



CITY OF MERCED

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

Minutes Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

4:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ex-Officio Commissioner ABONG led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

CLERK'S NOTE: Ex-Officio Commissioners ABONG, CHAVEZ, MORRIS, and BUHL were present.

Others Present: Principal Planner HREN, City Engineer BELTRAN, Administrative Assistant I ABARCA, Development Services Technician I GREEN

Present: 5 - Chairperson Lisa Kayser-Grant, Vice Chair Dwight Ewing, Member Michael Meloy, Member Anthony Aldana, and Member Peggy Hsu

Excused: 2 - Member Jagdishkumar Modi, and Member Ashwin Thomas

Absent: 0

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Member ALDANA and Ex-Officio Commissioner MORRIS introduced themselves to the Commission as new members. Mr. HREN noted that for the first time in over a year, the Commission is fully staffed by both voting members and ex-officio members and thanked all Commissioners for their participation.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items from the Consent Calendar were pulled for separate consideration.

SUBJECT: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Minutes of August 23, 2022

ACTION

Approving and filing the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Minutes of August 23, 2022

Chairperson KAYSER-GRANT pulled the minutes for separate consideration. The minutes as presented incorrectly refer to member HSU as chairperson, which should be changed to member.

A motion was made by Vice Chair EWING and seconded by Member HSU that the minutes of August 23, 2022 be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairperson Kayser-Grant, Vice Chair Ewing, Member Meloy, Member Aldana, and Member Hsu

No: 0

Excused: 2 - Member Modi, and Member Thomas

Absent: 0

G. REPORTS

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 introduced himself and the subjects his department reports on to the Commission. He discussed various projects, including new striping on B Street, a striping project on G Street that is upcoming from Childs Avenue to 13th Street, the completion of the dog park improvements, and a project on Yosemite Avenue from Mansionette Drive to Parsons Avenue. Mr. BELTRAN also noted that the City Standards are nearing finalization and that he would be sending the final version for review and comment once they were finished. The Standards are scheduled to go before City Council in the first quarter of 2023.

The Commission discussed Mr. BELTRAN's report, as well as a \$6 million award recently made for Bear Creek from McKee Road to 16th Street, road construction policies, and alternative sign placement options. Chairperson KAYSER-GRANT provided comments and recommendations regarding the City Standards.

Principal Planner HREN noted that future Subscribe Merced notifications regarding roadway impacts will also include language that bicycle lanes may be impacted.

SUBJECT: Downtown One-Way Pilot Project

REPORT IN BRIEF

Staff will provide informational items to the Commission regarding the Downtown One-Way Pilot Project.

Mr. BELTRAN reported that this project is still in design. The Engineering department has not yet received plans from the consultant. Surveying is ongoing in-house, and Mr. BELTRAN plans to bring striping plans to the Commission as the project moves forward. At a recent City Council meeting, the Council directed that the one-way direction be reversed and that there should not be a pedestrian scramble. At full implementation the one-way section would run from Martin Luther King, Jr. Way to O Street and would go from four lanes down to two in order to help slow traffic. Mr. BELTRAN noted that the pilot program added 29 parking stalls, and the full implementation is projected to add a total of 96 parking stalls.

The Commission discussed bike lane location and orientation, whether the lanes could go in the opposite direction to the vehicular traffic, and the implementation of the full extent of the project.

Chairperson KAYSER-GRANT asked about the best way to provide the City with input regarding this project. Mr. HREN encouraged the Commissioners to reach out directly to the Council Member for the District they represent or the Mayor in the case of At-Large Commissioners.

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.

Member HSU attended a City Council meeting and made comments regarding alleyways in South Merced and their potential uses as pedestrian and bicycle greenways. The Council also discussed the creation of a South Merced focused subcommittee that would be created to discuss these topics. Member HSU also attended a California Air Resources Board work group meeting regarding \$10 million to be spent on electric bicycles in 2023.

Member MELOY described the Caltrans Cultural Resource Studies Office's study on the all year Yosemite Highway, which is nearing completion.

Member EWING mentioned the Christmas Ride and recommended anyone interested go to the Merced Bicycle Coalition website.

H. BUSINESS

SUBJECT: Innovate2Grow Presentation

REPORT IN BRIEF

Ex-Officio Commissioner Buhl will provide a presentation on Innovate2Grow, a UC Merced Program.

DISCUSSION

Ex-Officio Commissioner Buhl has requested to provide a presentation on a UC Merced program called Innovate2Grow. She proposes that the City sponsor a project in this program related to using sensors to collect road user data. She has provided a reference document that is attached.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Innovate2Grow Handout

Ex-Officio Commissioner BUHL presented the project idea. The Commission discussed the potential project.

A motion was made by Vice Chair EWING and seconded by Member HSU that this Business Item be forwarded to staff for consideration by the appropriate personnel. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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 discussed Bike Month. Mr. HREN agreed to send the Chairperson contact information for Senior Management Analyst Flachman and Director of Parks and Community Services Jensen for future outreach efforts. The Commission discussed a system map, additional education efforts, and connections to other events, such as Foster Care Month.

SUBJECT: Rescheduling the BPAC meeting of December 27, 2022

REPORT IN BRIEF

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission meeting of December 27, 2022 should be rescheduled.

RECOMMENDATION

Make a motion to reschedule the December 27, 2022 meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission to December 13, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

A motion was made by Vice Chair EWING and seconded by Member MELOY that the BPAC meeting of December 27, 2022 be rescheduled to December 13, 2022.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairperson Kayser-Grant, Vice Chair Ewing, Member Meloy, Member Aldana, and Member Hsu

No: 0

Excused: 2 - Member Modi, and Member Thomas

Absent: 0

SUBJECT: Request to Add Item to Future Agenda

REPORT IN BRIEF

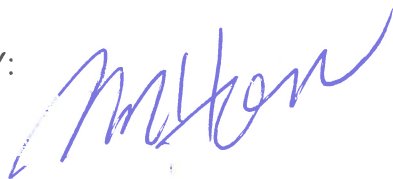
Provides Commissioners an opportunity to request that an item be placed on a future Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission agenda for initial consideration.

Mr. HREN reported on previously requested items for future agendas. Bike Lane issues are now a report type in Merced Connect. Mr. HREN will provide Commissioners with a copy of the most recent Speed Study via email.

I. ADJOURNMENT

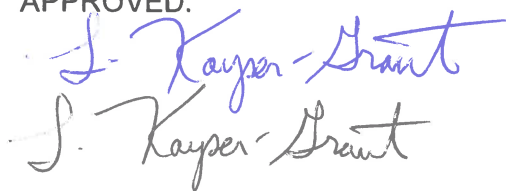
A motion was made by Vice Chair EWING, seconded by Member HSU, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

BY:



MICHAEL HREN, SECRETARY
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY
COMMISSION

APPROVED:



LISA KAYSER-GRANT, CHAIRPERSON
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY
COMMISSION