



CITY OF MERCED

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

Meeting Agenda

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

4:00 PM

City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, Merced Civic
Center, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, this meeting will be conducted by teleconference and there will be no in-person public access to the meeting location.

WELCOME TO THE MEETING OF THE MERCED BICYCLE AND PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public who wish to speak on any matter not listed on the agenda may speak during this portion of the meeting and will be allotted 3 minutes. State law prohibits the Board/Commission from acting at this meeting on any matter raised during the public comment period. Members of the public who wish to speak on a matter that is listed on the agenda will be called upon to speak during discussion of that item.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

Adoption of the Consent Calendar may be made by one motion of the Board/Commission, provided that any Member, individual, or organization may request removal of an item from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration. If a request for removal of an item from the Consent Calendar has been received, the item will be discussed and voted on separately.

1. [21-162](#) **SUBJECT:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Minutes of December 15, 2020

ACTION

Approving and filing the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Minutes of December 15, 2020

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Members of the public who wish to speak on public hearings listed on the agenda will be heard when the Public Hearing is opened, except on Public Hearing items previously heard and closed to public comment. After the public has commented, the item is closed to further public comment and brought to the Commission for discussion and action. Further comment will not be received unless requested by the Commission.

H. BUSINESS

- H.1. [21-157](#) **SUBJECT:** Walk Audit Presentation from Merced County Department of Public Health

REPORT IN BRIEF

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- H.2. [21-166](#) **SUBJECT:** Request to Add Item to Future Agenda

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G. REPORTS

G.1. [21-173](#)

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REPORT IN BRIEF

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RECOMMENDATION

No action required.

ATTACHMENTS

Applications for vacant seats on Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

G.2. [21-164](#)

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.

G.3. [21-165](#)

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.

I. ADJOURNMENT



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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

Via Teleconference
TUESDAY
December 15, 2020

Chairperson FRIEDMAN called the meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Commission to order at 4:02 PM.

(C) ROLL CALL

Present: Greg Friedman (Chairperson)
Lisa Kayser-Grant
Ann Thurston
Tom Hothem (Vice-Chairperson, Arrived 4:08 PM)
Dwight Ewing

Absent: Mitch Vanagten (Ex-Officio, Excused)
Five Vacancies: (Two Voting, Three Ex-Officio)

Staff Present:
Michael Hren, Principal Planner

(D) PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Public comment was closed at 4:04 PM.

(E) CONSENT CALENDAR

E.1 MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2020

M/S HOTHEM/EWING, AND DULY CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE (2 VACANCIES), TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS EWING, KAYSER-GRANT, HOTHEM,
THURSTON, CHAIRPERSON FRIEDMAN
NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE (2 VACANCIES)
ABSTAIN: NONE

**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION REQUESTS,
INFORMATION ITEMS, AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

(F) BUSINESS

F.1 Review of Staff Recommendations for updates to Active Transportation and Safe Routes to School Plan (ATP) Appendix C Bicycle Prioritized Projects Table and Appendix D Pedestrian Prioritized Projects Table

Principal Planner HREN introduced the item and briefly reviewed the updates that Planning and Engineering staff were making. The Commission discussed the proposed updates. Commissioner KAYSER-GRANT proposed a number of updates for the next full update of the Active Transportation and Safe-Routes to School Plan, including the prioritization of connectivity, a fuller understanding of the proposed Class III Boulevard concept, and better communicating the City's definition and implementation of Class I bicycle paths.

M/S HOTHEM/EWING, AND DULY CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE (2 VACANCIES), TO RECOMMEND THAT CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE UPDATES TO APPENDICES C AND D OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN AS PROPOSED BY STAFF.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS EWING, KAYSER-GRANT, HOTHEM,
THURSTON, CHAIRPERSON FRIEDMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE (2 VACANCIES)
ABSTAIN: NONE

F.2 Traffic Committee Request #20-016- Request for Speed Control Implementation on El Portal Drive between Parsons Avenue and McKee Drive

Mr. HREN introduced the item, which was brought to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission at the request of the Traffic Committee. A citizen request for speed control created a conversation about the potential opportunity for a bicycle lane on El Portal Drive that utilizes parked cars as a buffer, potentially improving cyclist experience and reducing speeds by narrowing a uniquely wide roadway.

The Commission discussed the idea for the utilization of parked cars as a buffer for a bicycle lane in this area. The Commission directed staff that the idea as presented was not endorsed, due to a number of concerns with the proposal. These ranged from the continuity of the bicycle infrastructure in the area, to the severity of collisions when cyclists are screened by parked cars, to the unintended consequences and appropriateness of the proposed solution.

