REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 25, 2009
PLAZA CONFERENCE ROOM AT CITY HALL – 500 CASTRO STREET
6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Train called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Committee members Lauren Angelo, Jerri-Ann Meyer, Teresa Testa, Vice Chairperson Bryan Malone and Chairperson Leslie Train.

Staff Members Present: Genevieve Fire, Senior Civil Engineer.

Public Present: One member of the public was present.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC—None.

4. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion—M/S Malone/Angelo—Carried 5-0—Approve the minutes of the January 28, 2009 meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 2009 WORK PLAN

The Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (B/PAC) work plan is used to provide a general guide to the Committee's goals and work items for the year. Staff provided copies of the 2008 Work Plan at the meeting, and the Committee members had a lengthy discussion regarding whether to retain, revise, remove or amend the items listed. While many of the goals and work items will be retained for the current year, a few significant revisions were suggested and the Committee will review the draft 2009 Work Plan and make any final revisions at its March 25, 2009 meeting.

5.2 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) PROJECTS

Public Works staff indicated the City expects approximately $40,000 in TDA funds (subsequently, the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) notified the

City that Mountain View's available TDA funding is $78,354). Staff also relayed a recommendation from Public Works management that the funds be used to expand the City's bicycle boulevard network as this project aligns with the City's ongoing Environmental Sustainability efforts.

In addition to new bike boulevards, Committee members made the following suggestions for possible TDA projects:

- Bike education, especially for adults.
- Print more bike maps (with minor revisions, including the Stevens Creek Trail segment south of El Camino Real).
- Bike boulevard signs that are more visible at night.
- A pilot project to restrict parking from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to allow more room for bicyclists (possibly on Calderon Avenue).
- In-pavement crosswalk lighting.
- Updated access ramps/ADA compliance (from Public Works list).

Candidate TDA projects will be discussed further at the March 25, 2009 B/PAC meeting. The Committee's prioritized project list will be forwarded to the Council Transportation Committee in April for approval and then brought to the City Council in May for authorization to submit to the Valley Transportation Authority.

6. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND REPORTS

6.1 STAFF COMMENTS

League of American Bicyclists Award

The City will be issuing a press release about the League of American Bicyclists award in the next few days. B/PAC members asked to be included on distribution of the press release.

Impact of Budget Constraints

The hiring of a Public Works Senior Analyst, the position assigned as staff liaison to the B/PAC, is still on hold. Due to this and other resource constraints, there is limited staffing available for B/PAC and related work items.

Mountain View High School Traffic Study

A draft of this study will be brought to the B/PAC at the April 29, 2009 meeting. The study production schedule is driven by the need to receive City Council approval so that any improvements are completed before the beginning of the school year in August 2009. Meetings with the neighborhood and the high school are anticipated in March.

Moffett Boulevard/Highway 101 Intersection Bicycle Safety

At their meeting on February 18, 2009, the Council Transportation Committee authorized the Traffic Engineer to work with Caltrans to evaluate bicycle safety and possible improvements at the intersection of Moffett Boulevard and Highway 101.

Miscellaneous Project Updates

- Stevens Creek Trail-Moffett Overcrossing: Set to open in May 2009.
- Permanente Creek Crossing at Route 101/Old Middlefield Way: Project needs additional funding of $4.1 million. Looking to complete design by the end of 2009.
- Stevens Creek Trail—Sleeper Avenue to Dale Avenue/Heatherstone Way segment: Construction of this project is not yet funded, but a consultant is on board working on environmental documents needed to apply for funding.
- Stevens Creek Trail—El Camino Real to Sleeper Avenue: Weather depending, trail to be open in May 2009.
- Grant Road-Sleeper Avenue Traffic Signal: Deferred (did not meet enough Caltrans criteria, and new signal could adversely impact existing signal interconnect on Grant Road).
- Showers Drive In-Pavement Lighted Crosswalk: More construction funding needed, but job is in design and manufacturer has been selected. Still looking for installation by December 2009.
- Permanente Trail/Charleston Road: Feasibility study to start in summer 2009.

6.2 COMMITTEE COMMENTS

- Two Committee members offered to analyze the Mayfield-Whisman Bike Boulevard use data.

- YMCA Community Bike Ride (May 1, 2009)—Committee members expressed having a table at the start.

- A Committee member requested a future discussion on bike boulevards.

- A Committee member relayed citizen correspondences about bicycle safety on Rengstorff Avenue and the disposition of the San Antonio Road tunnel adjacent to the Mayfield site (both concerns had been forwarded to City staff).

- Grant funds for Walk- and Bike-to-School Day are available. An e-mail with more information had been sent to the Committee and staff with a request to forward to schools and their PTAs.

- February VTA B/PAC Meeting Discussions:

  — Federal Stimulus Package: VTA and Santa Clara County Roads staff are looking into opportunities for funding local projects. It appears that candidate projects are related to street paving.

  — Bicycle Expenditure Program (BEP): In Mountain View, most BEP projects are related to the Stevens Creek Trail.

  — Not enough bike rack capacity on VTA transit facilities (buses and light rail)—VTA B/PAC Subcommittee to study the issue.

- A Committee member attended the Permanente Creek Overcrossing Community meeting.

- Fort Collins, Colorado has a bike rental program run through its library system. Bikes can be rented for five days using a library card.

7. SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Plaza Conference Room on the second floor of Mountain View City Hall.

8. CALENDAR

The Committee will continue to work on its 2009 work plan, refine the list of candidate TDA projects, discuss how public safety staff might be able to assist in bicycle safety outreach and begin planning Bike-To-Work Day activities.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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