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Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Meeting Agenda Thursday, December 18, 2025; 6:00-8:00 pm City Hall, Hearing Room 4

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#### **Commissioners**

Priyanka Altman, Kirsten Flagg, Grey Gardner, Jimmy Jessup, Alexander Perry, David Ralston (Chair), Patricia Schader, Nicholas Whipps (Vice Chair), Dianne Yee

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#### Time # Topic

- 6:00 I Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, Introductions, and Acknowledgement of Recent Bicyclist and Pedestrian Fatal Traffic Crashes (10 minutes) Chair Ralston will take roll call, determine quorum, and facilitate introductions. He will lead the commission in an acknowledgement of recent fatal and other high-profile traffic crashes in Oakland involving bicyclists and pedestrians; for more information visit: <a href="https://www.oaklandca.gov/Public-Safety-Streets/Traffic-Safety/Safe-Oakland-Streets/Monitoring-Traffic-Deaths-in-Oakland">www.oaklandca.gov/Public-Safety-Streets/Traffic-Safety/Safe-Oakland-Streets/Monitoring-Traffic-Deaths-in-Oakland</a>. As of the writing of this agenda, information has not been provided on any new fatal pedestrian or bicyclist involved crashes since those included in the November agenda packet.
- 6:10 2 Open Forum / Public Comment / Announcements Attachment (10 minutes) Members of the public may comment on any issue within BPAC's subject matter jurisdiction. Comments on a scheduled agenda item will be heard with that item. The BPAC's Open Forum Liaisons track Open Forum issues raised by the public. (See <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/Oakland-BPAC-OpenForumTracking">tinyurl.com/Oakland-BPAC-OpenForumTracking</a>.) The Liaisons review the public comments on a periodic basis to identify policy issues for discussion by the Commission. To request City services, please contact the City of Oakland Call Center; information at <a href="www.oaklandca.gov/services/oak311">www.oaklandca.gov/services/oak311</a>. A list of announcements is included as an attachment to this agenda.
- 6:20 3 **Approval of Meeting Minutes** Attachment (5 minutes) Seek motion to adopt the November 2025 BPAC meeting minutes.
- 6:25 4 Committee & Liaison Appointments, Overviews, and Report Backs Attachment (15 minutes) Committees and liaisons of the BPAC will provide brief updates to the Commission. A list of active committees and liaisons is included in this agenda packet and at <a href="https://www.oaklandca.gov/Government/Boards-commissions/Bicyclist-and-Pedestrian-Advisory-Commission/BPAC-Committees-and-Liaisons">www.oaklandca.gov/Government/Boards-Commissions/Bicyclist-and-Pedestrian-Advisory-Commission/BPAC-Committees-and-Liaisons</a>.
  - Infrastructure Committee: The committee is planning to meet next on Thursday, January 22, 2026 from 3:30-5:30 at 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza in the Broadway Conference Room. The committee is seeking at least one more commissioner to join the committee.
  - Policy and Legislative Committee: The Committee is scheduled to meet next on January 26, 2026 from 6:00-7:30pm.
  - Recruitment Committee:
    - The Committee's recommendations for BPAC Commissioners beginning January 2026,
       Tonya Love, Densie Schmidt, Shayda Rager, and Jesse Olsen, were appointed to the BPAC by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council at the Council's December 2, 2025 meeting.
    - The Committee will discuss ideas for commissioner transition and mentorship.
  - The Liaisons to the Public Works and Transportation Committee (PWTC) of Oakland City Council will report back on items related to the BPAC.
- 6:40 5 **Proposed Parking Enforcement Organizational Change** (15 minutes) The Policy and Legislative Committee will lead a discussion of the proposal to move Oakland Parking Enforcement from the Department of Transportation into the Finance Department.
- 6:55 6 BPAC Draft Chair's Report to the Public Works and Transportation Committee Attachment (25 minutes) BPAC Chair David Ralston will present a draft 2025 BPAC Chair's Report to Oakland City Council's Public Works Committee for the BPAC's review and approval.
- 7:20 7 Agenda look-ahead, suggestions for meeting topics Attachment (10 minutes)
- 7:30 8 Acknowledging Commissioners Dianne Yee, Patricia Schader, Grey Gardner, and Kirsten Flagg for Their Service to BPAC and the City of Oakland (10 minutes)

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#### Agenda Item 2. Announcements Attachment

#### **Announcements**

- Speed Safety Camera Program Launch: The City of Oakland is preparing for the launch of its Speed Safety Camera Program in early 2026. In the coming weeks, the City will be installing camera systems at 18 locations across Oakland on the city's High Injury Network. The cameras will detect when a vehicle is traveling 11 MPH or more above the posted speed limit. When a vehicle is recorded speeding, the camera photographs the license plate and a citation is mailed to the registered owner. There will be a 60-day warning period from when the last camera is turned on, which is expected by mid-January 2026. After the warning period, the program will begin issuing citations for all violations. Citations are expected to start in spring 2026. Fines will start at \$50 and increase to up to \$500 for those traveling more than 100 mph. Oakland is one of seven pilot cities in California to be granted legislative approval to implement this safety initiative under Assembly Bill 645. For more information on the new speed safety program and camera locations, visit: <a href="https://www.oaklandca.gov/Public-Safety-Streets/Traffic-Safety/Speed-Safety-Cameras-Pilot-Program">www.oaklandca.gov/Public-Safety-Streets/Traffic-Safety/Speed-Safety-Cameras-Pilot-Program</a>
- Talk to us about our projects: The Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) invites you to upcoming events to learn about its projects in Chinatown, Old Oakland and Jack London.
  - Old Oakland Farmers' Market
     9th Street & Broadway
     Friday, December 12 | 9am 1pm
  - Jack London Sq Farmers Market
     Webster St & Embarcadero West
     Sunday, December 14 | 11am 4pm

The projects you'll learn about include:

- o 2nd Street Transit Hub (<u>www.oaklandca.gov/2ndStreetHub</u>
- o 8th Street Corridor Improvements (<u>www.oaklanca.gov/8thStreet</u>)
- o Broadway Streetscape Improvements (<u>www.oaklandca.gov/Broadway</u>)
- MLK Jr. Way Streetscape Improvements (<u>www.oaklandca.gov/MLK</u>)
- OakDOT Internships: The City of Oakland Department of Transportation is now accepting
  applications for paid college internships beginning Summer 2026. Applications are due January 9, 2026.
  Successful candidates will have the opportunity to gain experience working in a fast-paced, progressive
  transportation department and develop the skills needed for a career in multimodal, mobility-focused
  transportation planning, engineering, or public administration. To qualify, you must be currently enrolled
  full-time in a degree seeking associates, undergrad, or graduate program for the duration of
  the internship. For more info, see <a href="www.Oaklandca.gov/oakdot-internships">www.Oaklandca.gov/oakdot-internships</a>
- Community-Led Traffic Safety Pilot Program Now Accepting Applications: Oakland's new
  Community-Led Traffic Safety (CLTS) Pilot Program is now open for applications—accepted on a rolling
  basis as funds are available. This 3-year pilot gives residents, schools, businesses, and community groups
  the opportunity to design and install quick-build traffic safety improvements on neighborhood streets.
  Whether you want to slow speeding, improve visibility, or make walking and rolling safer, this program
  provides a path to bring your ideas to life.