Some members of the Commission expressed an interest in exploring similar ideas for future issues, while others expressed concern that bicyclists' interests be the primary motivation behind addition of infrastructure rather than using bicycle lanes as a solution to other modes' existing issues. Ultimately, the Commission expressed gratitude to the Traffic Committee for bringing the matter to their attention, despite not being able to endorse the proposed implementation.

F.3 R Street Ride

Commissioner HOTHEM discussed having a group ride on the reconstructed R Street once it opened to celebrate the improvement of this dilapidated infrastructure.

F.4 Request to Add Item to Future Agenda

None.

(G) REPORTS

G.1 Information Items

Mr. HREN updated the Commission on the status of digital meetings and a presentation by the Merced County Department of Public Health proposed for the February meeting of the Commission

G.2 Commissioner Comments

The Commissioners discussed the safety of group rides such as the Mayor's Ride considering the complications of COVID-19.

(H) ADJOURNMENT

M/S KAYSER-GRANT/EWING, AND DULY CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE (2 VACANCIES), CHAIRPERSON FRIEDMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 5:41 P.M.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS EWING, KAYSER-GRANT, FRIEDMAN,
THURSTON, CHAIRPERSON HOTHEM

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE (2 VACANCIES)

ABSTAIN: NONE

BY:

APPROVED:

MICHAEL HREN, AICP
PRINCIPAL PLANNER/
COMMISSION SECRETARY

GREG FRIEDMAN, CHAIRPERSON
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION



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DISCUSSION

The Merced County Department of Public Health partnered with Cal Walks and UC Berkeley SafeTREC to offer this Community Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Training (CPBST). This community-led workshop worked with neighborhood residents and local agencies to develop walking and biking safety priorities and actionable next steps to improve walking and biking in their community.

The CPBST Fact Sheet and the Planning Committee commitments are attached, which provide an overview of the program and notes roles and responsibilities. A representative from the Department of Public Health will give a presentation at the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

1. CPBST Fact Sheet
2. Planning Committee Commitments



COMMUNITY PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAM

Creating Safer Streets
for Walking and Biking

THE PROGRAM

Road design, traffic speed, and road/sidewalk quality are all factors that influence health, physical activity levels and the number of pedestrian and bicycle collisions that occur in our communities. Research also shows that deciding where and when to walk or bike on local streets and public areas to be active is shaped by how risky or safe we perceive them to be. Involving communities in data collection and decision-making processes is critical to promoting community investment in road safety and developing long term solutions to health concerns related to transportation.

The Community Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Training (CPBST) program is a joint project of UC Berkeley SafeTREC and California Walks. The CPBST includes training and skill building in pedestrian and bicycle safety and creates opportunities for collaboration among communities, local officials and residents. The goal is to help make communities safer and more pleasant for walking and biking.

“CPBST provided the space, time, and expertise Healthy Lompoc needed to convene stakeholders, build motivation and move our work forward. CPBST helped put data and credibility behind the message of increased safety and walkability in Lompoc.”

- Executive Director,
Lompoc Valley Community Healthcare Organization

WHAT TO EXPECT

The half day training is designed to provide participants with: 1) knowledge on how to conduct walking/biking assessments; 2) walking and biking safety countermeasures through the 6 E's safety approach: Equity and Community Empowerment, Evaluation, Engineering, Encouragement, Education, and Enforcement; and 3) an opportunity to address and plan for pedestrian and bicycle safety projects and programs with their community.

PART 1 Walking/Biking Assessments:



Participants take part in a walking/biking assessment of nearby streets.

PART 2 6 E's Educational Activity:



Participants then take part in an activity to discuss the 6 E's and how they relate to observations made during the walking/biking assessments.

PART 3 Table Talks Activity:



In smaller groups, participants reconvene to plan for infrastructure projects, community programs, and actionable next steps for their community.



ABOUT US

UC Berkeley SafeTREC conducts research and technical assistance, provides graduate level courses, and coordinates major transportation safety programs for the State of California. SafeTREC's mission is to reduce transportation-related injuries and fatalities through research, education, outreach, and community service. Learn more: <https://safetrec.berkeley.edu/>

California Walks is a statewide organization that partners with state and local agencies, community-based organizations, and residents to establish and strengthen policies and practices that support pedestrian safety and healthy, walkable communities. California Walks works to expand and support a network of community organizations working for pedestrian safety and community walkability. Learn more: <http://californiawalks.org/>

CONTACT/ NEXT STEPS

Visit <https://safetrec.berkeley.edu/programs/cpbst> for more information about the program

Contact Katherine Chen at SafeTREC with any questions at kchen@berkeley.edu

Review the Planning Committee Commitments section in the Program Application at <http://bit.ly/CPBSTApp>

