APPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes:	Bicycle Transportation Advisory Commission (BTAC)
Date of Meeting:	August 14, 2006
Time of Meeting:	7:00 P.M.
Place of Meeting:	Milpitas Sports Center Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BTAC Members
Present: Cheryl Bunnell, Bill Reisinger (Chair), Wesley Roediger, Fred Zeise (Vice Chair)
Staff: Jaime Rodriguez

Absent: Rene Briones, Miljon Buquing, Nawal Stanojevic, Janice Nadal (Staff), Vice Mayor Armando Gomez

Quorum was established.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **VTA BPAC meeting report- Chair Reisinger**
Chair Reisinger reported on VTA BPAC items including the availability of an online survey that the VTA has for LRT ridership. Link to the survey is at: http://64.23.13.184

2. **Commission Announcements**
Sunnyvale Bicycling Street Smarts Brochure
Commissioner Bunnell shared a bicycling street smarts brochure from the City of Sunnyvale with the committee that is available for purchase. She asked if Milpitas would consider purchasing and distributing at various events. Staff Jaime Rodriguez recommended getting copies for staff to review and discuss at the next meeting. The copy share at the meeting stayed with Alt. Member Roediger.

ACTION: Commissioner Bunnell will mail a copy of the brochure to Janice Nadal for review. This item will be agenized for the next meeting.

Staff Announcements
Mr. Rodriguez confirmed with Commissioner Bunnell her request to be reappointment to the Commission. Commissioner Bunnell stated she sent an email to the Mayor requesting reappointment.

Mr. Rodriguez reported the City will be implementing a Banner Program that will include several designs including a bicycle banner. One hundred banners will be posted around the City and near City entrances. Banners have themes such as Stay and Play, Stop and Shop, Live and Work, Meet and Greet. The banners are about 9-10 feet long. The Commissioners

liked the banners.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION to approve the August 14, 2006 agenda
M/S: Bunnell/Zeise
All Ayes

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION to approve the June 12, 2006 BTAC minutes.
Commissioner Bunnell clarified her vote was "no" for the striping on Escuela Parkway (Page 5 on June 12, 2006 minutes)

M/S as amended: Bunnell/Zeise
All Ayes

VI. CITIZEN'S FORUM

There were no citizens present.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Commission By-Laws**
By-laws were shared for review and input with no concerns. Chair Reisinger asked staff to pursue the preparation of a letter for him to sign to remove members from the commission that have not been attending.

Action: Staff Janice Nadal will review attendance records and draft a letter for review.

2. **Proposed Passenger Loading Zones on Escuela Pkwy**
Mr. Rodriguez reported that staff notified the Escuela Parkway Transportation Committee of the BTAC's preference to not pursue the conversion of bike lanes on Escuela Pkwy between Washington Dr and Russell Ln to a Bike Route with time-of-day passenger loading zones. Mr. Rodriguez also reported that as part of the Escuela Pkwy Transportation Committee that a consultant study is being funded by a grant from the UC Berkeley Institute for Transportation Studies (ITS) to identify possible safety improvements to help circulation and access around the schools. If the bike lane conversion is recommended through that study, the item will be brought back to the BTAC for additional input.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Communications Protocol**
Chair Resinger discussed communications betweens Alt. Member Roeidger and Mayor Esteves regarding the approved bike lane removals on Main St. Current city construction projects have already removed the bike lanes on N Main St between Weller Ln and Carlo St. The installation of new bike lanes on Abel St that were also approved to compensate for the removal of the bike lanes on Main St are also in construction.

Chair Reisinger stated that discussions regarding bike or transportation projects with BTAC members should occur at the BTAC meetings. Mr. Rodriguez also stated that statements from any BTAC members that conflict with previously stated positions of the BTAC reflects poorly amongst staff and the BTAC. Jaime discussed the background with the adoption of the Midtown Specific Plan and shared details from the plan that highlighted the street cross-sections on Main St and Abel St. Jaime reiterated that statements to the council or other public forums from the BTAC should be from the Chair or the council liaison, Vice-Mayor Gomez.

2. **Bike Map**
   Mr. Rodriguez reported that the bike map was on the City's BTAC webpage and the City's Transportation webpage. Mr. Rodriguez also discussed bike lanes deployed since the current map was prepared including new bike lanes on Evans Road, S Park Victoria Blvd (currently under construction) and designed for future deployment on McCarthy Blvd. Mr. Rodriguez stated that grant funding was being pursued to prepare a new map for the City.

   Action: Ms. Nadal will email the bicycle map link to the Commission.

3. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements**
   i. **VTA Countywide Bicycle Plan**
      Mr. Rodriguez shared the County's bike plan and their request to collect input on their preferred bike network. It was not clear what information was being requested to the BTAC asked for the County to come back at the next meeting to clarify. Alt. Member Roediger requested that Main St be removed from the County's preferred bike network as the bike lanes were being removed per the specific plan and stated that Main St was no longer going to be a safe environment. Jaime stated opposition to Alt. Member Roediger's statement and suggested that the BTAC decide whether the item of bike lane removal was important to them to pursue. The BTAC decided not action was to be pursued for Main St.

      The BTAC requested someone from the County be at the next meeting to discuss improvements along City streets that cross Montague Exp. Mr. Rodriguez suggested getting back on to the agenda and discussing Safety items later in the agenda.

   ii. **Midtown Specific Plan – Bike Lane Removal**
      No action taken. Item discussed during Communications Protocol and VTA Countywide Bicycle Plan discussions.

iii. **Escuela Schools Traffic Congestion Committee Update**
Chair Reisinger reported on meetings with the Escuela Schools Traffic Congestion Committee. Stated that the committee works well together and that various improvements had been implemented with assistance from the City and that they were awaiting notification of grant funding from MTC to do more complete studies than that being done by the Berkeley ITS program.

iv. **Open Forum**
There were no items discussed in Open Forum.

4. **Safety**
Alt. Member Roediger shared photos of bike crossings at Montague Exp & Great Mall Pkwy-Capitol Av that he believed were not safe and required attention. Mr. Rodriguez stated that their concerns would be forwarded to the County for consideration of improvements since the City does not operate or maintain that intersection.

Mr. Rodriguez reported that bike lanes on Great Mall Pkwy between McCandless & Montague Exp would be put back per design but additional bike lane extensions at the intersection of Montague Exp would require input from the County.

5. **Public Awareness**
   i. Art & Wine Festival – August 19 & 20, 2006
   The event is now called "Celebrate Milpitas". Chair Reisinger reminded the commission of the volunteer opportunities at the Bicycle Coral for the event.

   ii. Open Forum
   There were no items discussed in Open Forum.

IX. ADJOURNMENT **MOTION to adjourn at** 8:30 p.m.

M/S: All Ayes