Two demonstration projects—at MLK Jr. Elementary in West Oakland and Highland Community School in East Oakland—are already underway, showing what community-driven street safety can look like. Learn more: <a href="www.oaklandca.gov/CLTS">www.oaklandca.gov/CLTS</a> and <a href="apply">apply</a>! Questions? Email: <a href="DOTOnlinePermits@oaklandca.gov">DOTOnlinePermits@oaklandca.gov</a>

Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Grant Award: OakDOT was awarded a
\$35.9M Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Round 9 grant. This grant will provide
\$14.6M of transportation funding for three OakDOT projects: Broadway Streetscape Improvements,
MLK Jr. Way Streetscape Improvements, and 7th St Connection Project. \$20.9M will fund 65 units of
affordable housing at the 285 12th Street development. The grant also includes \$379K for programs,
including eviction prevention and legal counseling, workforce development, wifi and AC Transit

EasyPasses for residents for three years, and expansion of a holistic re-entry program for formerly incarcerated individuals.

- Oakland E-bike Lending Program: As of September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Oakland residents over the age of 18 can now rent a high-quality e-bike for four weeks from the Fruitvale BART Bike Station. The standard rate is \$120 and the rate for low-income residents is \$20. There is also a \$500 deposit required for everyone. Visit the website to learn more and sign up: <a href="www.oaklandca.gov/ebike">www.oaklandca.gov/ebike</a>
- Request a free bike rack: Need public bike parking at your destination? Request a bike rack to be installed at no cost on City-owned property (like public sidewalks) at: <a href="https://www.oaklandca.gov/bikerack">www.oaklandca.gov/bikerack</a>
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# City of Oakland, Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission DRAFT Minutes from the November 20, 2025 Meeting City Hall, Hearing Room 4

Meeting agenda at: <a href="https://www.oaklandca.gov/boards-commissions/bicyclist-and-pedestrian-advisory-commission/meetings">www.oaklandca.gov/boards-commissions/bicyclist-and-pedestrian-advisory-commission/meetings</a>

Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM by BPAC Chair Ralston.

### Item I. Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, Introductions, and Acknowledgement of Recent Bicyclist and Pedestrian Fatal Traffic Crashes

At roll call, quorum was established with eight Commissioners present (X). One Commissioner was excused (-).

Commissioners	Present
Priyanka Altman	X
Kirsten Flagg	-
Grey Gardner	X
Jimmy Jessup	X
Alexander Perry	X
David Ralston (Chair)	X
Patricia Schader	X
Nick Whipps (Vice-Chair)	X
Dianne Yee	Х

Introductions were made.

- I. Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) Staff: Jason Patton, Noel Pond-Danchik, Megan Wier, Jane Mei, Sofia Pollmann
- Other attendees: Councilmember Zac Unger, Robert Prinz, Anne Killebrew, Kevin Dalley, Shayda Rager, Tonya Love, Ben Lum, Razzu Engen, George Spies, Assistant Fire Marshal Jamon Javan Smith, Petra Reyes, Denise Schmidt, Tom Holub

Chair Ralston led the commission in an acknowledgement of recent fatal and other high-profile traffic crashes in Oakland involving bicyclists and pedestrians; for more information visit: <a href="mailto:oaklandca.gov/topics/traffic-fatality-tracking">oaklandca.gov/topics/traffic-fatality-tracking</a>.

#### Item 2. Open Forum / Public Comment / Announcements

A list of announcements and attachments were included in the meeting's agenda packet. Members of the public may comment on any issue within BPAC's subject matter jurisdiction. Comments on a scheduled agenda item will be heard with that item. The BPAC's Open Forum Liaisons track Open Forum issues

raised by the public. (See <u>tinyurl.com/Oakland-BPAC-OpenForumTracking</u>.) The Liaisons review the public comments on a periodic basis to identify policy issues for discussion by the Commission. To request City services, please contact the City of Oakland Call Center; information at <u>oaklandca.gov/services/oak311</u>.

#### Summary of Discussion:

- There is not always noticing before curb ramp construction, raising the question of what the notification requirements before construction are. A 72-hour notice is required for parking prohibitions, but there may be additional construction notification requirements.
- The next Transport Oakland Happy Hour will be Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 at Mad Oak.
- The Oakland-AC Transit Interagency Liaison Committee had has resumed scheduling meetings, with the first meeting tentatively scheduled for December 10 at 9:00 AM. International Boulevard is on the agenda. AC Transit directors and Oakland City Council members participate in the committee.
- An Emeryville City Council member was struck by a vehicle at San Pablo Avenue and 27th Street a few weeks prior.
- Both Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant applications that were presented on at the October BPAC meeting, Hegenberger Rd and San Antonio neighborhood, are advancing. The focus of the San Antonio neighborhood grant application would will be neighborhood streets rather than major streets to avoid conflicts with existing projects on Foothill and International Boulevards.

Speakers other than commissioners: Kevin Dalley, Robert Prinz, Jane Mei

#### Item 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The draft meeting minutes from the October 2025 BPAC meeting were considered for adoption.

→ A motion to adopt the Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission October meeting minutes was made (Whipps) and seconded (Yee). The motion was approved by voice vote. Commissioner Schader abstained.

Adopted minutes online at <a href="https://www.oaklandca.gov/boards-commissions/bicyclist-and-pedestrian-advisory-commission/meetings">www.oaklandca.gov/boards-commissions/bicyclist-and-pedestrian-advisory-commission/meetings</a>

Speakers other than commissioners: none

Items 5 and 6 were heard before Item 4.

### Item 5. Discussion with Oakland Public Works and Transportation Committee Chair, Councilmember Zac Unger

Councilmember Zac Unger, Chair of the Public Works and Transportation Committee (PWTC), addressed the Commission and responded to questions. The discussion was intended to inform the BPAC's 2025 Annual Report that will be adopted by the BPAC at an upcoming meeting and presented in early 2026 to the PWTC.