Fill out the Program Application at <http://bit.ly/CPBSTApp> and submit it to miha@CaliforniaWalks.org

RESULTS



- As of 2017, SafeTREC and California Walks have conducted **77 trainings**.
- Many cities have had **success in obtaining additional funding** for crossing signals, street improvements, walking school buses, educational presentations, etc.
- Communities have **developed media campaigns** about ped/bike safety; youth have conducted presentations to city councils.
- Initiatives taken after CPBST workshops:
 - Infrastructure improvements
 - Education and enforcement efforts
 - Community-based programming
 - Coalition building and policy changes
 - Expanded media coverage & outreach
- Explore our **interactive map** of the CPBST Program to view and access summary reports from trainings held throughout California at bit.ly/CPBSTMap.

Community Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Training (CPBST) Planning Committee Responsibilities

Planning Committee (PC)	California Walks	UC Berkeley SafeTREC
Planning		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in 2-3 planning calls to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize training workshop focus area Finalize training logistics, including venue, food, childcare, and interpretation Develop an outreach plan for the training Review and provide feedback on all the workshop materials Conduct community and agency outreach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate the 2-3 planning calls with the Planning Committee (PC) Provide follow up emails to the PC with summary of calls and next steps Develop all workshop materials Translate workshop materials, if necessary Assist in finalizing training logistics, including venue, food, childcare, and interpretation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in 2-3 planning calls with the PC Prepare participant packets for the training Submit workshop flyer to OTS for approval Translate workshop materials, if necessary
Site Visit		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in the site visit planning meeting Provide input on community collision data analysis Conduct a walking/biking assessment of the focal neighborhood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan and facilitate the site visit planning meeting Lead walking/biking assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct community collision data analyses and follow-up analyses Facilitate data discussions Participate in walking/biking assessment
Training		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist with set-up and clean-up, as needed Participate during all training activities Participate in debrief meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead venue set-up and clean-up Lead workshop facilitation Lead debrief meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist with set-up and clean-up Manage registration table Co-facilitate workshop Participate in debrief meeting
Post-Training		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review summary and recommendations report draft (optional) Update Cal Walks with infrastructure and programmatic changes in the community as a result of the CPBST workshop Request follow-up support based on action planning activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft summary and recommendations report Share report with PC for review Translate and/or coordinate translation of the final report, if necessary Provide follow-up resources to community based on action planning activity and recommendations report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-draft the recommendations report Submit report to OTS for approval Translate and/or coordinate translation of the final report, if necessary Assist with follow-up resources from the community based on action planning activity and recommendations report



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No action required.

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Profile

Sabrina

First Name

C

Middle Initial

Abong

Last Name

metro by T-mobile

Employer

sales representative

Job Title

Email Address

Home:

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Are you 18 years of age or older? (Required)☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

Do you live within the City Limits of Merced? (Required)☒ Yes ☐ NoStreet Address

Suite or Apt

merced

City

CA

State

95340

Postal Code

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you a registered voter in the City of Merced? (Required)☒ Yes ☐ No

Which Council district do you live in? *☒ District 3

Are you currently serving on a Board or Commission? If so, please list:

no

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

None Selected

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: *☒ Associate's Degree

Communication

The City of Merced uses email as a preferred method of communication regarding your application. Is this acceptable to you?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If you selected no, please identify how you would like to be contacted:

[REDACTED]

Interests & Experiences

Tell us about yourself, and why you are applying for this particular Board or Commission:

I am 23 I have lived in the city of Merced since I was 19 currently 23 years old I own a home in Merced and I pay taxes I advocate, work full time and I am a mother of one child.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

Metro by T-mobile sales representative see attached resume for volunteer experience.

What is your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of this Board or Commission?

I have to respect and comply with the brown Act respect my fellow commissioners and advocate for the city I live in.

Do you have experience or special knowledge pertaining to this Board or Commission?

I am currently attending a cohort on behalf of Building Healthy Communities called boards and commission leadership institute.

Any other comments you would like to add that may assist the City Council in their decision?

I am a former foster youth and have loads of experience advocating and creating change in the legislative branch of government.

