



CITY OF MERCED

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

Minutes Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

4:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson KAYSER-GRANT called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson KAYSER-GRANT asked for a moment of silence.
Chairperson KAYSER-GRANT led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

C. ROLL CALL

Commissioner MELOY was absent, excused.

Ex Officio Member MORRIS was absent, excused.

MARIE BUHL and DANIEL MURPHY have resigned.

Others Present: Principal Planner LAN, Administrative Assistant ABARCA
and Interim City Engineer WEGLEY.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

JERRY PEREZCHICA gave public comment about concerns regarding the
11st neighborhood.

Principal Planner LAN read the rules and responsibilities of the Bicycle and
Pedestrian Advisory Commission and its members for the record.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the consent calendar.

F. REPORTS

F.1

SUBJECT: Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Update

REPORT IN BRIEF

Update Commission on ATP Project. City staff will provide a list of proposed projects and update the Commission. This does not require action by the Commission at this meeting.

Principal Planner gave an update on the Regional Multi-Jurisdictional Active Transportation Plan (ATP). Ms. LAN introduced KARI MCNICKLE from Fehr and Peers. Ms. MCNICKLE introduced MEG PRINCE from MCAG and further updated the Commission about the Draft ATP, the upcoming public comment period and the eventual timeline for consideration. She also answered questions of the Commission. City Engineer WEGLEY answered additional questions related to the implementation of the ATP once it is adopted.

F.2

SUBJECT: Grant Opportunities

REPORT IN BRIEF

This item has been placed on the agenda for the Commission to inform staff of various grant opportunities pertaining to projects within the City's Active Transportation Plan.

Engineering Report was heard first. Principle Planner LAN updated the Commission about the Grant Writing Team and Grant Funding Strategy. Invited leads to funding sources from the Commission.

F.3

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 WEGLEY gave an update on the Highway 59 widening and opportunities to support Active Transportation on Yosemite from G to Parsons. He gave other City Engineering project updates as well.

F.4

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 HSU discussed the California E-Bike Incentives Program, a

pedestrian and bike bridge over Bear Creek proposed by the Mayor at a City Council meeting, the concerns about safe streets brought up at the Town Hall meetings and a column about Active Transportation that she will begin writing for the Merced County Times.

F.5

SUBJECT: High-Speed Rail Design Update

REPORT IN BRIEF

Update Commission on High-Speed Rail design and the proposed surrounding infrastructure.

Principal Planner LAN updated the Commission about the December HSR Stakeholder meeting and the HSR Draft 2024 Business Plan.

G. BUSINESS

G.1

SUBJECT: Bike Month Discussion

REPORT IN BRIEF

The Commission will discuss Bike Month, including future activities and plans.

DISCUSSION

This is a standing item on the agenda for the Commission to discuss Bike Month, including future improvements or changes. The Commission should also discuss any activities, outreach, or education pertaining to Bike Month that it deems appropriate.

Chairperson KAYSER-GRANT updated the Commission about Bike Month plans and requested the public to look at the Merced Bicycle Coalition website (mercebicyclecoalition.org) for details on the event.

G.2

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.

Commissioner HSU would like to have put on the agenda the opportunity

for the BPAC to discuss how they can become better informed and empowered to advise the City Council in matters that pertain to Active Transportation, including the role and duties of the Commission.

Chairperson KAYSER-GRANT reminded the community about the Bicycle Coalition meetings.

Principle Planner LAN asked the Commission about their Brown Act training.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 PM.

A motion was made by Member HSU, seconded by Member MCCLELLAN, to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: 5 - Chairperson Kayser-Grant, Member HSU, Member Thomas, Member Aldana, Member McClellan

No: 0