#### Summary of Discussion:

- Unger acknowledged the epidemic of traffic violence, and shared appreciation to the BPAC, advocates, and OakDOT staff.
- Unger spoke to the need to find a balance in allocating paving funds to bikeway projects.
- Metrics like <u>speeds speed</u> targets were recommended to improve traffic safety and address lawlessness. Speed cameras and speed reduction strategies were discussed.
- Unger stated that the Council's power lies in its control of the budget and in adopting legislation.
- Unger warned that requesting legislation on specific traffic safety policies could be risky given that Councilmembers are not subject matter experts.
- Over the past decade, Oakland has shifted toward using more local funding, including Measure
  U/Measure KK Bond funding, for bike and pedestrian safety projects, which are now often
  bundled with paving projects, rather than grant funding. While OakDOT is competitive for grant
  funding, the long timelines associated with grants can result in fatalities before projects are
  implemented.
- It was noted that General Funds were previously used for traffic safety projects but are now used less frequently.
- It was noted that Measure U requires traffic safety elements to be included in paving projects.
- Unger noted that his concern about using paving funding for bike projects is largely about highcost bikeway projects like concrete protected bikeways.
- The need for maintenance funding was highlighted, given grant funding is difficult to obtain for maintenance, and poor maintenance can undermine recent projects.
- Unger proposed the possibility of promoting an additional local tax with dedicating funding specifically for traffic safety.
- The <u>BPAC</u> ordinance <u>that created the BPAC</u> requires an annual report to be presented to PWTC.
- To promote more dialogue between the BPAC and the PWTC, in addition to the annual reports to the PWTC, BPAC could be agendized more frequently at PWTC, issues could be raised during PWTC's Open Forum, and the BPAC <u>could</u> communicate directly with Councilmember Unger.
- Unger recommended that for BPAC reports to be the most effective, they should include action
  items tied to Council powers: legislation and budget allocations. He noted that bringing draft
  legislation to the PWTC can be more effective than general requests for policy changes. He also
  recommended that reports be written in a way that is understandable to non-experts on the
  Council.
- Once an item is discussed at PWTC, it often proceeds to the full <a href="City">Council</a> on the consent calendar.
- A question was raised about what prevents the PWTC from funding more and more aggressive traffic safety projects. Unger explained that the PWTC typically approves grant funding, but OakDOT handles the design of projects, though he also noted that drivers outnumber bicyclists in Oakland, and that complaints about bike lanes are common, though he expressed continued support for OakDOT's bike/ped safety orientation.
- A question was raised about whether legislation could be passed to prevent double parking in bike lanes, especially by delivery companies like DoorDash. Unger replied that such parking is already illegal, but enforcement is lacking.

- A concern was raised about illegal dumping in bike lanes, particularly in East Oakland, such as on Plymouth Avenue. Unger recommended that residents continue to submit illegal dumping requests through 311.
- Contracting and hiring reform efforts related to OakDOT were discussed. Unger shared that his
  office is working on a major contracting reform bill, which will be shared with BPAC when
  available
- Unger was open to the idea of the allowing fewer PWTC reviews for grant-funded traffic safety projects, recognizing that multiple reviews can delay timelines and increase costs.
- Unger asked the BPAC to continue to promote a culture of biking and walking, and that
  progress has been made over the past decade. He urged positivity and collaboration with nonbicyclists.
- A bold vision for a walkable, bikeable city <u>should</u> be included in the General Plan Update, and <u>that</u> OakDOT should be empowered to take risks.
- Unger shared that hiring should prioritize individuals who share these values.
- There is a conflict with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) regarding the San Leandro Creek
  Greenway project, where an undercrossing is being blocked despite available funding. A trade
  could be negotiated with UPRR to eliminate at-grade crossings in exchange for allowing this
  undercrossing, which would solve a key gap in the network.
- When asked about OakDOT and Public Works (OPW) organization, Unger stated that the
  decision to have one director for both OPW and OakDOT falls under the City Administrator's
  authority, not that of City Council.

Speakers other than Commissioners: George Spies, Robert Prinz, Kevin Dalley, Jason Patton, Shayda Rager, Tonya Love, Tom Holub

#### Item 6. 2025 Fire Code Adoption

The Policy and Legislative Committee led a discussion of the upcoming Fire Code adoption in relation to traffic safety infrastructure, particularly street width minimums. Oakland Fire Department (OFD) Assistant Fire Marshal Jamon-Javan Smith provided additional context. For more info, see the presentation attached to the agenda for this meeting.

#### Summary of Discussion:

- The Fire Code is based on the Building Code, which is updated every three years and has certain statewide requirements but can be amended by municipalities.
- The code sets a minimum standard and Oakland often adopts more restrictive versions.
- Wider streets, intended to facilitate faster fire truck access <u>and staging</u>, also enable higher vehicle speeds, which can lead to more crashes.
- Section 503.2.1 of the Fire Code requires a 20-foot minimum street width and Appendix D requires a 26-foot minimum width.
- Appendix D, which requires 26-foot clearance for certain streets, also includes additional language related to building requirements for new developments.
- Protected bike lanes are considered obstructions under the Fire Code.
- The Oakland Fire Department (OFD) recommends retaining the two amendments: Section 503 and Appendix D, in part because of the requirements for new developments. OFD could still work with OakDOT on a case-by-case basis to design certain streets to be narrower.
- Aerial fire trucks are required to reach the top floors of taller buildings and they need more space for the ladder, which is one reason streets with taller buildings need more width.

- Aerial fire truck access may be less necessary in newer buildings due to sprinkler systems, which may reduce the need for 26-foot widths, even in taller buildings.
- OFD does not track which buildings have sprinkler systems. However, aerial ladders have multiple uses and may still be needed even when sprinklers are present.
- There's already positive collaboration between OakDOT and OFD. Given this, the amendments could be omitted to allow for more case-by-case coordination.
- Historical adoption of Appendix D and Section 503 was unclear.
- If the amendments pass, OFD will ultimately have final authority over required street widths.
- A question was raised about how often large fire trucks are needed and whether narrow streets
  create access issues. OFD does encounter difficulties in making turns and lack of yielding space
  can create problems for emergency vehicles.
- A comment was made by a San Francisco transportation planner that the same policy impedes safety projects in San Francisco.
- Two project examples were cited as examples of when this policy created issues for traffic safety designs: the 14th Street project, which had to be redesigned after reaching 100% design due to OFD review, and Lakeshore Boulevard Lakeside Drive, which will lack a protected bike lane on a portion of the project due to OFD concerns. There were two fatalities on 14th St during the approximate time that the project was delayed due to OFD review. For this reason, coordination between OakDOT and OFD should happen as early and quickly as possible and not delay implementation.
- Smaller fire trucks could solve this issue, though replacing the fleet would be very expensive.
- OakDOT and OFD should collaborate on parking removal to avoid competing for space.
- It should be recognized that safety is the first priority for both OakDOT and OFD.
- The issue should be heard at both the PWTC and the Public Safety Committee.
- OFD will be bringing the item to Council with the two amendments included. Council approval
  is required by January 1, and the item is scheduled for the December 16 City Council meeting
  on the consent calendar.
- Given this timeline, the BPAC should write a letter opposing the adoption of the amendments and send it to City Council before December 6th, 2025.

→ A motion to write a letter to Oakland City Council to recommend that City Council adopt Section 503.2.1 as written in the California Fire Code and not adopt Appendix D Section D105.2 in the Fire Code was made (Perry) and seconded (Altman). The motion was approved, with all Commissioners voting in favor except Commissioner Schader who abstained.

Speakers other than Commissioners: Shayda Rager, George Spies, Rebecca, Robert Prinz

Item 4. Committee & Liaison Appointments, Overviews, and Report Backs Committees and liaisons of the BPAC provided brief updates to the Commission. A list of active committees is included in the agenda packet and at <a href="https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/bicyclist-and-pedestrian-advisory-commission-bpac-committees-and-liaisons">www.oaklandca.gov/resources/bicyclist-and-pedestrian-advisory-commission-bpac-committees-and-liaisons</a>.

