



# CITY OF MERCED

Merced Civic Center  
678 W. 18th Street  
Merced, CA 95340

## Minutes Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

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Tuesday, August 24, 2021

4:00 PM

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### A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson FRIEDMAN called the regular meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

### B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner THURSTON led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### C. ROLL CALL

**CLERK'S NOTE:** Commissioner Meloy's absence was excused.

Ex-Officio Commissioner Abong was present. Ex-Officio Commissioner Vanagten's absence was excused. Ex-Officio Commissioner Buchmann-Garcia was absent.

**Present:** 4 - Chairperson Lisa Kayser-Grant, Member Ann Thurston, Member Dwight Ewing, and Greg Friedman

**Absent:** 1 - Member Michael Meloy

### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

### E. CONSENT CALENDAR

Due to a technical issue, no items were heard on the consent calendar at this meeting. The minutes of the June 22nd, 2021, meeting will be approved at the October 26th, 2021, meeting.

### F. REPORTS

#### F.1. **SUBJECT: Engineering Report**

##### **REPORT IN BRIEF**

Staff will provide informational items to the Commission regarding Engineering, current projects, or other items not requiring action by the Commission at this meeting.

City Engineer BELTRAN provided a report on Engineering items. Work on V Street will begin in approximately one week, work on N Street continues,

work on B Street will go out to bid in approximately 2 weeks, G Street from Childs to 13th Street is scheduled for construction in the spring, sidewalk projects will be ongoing throughout the City, and an 8 foot multi-use path on Childs Avenue from Golden Valley High School to Coffee Street will be an approximately \$1.1 million investment. Mr. BELTRAN approximated that CMAQ projects such as this one receive approximately 88% of funds from the grant, with 12% matching funds from the City. Mr. BELTRAN also noted that the City is transitioning to using green paint for bicycle lanes as a standard practice. Mr. BELTRAN noted that the consultant has been authorized to move forward with the Downtown traffic analysis, including a traffic impact study and will look at signal timing and transitioning more of Main Street to one-way traffic. The Commission discussed the projects.

Mr. BELTRAN also presented to the Commission a fact sheet for the Clean California local grant program. The program is for beautifying spaces. He asked the Commission to provide locations that could be beautified in Merced using grant funding. He noted that the maximum grant funding award is \$5 million. Principal Planner HREN asked for the Commission to provide a list of locations that staff can use to create applications for funding through this program. The Commission discussed the grant opportunity. The Commission discussed the project at the northeast corner of Yosemite Avenue and G Street. The Commission also discussed Measure V funding as it relates to alternative modes.

**F.2.**                    **SUBJECT: Information Items**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Staff will provide informational items to the Commission regarding future meetings or other items not requiring action by the Commission at this meeting.

Mr. HREN noted that there are applicants for two of the three currently vacant positions on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission.

**F.3.**                    **SUBJECT: Commissioner Comments**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Provides Commissioners an opportunity to make a brief announcement on any activities they have attended on behalf of the City and/or on future community events/activities that relate to active transportation. The Brown Act does not allow discussion or action by the legislative body under this section.

Commissioner THURSTON noted that graffiti abatement response time has been fast and thorough.

## G. BUSINESS

**G.1.**                    **SUBJECT:** Request to Add Item to Future Agenda

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Provides Commissioners an opportunity to request that an item be placed on a future Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission agenda for initial consideration.

None were made.

**G.2.**                    **SUBJECT:** Election of Officers

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Rules of Procedure call for a yearly election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Nominate and elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson with separate motions.

**A motion was made by Commissioner KAYSER-GRANT, seconded by Commissioner THURSTON, to elect Commissioner KAYSER-GRANT as chairperson. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Chairperson Kayser-Grant, Member Thurston, Member Ewing, and Friedman

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**A motion was made by Commissioner FRIEDMAN, seconded by Commissioner THURSTON, to table the election of a Vice-Chair to the next regularly scheduled meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Chairperson Kayser-Grant, Member Thurston, Member Ewing, and Friedman

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

## H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.

**A motion was made by Commissioner FRIEDMAN, seconded by Commissioner THURSTON, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Chairperson Kayser-Grant, Member Thurston, Member Ewing, and Friedman

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 0

BY:



MICHAEL HREN, SECRETARY BICYCLE  
AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY  
COMMISSION

APPROVED:



GREG FRIEDMAN, CHAIRPERSON  
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY  
COMMISSION