



# CITY OF MERCED

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

## Minutes Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

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Tuesday, October 24, 2023

4:00 PM

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### A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson KAYSER-GRANT called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

### B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### C. ROLL CALL

**CLERK'S NOTE:** Ex-Officio Commissioner MORRIS, and BUHL were present. Ex-Officio Commissioner MURPHY was absent excused. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission has one vacancy at this time.

Others Present: Associate Planner MENDOZA-GONZALEZ, and Interim City Engineer WEGLEY

**Present:** 6 - Member Michael Meloy, Member Anthony Aldana, Member Ashwin Thomas, Member Peggy Hsu, Chair Lisa Kayser-Grant, and Member William McClellan

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chair Dwight Ewing

**Absent:** 0

### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

### E. CONSENT CALENDAR

**E.1**                    **SUBJECT:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Minutes of August 22, 2023

#### **ACTION**

Approving and filing the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Minutes of August 22, 2023

**A motion was made by Member Meloy, seconded by Member Hsu, to approve the meeting minutes of August 22, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Member Meloy, Member Aldana, Member Thomas, Member Hsu, Chair Kayser-Grant, and Member McClellan

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Vice Chair Ewing

Absent: 0

## 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.

Interim City Engineer WEGLEY provided a presentation regarding the Caltrans State Route 59 Widening Project. This proposal would expand State Route 59 from a two-lane roadway to four lanes from 16th Street to Buena Vista Drive to improve traffic congestion and traffic safety. The project also proposes to replace the Black Rascal Creek Bridge and would include standard shoulders, intersection improvements, bicycle lanes, and sidewalks.

Interim City Engineer WEGLEY noted that Caltrans is currently accepting public comments for this proposal.

Committee Members provided comments regarding the proposal.

Associate Planner MENDOZA-GONZALEZ indicated that he would send a follow-up e-mail to the BPAC with instructions on how to send their comments directly to Caltrans.

### F.2 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.

The commission did not have any comments.

## G. BUSINESS

**G.1**                    **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 Member Meloy, seconded by Member Hsu, to continue the Election of Officers to the next Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission meeting in December. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Member Meloy, Member Aldana, Member Thomas, Member Hsu, Chair Kayser-Grant, and Member McClellan

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chair Ewing

**Absent:** 0

**G.2**                    **SUBJECT: Rescheduling the BPAC meeting of December 26, 2023**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission meeting of December 26, 2023 should be rescheduled.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Make a motion to reschedule the December 26, 2023 meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission to December 12, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

**A motion was made by Member Hsu, seconded by Member Meloy, to reschedule the December 26, 2023 meeting for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission to December 12, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Member Meloy, Member Aldana, Member Thomas, Member Hsu, Chair Kayser-Grant, and Member McClellan

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chair Ewing

**Absent:** 0

**G.3**                    **SUBJECT: Grant Opportunities**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

At the request of the Commission (from the meeting of August 22nd, 2023), 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.

The commission presented several grant opportunities that the City may qualify for.

Associate Planner MENDOZA-GONZALEZ noted he would forward these grant opportunities to the pertinent departments.

**G.4**

**SUBJECT:** Bike Month Discussion

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

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

**DISCUSSION**

At the August 23, 2022, meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, it was requested that a standing item be added to 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.

The commission did not have any comments regarding Bike Month.

**G.5**

**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.

The commission directed staff to make Grant Opportunities a standing item on the meeting agenda.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Member Hsu, seconded by Member Meloy, to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Member Meloy, Member Aldana, Member Thomas, Member Hsu, Chair Kayser-Grant, and Member McClellan

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chair Ewing

**Absent:** 0

BY:



FRANCISCO GONZALEZ-MENDOZA, SECRETARY  
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY  
COMMISSION

APPROVED:



LISA KAYSER-GRANT, CHAIRPERSON  
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY  
COMMISSION