- Infrastructure Committee:
  - The last Infrastructure Committee meeting was Thursday, November 6, 2025. They
    heard items: by OakDOT's Complete Streets Infrastructure Division (CSID) on 2026
    Paving and Bike Plan Coordination, by the Port of Oakland on the 3rd Street and

- Adeline Street projects, and by the Alameda County Transportation Commission on the San Pablo Avenue Corridor Project.
- 95% designs for the 7th St Connection Project on 7th St from Mandela Pkwy to Brush St are online and available for review.
- The committee will meet next on January 22, 2026. The committee will need to appoint
  at least one new commissioner to the committee at the January full BPAC meeting.
  They plan to discuss the East Bay Greenway at the January meeting.
- Policy and Legislative Committee:
  - The last Policy and Legislative Committee meeting was Monday, October 27, 2025. They
    heard items on the: 2025 Oakland Fire Code Amendments, Parking Policy and Traffic
    Safety, and Vehicle Speed Data.
  - Parking updates include that additional technicians are being hired, and that paid parking would be required during evenings and Sundays.
  - Additional discussion should be agendized regarding the Speed Map and speed limit lowering.
  - The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2026.

#### • Recruitment Committee:

- The Recruitment Committee is recommending alternate candidates Razzu Engen (primary), and Ben Lum (secondary) should any of the previously recommended candidates be unable to serve. Last month, the BPAC recommended Tonya Love, <a href="Denise-Denise">Denise Denise Schmidt</a>, Shayda Rager, and Jesse Olsen to fill four vacancies anticipated at the start of 2026. Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council. Their appointment is agendized for the December 2, 2025 City Council meeting. A summary of the applicants and information from their applications is attached to the October 2025 BPAC Agenda.
- Oakland City Council Public Works and Transportation Commission Liaison:
  - The PWTC accepted grant funding for the 42<sup>nd</sup> St-Ave and High St I-880 improvement project and the 27<sup>th</sup> St Compete Streets Project.
    - There was some debate at the Public Works and Transportation Committee (PWTC) regarding the awarding of contracts, including for the 27th Street Complete Streets project. To promote the project going forward without delays, Councilmembers could be contacted to support McGuire and Hester as a qualified contractor for the project.
  - A proposal for a dedicated fund for the City to pay for sidewalk repairs for additional low-income homeowners was approved.
  - o A proposal to do a study of the proposed San Antonio BART Station was approved.

#### Summary of Discussion:

- New commissioners and members of the public can join any committee.
- The possibility of moving parking enforcement into the Finance Department should be discussed.
- Additional parking enforcement may be costly.

Speakers other than Commissioners: Anne Killebrew, Kevin Dalley, George Spies

- → A motion to recommend to the Mayor Razzu Engen and Ben Lum as alternates to the Mayor for appointment to the BPAC in 2026 was made (Ralston) and seconded (Gardner). The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- → A motion to **extend the meeting by 15 minutes** was made (Ralston) and seconded (Jessup). The motion was approved by voice vote. Commissioner Schader abstained.

#### Item 7. Open Forum Liaison Report

Commissioner Jessup, liaison to the BPAC Open Forum, reported back on the status of Open Forum comments presented by the public to the BPAC so far in 2025.

#### Summary of Discussion:

- Between January and October 2025, 45 comments were received.
- Comments are categorized as: (1) announcements, (2) no follow-up recommended, and (3) follow-up required, with connection to staff or others.
- Of the 45 comments, 33 were announcements, 7 required no follow-up, and 5 were categorized for follow-up.
- In previous years, more comments were categorized as issues rather than announcements.
- Comments that require follow-up are tracked, and some are seeded as potential committee agenda items.
- BPAC has tracked Open Forum comments since 2015. A total of 280 comments have been submitted since tracking began.
- Nineteen individuals submitted comments.
- Kevin Dalley, George Spies, and Robert Prinz tied for submitting the most comments.
- It's unique and appreciated that <u>Jesse Commissioner Jessup</u> and past Open Forum Liaisons are following up with commenters, which is not required and rare for Open Forums.

Speakers other than Commissioners: none

Item 8. Annual BPAC Chair's Report Preparation Discussion Chair Ralston led a discussion in preparation for the 2025 BPAC Annual Report to the Public Works and Transportation Committee. For more info, see the handout from the meeting attached to these meeting minutes.

#### Summary of Discussion:

- The report should focus on action items, based on Councilmember Unger's feedback.
- Action Item 1: Support for an upcoming traffic safety bond measure.
- Action Item 2: Contracting reform, especially in relation to a recent Americans with Disabilities
  Act (ADA) settlement that requires more ADA curb ramps to be built. This would help address
  contracting issues causing delays in construction.
- Action Item 3: Fire Code amendments and the potential for using smaller fire trucks.
- Action Item 4: Funding for Neighborhood Services Coordinators.
- Action Item 5: A Vision Statement on pedestrian and bicyclist safety in the General Plan.
- Parking policy could be another potential action item.
- The presentation should be interactive.

- Preparing the report is a significant task for the Chair of a volunteer body, so OakDOT staff will ask Commissioners to contribute sections.
- The next BPAC meeting will be held on Thursday, December 18, and will be shorter to allow time for a celebration after.
- Commissioners should submit their report sections by Friday, December 5.

Speakers other than Commissioners: Jason Patton

#### Item 9. Agenda look-ahead, suggestions for meeting topics

The three-month look-ahead was included in the meeting's agenda packet. Suggestions for meeting topics:

- Discussion with Business Improvement Districts Commissioner Whipps
- Roundabouts Sofia Pollmann

#### Summary of Discussion:

• There will be a social gathering after the December meeting.

Speakers other than Commissioners: none

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Minutes recorded by Noel Pond-Danchik, OakDOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Transportation Planner, emailed to meeting attendees for review on November 25, 2025 with comments requested by December 4, 2025, to <a href="majorateling-npond-danchik@oaklandca.gov">npond-danchik@oaklandca.gov</a>. Revised minutes will be attached to the December 2025 BPAC meeting agenda and considered for adoption at that meeting.

