



CITY OF MERCED

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

Minutes Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

4:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member EWING led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

CLERK'S NOTE: Ex-Officio Commissioner MORRIS was present.
Ex-Officio Commissioners ABONG and BUHL were absent excused.

Others Present: Associate Planner MENDOZA-GONZALEZ, Director of
Development Services McBRIDE.

Present: 4 - Chairperson Lisa Kayser-Grant, Vice Chair Dwight Ewing, Member Michael Meloy,
and Member Peggy Hsu

Excused: 2 - Member Anthony Aldana, and Member Ashwin Thomas

Absent: 0

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

NATALIA AUSTIN, from Merced County Association of Governments, noted that their agency is currently working on their Regional Active Transportation Plan. They began this process last fall, and they hope to attend the next Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) meeting of June 27, 2023, with updates and an opportunity to receive comments from the BPAC.

Director of Development Service McBRIDE introduced himself and noted that Principal Planner HREN recently departed the City of Merced, and Planning Manager ESPINOSA recently retired. City Engineer BELTRAN will also be departing the City soon. Director McBRIDE noted that he will be overseeing the Engineering Division and hopes to fill the City Engineer position soon. Lastly, the City hopes to start a General Plan Update in the near future. This is going to be a multi-year effort that would require a sub-committee.

Associate Planner MENDOZA-GONZALEZ introduced himself and noted that he will be assisting with BPAC staff duties.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

E.1. **SUBJECT:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Minutes of December 13, 2022

ACTION

Approving and filing the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Minutes of December 13, 2022

A motion was made by Member EWING, seconded by Member HSU, that the minutes of December 13, 2022, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairperson Kayser-Grant, Vice Chair Ewing, Member Meloy, and Member Hsu

No: 0

Excused: 2 - Member Aldana, and Member Thomas

Absent: 0

E.2. **SUBJECT:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Attendance Report

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reviewing and approving the Annual Attendance Report.

A motion was made by Member EWING, seconded by Member HSU, to approve the Annual Attendance Report. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairperson Kayser-Grant, Vice Chair Ewing, Member Meloy, and Member Hsu

No: 0

Excused: 2 - Member Aldana, and Member Thomas

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.

City Engineer BELTRAN provided information regarding updates to City Engineering Standards, the process for reviewing Capital Improvement Projects, the condition of several bike paths from recent flooding events, and other matters.

F.2. SUBJECT: Office of Traffic Safety Grant

REPORT IN BRIEF

Staff will provide a report and answer questions regarding the Office of Traffic Safety Grant in the amount of \$40,000 that was accepted at the November 21, 2022, City Council meeting.

Sergeant JENKINS provided updates regarding grant funds (\$40,000.00) from the California Office of Traffic Safety. Sergeant JENKINS discussed allocation of funds which may be used on bike rodeos that provide bicycle safety training, bicycle helmet giveaway, and bicycle repairs.

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.

Chairperson KAYSER-GRANT noted that the Bicycle Coalition held a Night Ride in December that was successful and the coalition hopes to host this event annually.

G. BUSINESS

G.1. 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 matters regarding Bike Month which includes accepting the Bike Month Proclamation at an upcoming City Council meeting, and the Ride with the Mayor event scheduled for May 20, 2023, with registration starting at 8:30 a.m. at Bob Hart Square.

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.

The Commission did not make any specific request to add items to a future agenda.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ewing, seconded by Member Hsu, that to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 4 - Chairperson Kayser-Grant, Vice Chair Ewing, Member Meloy, and Member Hsu

No: 0

Excused: 2 - Member Aldana, and Member Thomas

Absent: 0

BY:



FRANCISCO GONZALEZ-MENDOZA, SECRETARY
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY
COMMISSION

APPROVED:



LISA KAYSER-GRANT, CHAIRPERSON
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY
COMMISSION