[REDACTED]

Upload a Resume

Requirements

Question applies to multiple boards

AB 1234 Ethics Training

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Attendance Policy

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Statement of Economic Interests - FPPC Form 700

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Oath of Office

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Public Scrutiny

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

How did you hear about this vacancy? *

☒ Other

If you selected other, please indicate how you learned about the vacancy:

a print out of vacancies inside the civic center

Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Female


Date of Birth

Submission

I declare under penalty of disqualification or termination that all statements in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

sca

Profile

Margaret

First Name

D

Middle Initial

Buchmann-garcia

Last Name

Center of Vision Enhancement

Employer

Executive Director

Job Title

Email Address

Mobile:

Primary Phone

Business:

Alternate Phone

Are you 18 years of age or older? (Required)☒ Yes ☐ No

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Are you a registered voter in the City of Merced? (Required)☐ Yes ☒ No

Which Council district do you live in? *☒ Unknown

Are you currently serving on a Board or Commission? If so, please list:

no

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

None Selected

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: *☒ Master's Degree

Communication

The City of Merced uses email as a preferred method of communication regarding your application. Is this acceptable to you?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If you selected no, please identify how you would like to be contacted:

Interests & Experiences

Tell us about yourself, and why you are applying for this particular Board or Commission:

I am submitting this application to be accepted as an Ex-Oficio member of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission, because pedestrian safety in the City of Merced is a concern of mine. I am the Executive Director of Center of Vision Enhancement (COVE), a support and training center for the blind and those with a severe visual impairment. Pedestrian safety is a prime concern, since we walk the streets of Merced to get to where we need to go. We have had clients hit by cars, or near misses as has occurred to myself, even when properly crossing within a crosswalk in observance of traffic controls. There are many areas within the City of Merced that are not "pedestrian friendly". I would bring to the commission the point of view of blind and visually impaired pedestrians, who live, work, and receive services in Merced.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

I am the Executive Director of the non-profit organization, Center of Vision Enhancement (COVE), Resource Center for the Blind and Low Vision. I have served on Merced County's Social Services Transportation Advisory Council for several years. I also volunteer for the Yosemite Gateway Council of the Blind and the California Council of the Blind.

What is your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of this Board or Commission?

I understand that my role would be a non-voting member of the Commission. I would act as an advisory capacity to provide the perspective of what is needed in merced to promote pedestrian safety, especially for those with limited or no sight. I could provide personal experiences and those of other blind/visually impaired persons as we interact with vehicles, scooters, bikes, skateboards, and other pedestrians while walking in Merced.

Do you have experience or special knowledge pertaining to this Board or Commission?

I am familiar with the public transportation systems in Merced. I have participated in groups involved with the Pedestrian Safety Act, reviewing access in transportation issues and "silent" car legislation.

Any other comments you would like to add that may assist the City Council in their decision?

I do not live in the city limits of Merced. I live in an unincorporated area of Merced County, but I work in Merced. I understand that a non-voting Ex-Oficio member is not required to live in the city limits. I am also a registered voter of Merced County. As a former educator, I would like to see more public education regarding pedestrian safety. This would include relearn the rules of being a pedestrian, such as not walking against traffic controls, and drivers needing to respect pedestrians. Education is needed on the "white cane" laws and what to do when you see a pedestrian traveling with a white cane. Drivers either ignore you or panic and slam on their brakes. Both instances are a safety concern for the pedestrian and the driver. Since we all share the road, I think it is important to consider all of our safety needs.

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How did you hear about this vacancy? *

☒ Other

If you selected other, please indicate how you learned about the vacancy:

Email from Merced City Planner Michael Oren

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☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Female


Date of Birth

Submission

I declare under penalty of disqualification or termination that all statements in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

MDB-G

Profile

Michael

First Name

J

Middle Initial

Meloy

Last Name

California Department of
Transportation

Employer

Associate Environmental
Planner-Architectural History

Job Title

Email Address

Mobile:

Primary Phone

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Are you currently serving on a Board or Commission? If so, please list:

NO

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

None Selected

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Highest Level of Education Completed: *☒ Doctoral Degree

Communication

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☒ Yes ☐ No

If you selected no, please identify how you would like to be contacted:

Interests & Experiences

Tell us about yourself, and why you are applying for this particular Board or Commission:

The bicycle remains an underappreciated mode of transport. Communities should do as much as possible not only to make current riders feel safe and welcome but they should also demonstrate a commitment to encouraging new riders, expanding bicycle access and reducing bicycle-car contact.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

Californian Department of Transportation; I am a volunteer literacy tutor, have been a volunteer site coordinator with the City of Oakland, and volunteered at the Sacramento Bicycle Kitchen

What is your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of this Board or Commission?

I understand that the commission advises the city council and promotes bicycle use While the city wants to promote bicycle use is for air quality, I would insist we promote bicycle use for personal health, satisfaction, and would encourage local businesses to invite bicyclists by installing convenient bike racks.

Do you have experience or special knowledge pertaining to this Board or Commission?

I sold my car in 1995 and have used the bicycle as a primary mode of transportation since.

Any other comments you would like to add that may assist the City Council in their decision?

Merced may never be a Davis, but it could reduce traffic congestion and improve our quality of life with by encouraging bicycling

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☒ City Website

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