#### Agenda Item 4. Committee Report Backs Attachment

For more information on the BPAC's Committees and Liaisons see <a href="https://www.oaklandca.gov/Government/Boards-Commissions/Bicyclist-and-Pedestrian-Advisory-Commission/BPAC-Committees-and-Liaisons">https://www.oaklandca.gov/Government/Boards-Commissions/Bicyclist-and-Pedestrian-Advisory-Commission/BPAC-Committees-and-Liaisons</a>

#### **2025 Active BPAC Committees and Liaisons**

Committee Name / Liaison Role	Date Created	Purpose	Commissioners	Community Members	Meeting Time	Agendas, Notes, and Minutes
Infrastructure Committee	2/16/17	Review and comment on the design of projects	Altman, Gardner, Schader, <b>Yee</b>	Robert Prinz	The first Thursday every other month on odd numbered months from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM	Infrastructure Committee Info and Notes
Policy and Legislative Committee	6/21/18	Research and develop policy recommendations for consideration by the BPAC	Flagg, Jessup, Ralston, <b>Whipps</b>	Kevin Dalley	4th Monday in January, April, July, and October from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM	Policy and Legislative Committee Info and Notes
Ad-Hoc BPAC Recruitment Committee	7/17/25	Seek and review applications for BPAC positions beginning January 2026	Schader, Whipps, Yee			
Liaison to the Public Works and Transportation Committee of Oakland City Council (PWTC)	9/18/25	Monitor PWTC activities and report back to the BPAC	Altman	Jesse Olsen, George Spies, Rafael Gavilanes, Anne Killebrew		PWTC Info
Liaison to the General Plan Advisory Committee	7/17/25		Ralston	George Spies (alternate)		General Plan Update Info
Liaison to Affordable Housing & Infrastructure Bond Public Oversight Committee	5/17/18	Monitor Committee activities and report back to the BPAC	[vacant]			I-BOND Public Oversight Committee Info
Liaison to Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)	5/17/18	Monitor MCPD activities and report back to the BPAC	Schader			MCPD Info
Liaison to BPAC Open Forum	6/15/23	Review and analyze comments received during Open Forum	Jessup, Schader			BPAC Open Forum Tracking Form
Liaison to Oakland Planning Commission	6/15/23	be a resource to the Planning Commission and provide input on bicycle and pedestrian elements of proposed projects	Whipps			Planning Commission Info
Liaison to Oakland Police Department	6/15/23	TBD		Phoenix Mangrum		
Ad Hoc Committee on Fire Code Amendments	7/20/23	Review the updates to Appendix D of the City of Oakland's Fire Code that are currently in discussion. This Committee is ad-hoc and will be disbanded once updates to the Oakland Fire Code are complete.	Gardner	Kevin Dalley		

<sup>\*</sup>Committee Chairs in **bold** 

#### Oakland Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC)

## Draft - 2025 BPAC Chair's Report to the Public Works and Transportation Committee of the Oakland City Council

December 18, 2025

To the Honorable Chair of the Oakland Public Works and Transportation Committee and Members of the Council,

We are pleased to present the Oakland Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) Annual Report to the Council. Pursuant to Ordinance 13125 C.M.S. this report provides a summary of the Commission's work in 2025 and offers recommendations relating to policies, programs and projects that impact the safety and accommodation of those who walk and bike in the City of Oakland.<sup>1</sup>

We wish to start off by acknowledging the tremendous work and dedication of OakDOT, the City Administrator's Office, and the Office of the Mayor who together have enabled the BPAC and all of us who walk or bicycle to have a productive 2025. Department of Transportation staff Jason Patton, Noel Pond-Danchik, and Pierre Gerard have expertly and enthusiastically supported and facilitated the Commission's work. We express our gratitude and appreciation to the whole OakDOT staff who have attended our meetings and the leadership of Josh Rowan and Megan Wier. Most importantly, we thank and acknowledge the support of our advocacy community who have helped in our collective work with staff and Council to usher in a safer and more connected, mobility-equity oriented city.

Oakland – with the lead of the Department of Transportation - has unquestionably made significant progress in addressing the historically poor condition of our city's streets, developed stronger plans for expanding bike and pedestrian-focused infrastructure, advanced more equity-driven transportation planning, and continues to build a staff of talented transportation professionals. As you all know, the work is critically important, and we must continue working together. We also recognize that we have work to do to dispel any myths that a low-stress, accessible inter-connected bike and pedestrian friendly city - the infrastructure we are seeking – is somehow an interfering nuisance to car trips, only do harm to shopping districts and parking, and by making streets tighter, frustrated drivers who then make the streets more unsafe. Ample data and research simply do not

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Ordinance 13125 C.M.S. "(t)he purpose of the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission is to advise City Council and staff on bicyclist- and pedestrian-specific policies, projects, and programs, and on the accommodation of bicyclists and pedestrians in all transportation plans, policies, projects and programs."

back this "old" way of thinking. Quite the contrary. We are all getting acculturated to a new way of thinking and doing.

Despite notable progress in making our streets safer and investments—our city continues to experience unacceptably dangerous street conditions, speeding, reckless driving, going through red-lights. We still have places with confusing street designs, dangerous surface conditions for bikes and pedestrians, and barriers of all types that prevent access to key city resources for all.

During the past 10 years, more than 132 pedestrian and bicyclists have been killed in Oakland, while at least 619 have been severely injured (cite). This is widespread – from those who wish to bike in the hills, to those in flatlands trying to cross busy streets to get to a bus stop or just get home, or those wishing to take their children on a Sunday ride around the lake or to the park. Dangerous streets not only threaten our community's health and safety and undermine our quality of life, but they also ultimately lead to people less frequently walking or biking and causing anxiety for many people simply using public spaces. The sad reality is that Older Oaklanders, children and people with disabilities are especially at risk in our city. We also know too well that Oakland's highinjury streets and intersections have been disproportionately concentrated in historically underresourced communities.

Although we thankfully have seen a 42% reduction from the 19 pedestrians and bicyclists who were lost to traffic violence in 2024, even one is too many and they are almost always preventable. In every BPAC meeting, we recognize and often discuss the circumstances of fatalities that occurred in the preceding month. These tragedies have deep and lasting impacts on Oakland families and communities. These impacts are typically inequitable:

- Black Oaklanders are two times as likely to be killed or severely injured and three times more likely to be killed or severely injured while walking compared to other Oaklanders.
- 30% of streets in majority Asian census tracts fall on the City of Oakland Pedestrian High Injury Network the highest percentage of any ethnicity.
- Older Oaklanders (65+) are more than two times as likely to be killed in a crash compared to all other Oaklanders; most senior traffic deaths occur while walking.

These conditions are the context that has and continues to shape our work. The attached annual report summarizes the work and issues we have done throughout 2025, and we present seven key recommendations to you and the City Council as part of your legislative policy and budget oversight capacity (See pages 8-14 for a full list of recommendations). Our recommendations are focused on:

- Advocating for a "Citywide Greenway Network" as part of the City's General Plan update (establish clear policy goals for interconnected bikeway implementation and gap closures)
- Stopping fatal and injurious traffic crashes (focused enhanced enforcement on high-injury corridors)
- Implementing immediate traffic calming interventions (slow vehicular traffic on neighborhood streets and bike routes, "quick build" protective infrastructure projects for people walking and biking)

- Building "Complete Streets" (comfortable pedestrian and bicyclist-oriented streets and public "third spaces" that accommodate multi-modes of transit)
- Recognizing both.traffic safety and City emergency response safety (balance the priority of both with flexible policies)
- Bridging freeway and railroad barriers to connect East Oakland to the estuary waterfront (coordinating with other agencies to plan and fund safe access solutions in East Lake/ San Antonio, Fruitvale/Melrose, and the Coliseum Area).
- Growing BPAC's relationship with community, businesses, and other agency partners

Overall, we continue to reiterate, as in prior year's reports, that the Council should ensure that OakDOT has the resources and staffing necessary to continue and expand its work in traffic-calming, "quick-build" infrastructure projects, obtaining new streetscape grants, and implementing programs and technology (speed automated enforcement camera program) designed to slow streets. We acknowledge that important progress is being made. This is an exciting time for Oakland - OakDOT is now partnering with East Bay Municipal Utility District to rebuild Lakeshore Avenue between E. 18th Street and El Embarcadero with protected bike lanes; the City is working with the Alameda County Transportation Commission to build out the East Bay Greenway sections in East Oakland – an estimated \$18 million investment, and the City has continued to partner with the wildly successful "Bike to Wherever Day" (BTWD) of Walk Oakland Bike Oakland (WOBO). There are many other accomplishments we can celebrate and there is also much still to do.

