explained the modifications that are planned and will include, lane shifting, shortening crossings and the addition of countdown ped heads, bulb outs and a refuge; allowing for an overall more pedestrian friendly crossing.

There is a project designer on board and it is about 35% complete with construction planned for spring summer of 2023.

Committee members asked questions about the potential for bike facilities and provided feedback

Chris commented that there is nothing in the Bike Ped Master Plan, but we should make sure there is good bike. Mark B thought there not being any bike facilities is a mistake between Smart, bus terminal and Grant as it is not currently a great environment for bikes and thought if we are redoing it, this would be the time for class 2 lanes to be a consideration on Diablo between Redwood and Novato Blvd.

Joakim made some comments about potential improvements for bike riders as well.

E.4 Receive Update on Proposed Scope of Citywide Crosswalk Enhancement & Traffic Calming

The crosswalk improvements will be bundled as one project. A handout was provided that listed the multiple locations slated for improvements.

The locations and enhancements include-

Virginia Ave installing 2 radar speed sign, and bulb outs. Some lane shifting and narrowing of lanes will take place without losing on street parking. Small islands will be dropped in for drainage purposes and separate crosswalks etc. signage narrows roadway encourage traffic calming and pseudo refuge for peds by end of calendar year.

Country Club- radar signs and striping

Tamalpais from Center to Novato Blvd-neighborhood requested

Hamilton Parkway- restriping and narrowing parts where SMART bike path ends, enhanced crosswalk and buffered bike lanes –near skate park /Aberdeen

Main Gate and C St. –enhancements near library area

Series of RFBs at 5 locations spread out along S Novato Blvd. similar to what is at Diablo and George

Public comment- Matt Hartzell asked about making them class 4 lanes on Hamilton, with use of bollards.

Public comment-Simmons near Virginia could use some speed calming measures too

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

Update on SMART north south greenway progress

Recommendation on aps signals at San Marin and San Carlos

Update on funding status of Grant Ave-Virginia bridge

Simmons lane traffic calming ideas

Sidewalk improvement process-homeowners responsibility-future discussion-maybe not sept meeting

Rowland Blvd road diet

Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan update

F.2. Next Meeting Date (September 21, 2022)

Next meeting date of September 21, was confirmed. The new date is based on earlier request of changing from 2nd Wednesday to 3rd Wednesday of the month.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 M/S Schulze/Osthus all in favor

AYES: Mark Birnbaum, Meheredad Namiranian, Joakim Osthus, Nestor Schnasse, Ed Schulze, Mark Vanderscoff

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None



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