

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Bicycle Transportation Advisory Commission (BTAC)
Date of Meeting: October 9, 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: Rene Briones, Cheryl Bunnell, Bill Reisinger (Chair), Nawal Stanojevic, Fred Zeise (Vice Chair)
Staff: Jaime Rodriguez

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

Quorum was established.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. VTA BPAC meeting report- Chair Reisinger

Chair Reisinger did not attend the last BPAC meeting. Bill said the County Bikeways map from 2002 needs an update. It is hard to read. The delineating colors are too close together to distinguish the difference.

2. Commission Announcements

No other announcements

**IV. APPROVAL OF
THE AGENDA**

MOTION to approve the October 9, 2006 agenda

Chair Reisinger requested to move the New Business Item 1i County Roads and Airport Presentation before the Old Business items

M/S: Stanojevic/Bunnell

All Ayes

**V. APPROVAL OF
THE MINUTES**

MOTION to approve the August 14, 2006 BTAC minutes.

Chair Reisinger clarified on the minutes, page 3, under item VIII-3i, the minutes read, "Mr. Rodriguez stated opposition to alternate member Reisinger". The minutes should read, "Mr. Rodriguez stated opposition to alternate member Roediger".

In the same section, next paragraph, Chair Reisinger requested the BTAC appoint someone from the County to attend the next meeting, not "BTAC" as reflected in the minutes.

M/S as amended: Briones/Bunnell

All Ayes

VI. CITIZEN'S FORUM *There were no citizens present.*

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Commission By-Laws

Chair Reisinger stated there was a letter sent to Commissioner Buquing regarding his resignation. According to the Commission By-Laws, if a Commissioner has 3 unexcused meetings missed in a row, they are in non-compliance.

Motion to request resignation of Commissioner Buquing from the Bicycle Transportation Advisory Commission (BTAC)

M/S: Briones/Stanojevic
All Ayes

2. Escuela Schools Traffic Congestion Committee Update

Chair Reisinger attended Walk to School Day at Pomeroy Elementary on Wednesday, October 5, 2006. Chair Reisinger went the day before on October 4, 2006 at 7:30am to 8:30am and viewed the current traffic situation. The traffic was stop and go. On Walk to School Day at Pomeroy, a lot of students and parents walked. Crossing guards stated there were fewer cars that day. Chair Reisinger spoke to Principal Berman who was pleased with the turnout and will incorporate some type of walk to school day throughout the school year. Chair Reisinger counted 20 bicycles at Russell middle school and 8-10 bicycles at the High School. The City installed the flashing pedestrian signs on Russell Lane. Pomeroy also has a student valet program loading service (City of Milpitas previously trained and provided supplies to every elementary school) to assist with a continuous flow in the parking lot.

Staff Jaime Rodriguez mentioned two grants were applied for on behalf of the Traffic Congestion Committee. The first is the Berkeley Institute of Transportation Studies (ITS) where staff and the consultants surveyed the area making observations around Escuela Parkway, Washington and Arizona Drives. Some suggestions were to convert the bicycle lanes on Escuela Parkway to a drop off zone. The drop off zones at Arizona Drive has been successful. The Berkeley ITS will also look at this option as well as offer other engineering recommendations.

The second grant through the MTC TETAP program to provide technical assistance that would allow for traffic data collection and modeling. The City was not successful in getting this grant.

The Berkeley ITS study will be shared with BTAC, the Transportation Subcommittee and the City Council. Any recommendations would be brought back to these committees for approval and to coordinate with the Milpitas Unified School District.

Chair Reisinger mentioned the next Escuela Traffic Congestion meeting be held November 6, 2006.

Commissioner Stanojevic mentioned the traffic on Jacklin at Escuela Parkway extends past Interstate 680.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

i. County Roads and Airports Presentation- Dan Collens and Dawn Cameron

- i. Montague Expressway
- ii. Pedestrian Element

Below are the notes taken by Dawn Cameron from County Roads:

Expressways in Jurisdiction

Montague Expressway – from I-680 to Coyote Creek:

- Pedestrian plan is for sidewalks along both sides of the expressway. Sidewalks will be constructed as part of 8-lane widening project; however, some additional gap closure projects will also be needed to provide continuous sidewalks. 8-lane project may start around 2010.

Summary of Committee Comments

Listed areas with pedestrian hazards that will be eliminated when the sidewalks are built; however, in the meantime, pedestrians have no other options to reach their destinations so should not prohibit them. Advisory pedestrian caution signs and motorist signage to share the road may help.

Key Points/Statements from Committee

Specific locations of concern were:

- Montague/Great Mall Intersection – cars turn at high speeds from west bound Montague onto Great Mall creating a crossing hazard for pedestrians. Milpitas and County staff to evaluate and recommend options for improvement.
- Montague/Milpitas Boulevard – Westbound Montague, pedestrians are blind to cars turning right onto Milpitas Boulevard

and there's no pedestrian crossing at Milpitas Boulevard. Pedestrians must travel down Milpitas Boulevard for a crossing area, but to access Milpitas Boulevard they must climb over part of the creek culvert. Pedestrians in this area have no other route options to reach the Great Mall.

- Bushes need to be kept trimmed back from roadway – they create a visual impairment for pedestrians looking around curves.

Other Comments

- BTAC would like to review the expressway projects as they are designed.

The northeast corner of the Capitol/Great Mall intersection is constricted on the city side and bicyclists are not safe. County and city staff will do a field visit to discuss options for improving the situation. It was also suggested that this would be a good location for bike adaptive signal timing.

ii. Open Forum

Safety

i. Abel Street at Capitol Avenue Improvements

Mr. Rodriguez mentioned this item was regarding questions regarding the bicycle-vehicle crash on Abel Street south of Great Mall Parkway in September.

Commissioner Briones asked what would be the prospect on putting a bike lane on Abel Street from the Great Mall Parkway to Calaveras Blvd. Mr. Rodriguez stated bike lanes on Main Street will be shifted to Abel Street and will be installed between Great Mall Parkway and Corning Avenue as the first phase. The next phase of bike lane installation will be between Corning Ave and Weller Drive. Future phasing, currently unfunded, will install bike lanes to the Abel/Jacklin overpass.

ii. Open Forum

4. Public Awareness

i. School Construction Activity Outreach

Mr. Rodriguez said the City received a TDA grant for \$7,000 to build pedestrian ramps to some of the MUSD elementary schools. Current construction is at Spangler at Abbott Avenue and Rudyard and Abbott and Spence Drive. Ramps will also be installed on Arizona Drive where the students enter Milpitas High School and Arizona Drive and Washington Drive, Kennedy Drive near Burnett.

- i. Open Forum
There were no items discussed in Open Forum.

Meeting Schedule

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

M/S: Stanojevic/Briones All Ayes