The BPAC is here to work with you to highlight and realize a healthy and thriving City built on multi-modal transportation safety and accessibility that can robustly serve the needs of our diverse neighborhoods, our business districts, and all those who come to Oakland to contribute to the economic growth of the city. We appreciate your consideration of this report and our recommendations.

#### Respectfully,

Commissioner David Ralston (District 2) 2025 Chair

Commissioner Nick Whipps (District 6) 2025 Vice Chair

Commissioner Priyanka Altman (District 1)

Commissioner Dianne Yee (District 3)

Commissioner Grey Gardner (District 2)

Commissioner Patricia Schader (District 7)

Commissioner Jimmy Jessup (District 1)

Commissioner Alex Perry (District 3)

Commissioner Kirsten Flagg (District 5)

#### Oakland Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC)

#### 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

We.win.when.we.work.together?and.we.work.together.when.we.focus.on.what.we.share.in.common – Jason Patton

This report provides a summary of our work and recommendations for 2025 going into 2026 relating to policies, programs, and projects that impact the safety and accommodations of those who walk and bike in Oakland. The report also provides an overview of the work the BPAC and our committees have done this last year.

The Oakland Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) completed its eleventh year as a city commission. 2025 also marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the very 1<sup>st</sup> BPAC meeting (when it started out as a committee). This year, we have focused our work largely on advocating for projects and programs that help improve accessibility, connectivity and safety infrastructure for people walking or biking within larger framework of mobility-equity. We have provided extensive input to Department of Transportation (OakDOT) staff regarding policies and projects. BPAC also serves as a key point of community engagement on transportation issues where public participants at Commission and committee meetings often provide valuable insights and feedback on agenda items. Commission meetings are held regularly and in-person on the third Thursday of each month.

An Overview of the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

The role of the BPAC is to advise the City of Oakland Department of Transportation, the Oakland City Council and other city departments on pedestrian and bicycle issues, with an overarching objective of ensuring that walking and bicycling projects and programs in Oakland are safe and equitable. The BPAC is charged with advising the City on bicyclist and pedestrian-specific plans, policies, projects, and programs, as well as the accommodation of bicyclists and pedestrians in all plans, policies, projects, and programs. In addition, the BPAC specifically reviews Transportation Development Act Article 3 funding allocations as required by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

The BPAC is comprised of nine commissioners. Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor of Oakland, and commissioners serve three-year staggered terms during each appointment. The BPAC commissioners come from a very diverse range of backgrounds and areas of expertise and each one brings their unique experiences as a bicyclist and pedestrian in Oakland. Many commissioners have deep connections to multiple parts of the city, and all take seriously their responsibility to improve safety and access for people walking and biking throughout the city. BPAC commissioners are committed to ensuring the commission is made up of motivated individuals who represent the entire City of Oakland. When new openings arise due to term limits, we undertake a recruitment process for new commissioners by making recommendations to the Mayor who has the authority to make appointments, subject to city council approval. This year, the BPAC has recommended the appointment of four new members and two alternates.

The BPAC has established two standing committees: Infrastructure; Policy and Legislation; and each year the BPAC forms an ad-hoc Recruitment Committee. There are also multiple liaison roles, including an Open Forum liaisons and liaisons to the City Council's Public Works and Transportation Committee. Overall, the BPAC is also guided by our Strategic Plan which we seek to update every year and this year. For 2024 and 2025 we have focused on the following goals:

- Be strong advocates for bicyclist and pedestrian safety and hold the City accountable
- Be a two-way conduit for information on bicyclist and pedestrian projects
- Encourage equity-driven investments and policies and increase community involvement in high-injury and historically underserved areas
- Build relationships with policymakers and provide feedback on policies that affect walking and bicycling in Oakland

#### BPAC Meetings and Activities in 2025

The BPAC holds regular in-person commission meetings on the third Thursday of each month. Most meetings were just over two hours long. The Commission held twelve meetings in 2025, with two meetings held at a remote location outside of City Hall (at the East Oakland 81st Avenue library in June and the Fruitvale Carmen del Flores Recreation Center in August). We have had steady in person attendance as well as regular zoom attendees. Meetings are streamed and recorded, and viewable in real-time by members of the public.

#### Standing agenda items include:

- Review of recent fatal pedestrian and bicyclist crashes for prior month.
- Open-forum.
- Updates and reports from committees and liaisons of the BPAC.
- Discussion of future agenda items.

#### Topics Discussed in 2025

The Commission's work in 2025, as typical per our charge, focused largely on examining and hearing updates on many of the specific programs and projects that impact safety on Oakland's streets. Below are summaries of topics discussed at BPAC meetings over the course of the year:

Bicycle.and.Pedestrian.Infrastructure.Projects.and.Grant.Proposals.

- West Street.
- Grand Avenue Paving project.
- Embarcadero Access and MLK MTC complete street checklist
- I-880 freeway undercrossing
- 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave/High Street Improvements and complete streets checklist
- Hegenberger Rd and San Antonio Caltrans planning grant and application
- Chinatown Complete Streets proposal.

#### Programmatic.Presentations.and.Discussions;

- Community-initiated traffic calming pilot guidelines OakDOT staff
- Vision 980 project Caltrans
- Region 4 Bike Plan Caltrans
- General Plan updates on LUTE, OSCAR, Infrastructure elements City Planning Bureau
- Slow Streets Draft Network OakDOT staff
- OakDOT organizational and budget update OakDOT staff
- MTC and AC Transit policy updates
- Measure U OakDOT staff
- SOS annual report OakDOT staff
- ADA lawsuit settlement (referred to the Policy and Legislation committee) OakDOT staff
- Bay Wheels E-Bike update OakDOT staff
- Q&A with OakDOT Director Rowan
- Q&A with CM Unger (Chair of the Council's Public Works and Transportation Committee)
- Oakland Fire Code Updates and discussions with the Assistant Fire Marshall
- City Parking and Enforcement Policy

Advocacy.Letters. The BPAC took action to submit letters of support/recommendation for specific projects including:

- Hegenberger Rd and San Antonio Caltrans planning grants
- Expanding pedestrian ROW improvements
- On the MTC and AC Transit policy updates
- On the City General Plan update
- On the City Fire Code amendments.

