



BICYCLE COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday, December 12, 2011
7:00 PM
701 Laurel Street
Civic Center Administration Building Main Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER – This meeting was called to order by Chair G. Klingsporn at 7:02 PM.

ROLL CALL – (Chair) G. Klingsporn, (Vice-Chair) W. Lohmann, W. Kohn, M. Harding, M. Levenson
Absent: J. Rowe, R. Steele

Staff- R. Angulo

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. The minutes of the November meeting were approved without changes. MSP 5-0
2. Presentation of the Facebook Draft EIR by Rachel Grossman, Menlo Park Planner:

The current issue is the CEQA for the project, and the method employed is to convert the employee cap to a daily trip cap for transportation concerns. The East Campus is the existing Oracle/Sun buildings at Bayfront and Willow, and the West Campus is planned for an undeveloped area across Bayfront, to consist of 2-4 story buildings. The purpose of the CEQA is disclosure, rather than a requirement of perfection. An analysis of the East Campus is not required, as there is no ground-breaking involved. For 'Air Quality', the impact is traffic emissions, for which no mitigation is available. For 'Noise', the impact area is the Willow-Bayfront intersection traffic. Also, construction vibration at the West Campus is a concern.

Complete mitigation requires an 80% reduction of additional trips to avoid impact. For the West Campus, a 50% reduction of projected trips is required.

Atul Patel, Menlo Park Transportation Department: Planning is based on full staffing of the East Campus in 2015 and the West Campus in 2018. Mitigation measures include improvement of the Willow-Bayfront intersection, with a transportation impact fee assessed. For example, three right-turn lanes from Willow to Bayfront/84 are planned. For bikes, improved crossing signals will give access to the Bayfront crosswalk. The mitigation timeframe is five years, depending on Caltrans approval.

Public meetings: Transportation Commission: Dec 14, Public input: Jan 2, City Council: Jan 23, final EIR meeting: Jan 31

Public comment on Item B2:

- Adina Levin and Andrew Boone, Menlo Park, E Palo Alto: Bicycle access improvements are required. Most cyclists will come from Palo Alto, Mountain View and Sunnyvale, so bike routes from the south must be upgraded. The Willow/Hwy 101 overpass is daunting to cyclists, but Caltrans has no policy on interchange bike lanes, but adding a bike lane there depends on current lane widths available.
- Anna Turner, E. Palo Alto: Recent community surveys show that bicycle safety is the chief concern. There is community interest in the Facebook project impacts.
- Bob Cronin, MP: Keep track of the planned Willow/Hwy 101 overpass upgrade to insure bike access is improved.
- Romain Komorn, Bell Haven Resident and Facebook Employee: The Willow/Bayfront intersection is his chief concern.
- Chris Weeks, Google Transportation: The Bay Trail is important for bicycle access.
- Brett Linder, Google Employee: Rides from San Francisco to Google. He finds it hard to have to modify route because Bay Trail is not connected. Would like to see Bay Trail connected.
- Lea Scott: Strongly in support of improvements on Willow Overcrossing.
- Rick Sinclair, Facebook Employee: Gets lost in E. Palo Alto where Bay Trail ends. Would like to see Bay Trail connected.
- Nathan Brownson, Facebook Employee:
- Terry Martin, Facebook Employee: Bay Trail/ route continuity is important for bike access: no gaps.
- Jessica Herrera, Facebook Transportation: She is the one to see for bike issues at Facebook.
- Tim Tosta, Facebook Land Issues Attorney: Suggests applying bike improvements to "Community Benefits", rather than "Mitigation".
- Rachel Grossman, Menlo Park Planner: There is a meeting on the "Four Corners" (Bay and University) development on Jan 12. She suggests connecting bike trails to the development plans.

C. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bicycle Education Subcommittee: Revised list of 10 "Did You Know" items is ready for distribution.
2. Library Event Subcommittee, M. Levenson: We are encouraged to do any event in the school year, especially September, rather than Summer to get best attendance. M. Levenson will work on details. The best target is the younger children and their parents, before the 3rd grade. We should connect with books, then simple on-bike practice.

D. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. No informational items.

E. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Prepared by: M. Harding