#### Special.Group.Planning.Input.Sessions

- On our participation and outreach for the annual "Bike to Work Day" (led by WOBO)
- An Oakland General Plan group visioning charette (and formation of a General Plan ad hoc working group)

#### **BPAC Committees and Liaisons Summaries**

BPAC Committees are an important organizational element of the Commission, as they provide a forum for detailed discussion on specific topics that might otherwise be too time consuming for the full BPAC to address at regular Commission meetings. Actions originating at the committee level can be forwarded to the full BPAC for further discussion and consideration on an as-needed basis. Committees report back to the full commission at the monthly BPAC meetings. The BPAC committees are also an important linkage to volunteer members of the public, as membership in

each committee is open to the public. The BPAC by-laws also provides an opportunity for members of the public to join and to chair individual committees.

In addition to the BPAC's two standing committees (Infrastructure; Policy and Legislation) and one annual ad hoc committee (Recruitment), Commissioners and members of the public have been designated as liaisons to monitor other commissions' work that may impact pedestrians and bicyclists and assist with specific tasks relating to BPAC's work. The following provides updates regarding the 2025 activities of the Committees and liaison work:

#### Infrastructure.Committee;

This committee examines Oakland streets and sidewalk plans and provides detailed feedback to staff. These meetings are held every other month, or as needed, and the committee reports back to the full BPAC. Agenda materials, presentations, and schematics are distributed in advance of meetings, when possible, to assist committee members with formulating questions and ideas. Committee meeting agendas and notes are available online.<sup>2</sup>

The intent of this committee is to provide space for in-depth reviews of items that would not ordinarily be accomplished during a BPAC meeting, and especially items that help inform broader design policies and standards, which will ultimately streamline the workflow for staff.

In 2025, the Infrastructure Committee consisted of 4 commissioners and 3 members of the public. It is open to the public and does have public attendance.

The BPAC's infrastructure committee typically is the first line of review and consideration of support letters of support as appropriate for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant Applications.

The Oakland BPAC Infrastructure Committee met six times in 2025, for a total of 13 agenda items covering every City Council district. Some highlights included continued coordination with staff on the implementation of traffic calming along neighborhood bike routes through routine paving projects, as well as continued development of Oakland's Slow Streets Network recommendations. The committee also provided input on Oakland's Community-Led Traffic Safety (CLTS) pilot program, reviewed the Caltrans Bay Area bike plan update, and coordinated with staff on bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure design standards to apply to projects routinely across town, helping to streamline project development.

The committee provided design review on the following: Embarcadero West access improvements, Lakeshore Avenue separated bike lanes, Highway Safety Improvement Program

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qqS46y3dWNeAxMVwU3HTwjunj-b0pwANtZix-CisiWA/

projects, 2026 paving projects, the 7th Street West Oakland separated bikeway, the Port of Oakland 3rd Street and Adeline Street projects, and Alameda CTC's San Pablo Ave corridor projects.

This year the committee has received increased attendance not only by members of the public, but also by staff from the DOT and other departments / agencies. These meetings have become a valuable resource for making project information and updates available to the public, as well as for increased info sharing and coordination between staff. In response, the Infrastructure Committee moved to a larger meeting space this year to help accommodate the growing attendance.

Policy.and.Legislative.Committee;

#### [Description forthcoming]

#### February meeting

- Received presentation from Mike Wilson on Berkeley street trauma prevention. This new
  position within the Berkeley Fire Department looks at ways to reduce street trauma injury
  and fatality through better street design. At the same time, it looks at needs to have good
  response time for emergency vehicles.
- Improved reporting of traffic injuries and fatalities. Presentation from Megan Wier (OakDOT)
  and Matt Beyers (Alameda County Public Health Department). Oakland and Alameda
  County are working to improve data on injuries and fatalities related to vehicular incidents.

#### May meeting

- Presentation by Jason Patton (OakDOT) and Fire Marshal Felicia Bryant (Oakland Fire Department). Fire Code Approval Cycle and OFD/OakDOT collaboration. OakDOT and OFD have been collaborating on street design since 2022. This collaboration has allowed the design of safer streets while meeting the requirements for emergency response.
- Pedestrian Right of Way. Sarah Fine (OakDOT) presented on a pending ADA lawsuit and consent decree. Oakland will suggest ways to increase the speed of improving ADA access in Oakland, including waiving existing local contracting requirements, improving sidewalk repair assistance, improve employee retention and improving pre-authorization.

#### July meeting

 Liza Lutzker (UC Berkeley, Safe Transportation Research and Education Center). Safety-Safety Dilemma. Examines when fire or emergency response and street safety goals come into conflict.

#### October meeting

- Javan Smith (Assistant Fire Marshal (Oakland Fire Department). Talked in broad terms about plans for fire code amendments, but was unable to provide text of amendments.
- Michael Ford and Kerby Olsen (OakDOT). Examine ways that parking policy affects traffic safety, including increased parking enforcement, Sunday metering, enforcement of misuse of disabled placards.

Jason Patton and Pierre Gerard (OakDOT). Presentation on new data collected by OakDOT.
 Map showing speed limits data for streets in Oakland, Also includes data on recorded traffic speeds and volumes.

Additionally, the Committee, through its ad hoc General Plan working group, developed recommendations for BPAC to provide specific policy input to the Oakland General Plan Update, particularly the Land Use and Transportation Element.

#### Open.Forum.Liaisons;

The liaisons continue to track and monitor issues raised by the public during Open Forum. Open forum is an important component of the BPAC, as an Open Forum item is included in every BPAC meeting for the public to comment on items not on the regular agenda. Over 280 Open Forum public comments have been made since 2015. In many instances, this could be the only opportunity for members of the public to comment on specific bicycle and pedestrian issues. Indeed, many of the comments BPAC hears deal with larger transportation issues and are not always specific to bicycle and pedestrian topics that closely relate to certain members of the community.

Open Forum through 2025 was comprised of Commissioners Patricia Schader and Jimmy Jessup. The liaisons track issues brought to the BPAC at its monthly meetings. We track the issues and make it available for public view at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/Oakland-BPAC-OpenForumTracking">http://tinyurl.com/Oakland-BPAC-OpenForumTracking</a>

In 2025, Open Forum received 45 comments between January and October, made by 19 different individuals. This is an increase of four comments from 2024, and comprises a nearly 50% increase compared to 2023, when 27 Open Forum comments were made. Multiple BPAC meetings, notched six Open Forum comments. It is also noted that exact delineation between different comments from single commenters is typically made to the best estimate of the liaisons, and can be somewhat of an imprecise science.

The issue tracking sheet categorizes comments in three categories. "Announcements" denote comments such as a recap of past events, a future event announcement, or note of congratulation that are meant for informational purposes to staff, commissioners, and members of the public. "No Follow-Up Needed" comments typically indicate that a comment or issue is addressed or resolved to satisfaction by staff or commissioners during the meeting, or that the commenter has made or is referred to make input to the City via 311 or SeeClickFix during the Open Forum response immediately following the comment. Finally, "For Investigation," indicates issues that the Open Forum Liaisons will endeavor to follow-up on and track to closure. Of the 45 comments made during 2025 BPAC meetings, comment categorization totals are as follows (with 2024 comment categorization totals in parentheses):

- Announcements: 33 total, or 73% of all comments (24, 60%)
- No Follow-up Needed: 7 total, or 16% of all comments (10, 25%)
- For Investigation: 5 total, or 11% of all comments (6, 15%)

These figures show a clear shift in how participants use the Open Forum: in 2023, only 8 of 27 comments (30%) were announcements; this rose to 60% in 2024 and nearly 75% in 2025, indicating that the space is increasingly being used for sharing updates rather than discussion.

Of the five actions for investigation, two have been marked as resolved from the perspective of the Open Forum Liaisons. This does not necessarily indicate that, for instance, physical infrastructure changes have been installed on-site in response to an Open Forum comment, but rather that the liaison's role is complete, such that commenters have been connected with resources, an item is taken up by another BPAC committee, or otherwise that an action plan to address the issue has been initiated by another party.

Additionally, Open Forum can serve as a conduit to feed the future topic list for BPAC meeting agendas. Regardless of whether an item is an "Announcement," "No Follow-Up Needed", or "For Investigation," the topic may be worthwhile spending time on with additional preparation and in a future meeting forum. Most topics listed in the 2024 Open Forum Annual report have been addressed as an agenda item on a meeting of the Commission, including the Vision 980 Project, Community Traffic Calming Pilot update, and Highway Safety Improvement Plan countermeasures and scoring. Topics that liaisons indicated as potential items for a future agenda from 2025 comments include the following (some of which were already incorporated into a meeting of the Commission or a relevant Committee):

- Replacement / maintenance of damaged ped/bike infrastructure
- Oakland Encampment Management and Trail Access
- Measure U and update of bond sales
- 3rd Street Project and alignment with the City's Bicycle Plan

#### Challenges and Recommendations

As part of our annual report, the Commission respectfully submits the following recommendations to the City Council:

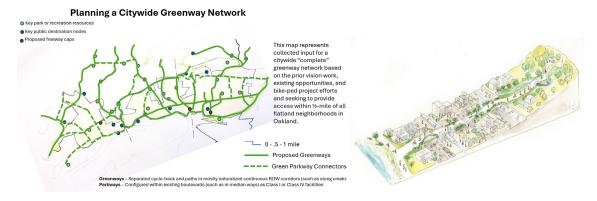
 Advocate a Bold Vision for a "Citywide Greenway Network" with a Concerted Infrastructure Investment and Implementation Strategy

Our commission, working with community partners as part of an ad hoc General Plan working group, has backed the notion of Oakland laying out a realizable "20-year" vision for "Citywide Greenway Network." A greenway network would mean accessible and inter-connected car-free bicycle and walking paths – often within vegetated/tree-canopied or nature corridors (e.g. creekside linear parks) providing connections to recreation opportunities, parks, school yards, neighborhood centers, and other key destinations. Greenways often follow public rights-of-way such as along rail,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> By way of an example, in 2014, San Francisco established a "Green Connector Network" plan to increase attractive, comfortable, safe inter-connected access between special streets, paths and staircases, parks, open space, and the waterfront.

flood control, or utility corridors; they might follow existing wide "park-like" street medians and cross through existing parks; and they prioritize minimal road crossings and present easy gradients. A Specifically, we are advocating a citywide structural framework that builds on Oakland's rich landscape of creek ways and flood plains which already topographically carve out a suggestive green connector "linear park" pattern linking the hills to the Bay which notable urban designers have famously highlighted over the last century since the 1915 Hegemann Plan. A citywide greenway network will serve as a framework for developing an equitable active transportation network over the next twenty years that can effectively and comfortably link key destinations and neighborhoods while also being an integral part of the Oakland's resilience and sustainability policies and strategies. Furthermore, as a policy, we are also advocating that every neighborhood in the flats of Oakland be within at most a half mile from this network.

In September the BPAC forwarded our recommendations to the City's General Plan Update staff advocating how, by 2045, Oakland can be a city characterized by "safe public spaces, active mobility, reduced automobile dependence, and equitable thriving communities." As the City's General Plan 2045 effort is taking shape, we wish to vocally reiterate these recommendations again within this report to you all the legislative and policy leads for the City.



Our recommendation also highlights another critical aspect to how "bold and visionary" plans can actually and systematically become implemented. Large, intricate, or complex types of public-private collaborative infrastructure and community redevelopment is best coordinated by a dedicated "office of infrastructure and investment" to coordinate financing, real estate, planning, environmental, public works, and transportation expertise and authority as well as coordinating with outside local, state, and federal agencies. We envision the establishment of such a new office that could, for example, be sustained by and manage an "enhanced infrastructure financing district" to complement potential infrastructure planning and budget allocations associated with the City's CIP and Measure U program and, through its centralized auspices, maintain focus and accountability on forward progress for our City's envisioned transformation.

#### 2. Stopping Fatal and Injurious Traffic Crashes

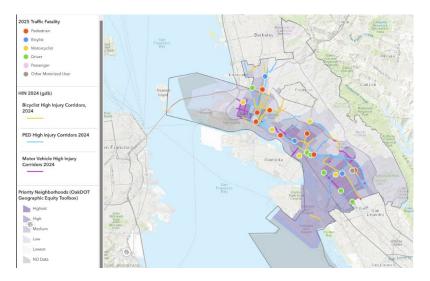
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Some elements of this network already exist or are under construction (examples include the East Bay Greenway, Mandela Parkway, and the San Leandro Creek Greenway).

Probably the perennial issue that is most central to our work – and shared by the City/OakDOT - is pushing for policy or infrastructure solutions that can gain reductions in injuries and fatalities – especially those involving pedestrians and bicyclists - resulting from high intra-urban traffic speed and traffic conflicts to a de minimis level. We are further motivated to be relentless on this front noting that such traffic injuries and fatalities continue to disproportionately occur in Oakland's Priority Equity communities and on the High Injury Network as well as disproportionately impact BIPOC communities, seniors, children, and people with disabilities.

From June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024 there were 1,397 crashes with 24 people killed and 1,876 people injured that were reported for Oakland to the statewide tracking system (SWITRS). 215 of these crashes included pedestrians and 95 of these crashes included bicyclists. Many of these involve a pedestrian being struck by a vehicle going an "unsafe speed." Importantly, from our perspective, while overall pedestrian and bicyclist traffic crash fatalities per City data have thankfully gone down to a near five-year low of 11 in 2025 (8 pedestrian and 3 bicyclists) we need to keep moving this trendline downwards.

The following City "Safe Oakland Streets" map depicts fatal and injurious traffic crashes in relation to Oakland's 2025 High Injury Network (source: <a href="https://www.oaklandca.gov/Public-Safety-Streets/Traffic-Safety/Safe-Oakland-Streets/Monitoring-Traffic-Deaths-in-Oakland">https://www.oaklandca.gov/Public-Safety-Safety/Safe-Oakland-Streets/Monitoring-Traffic-Deaths-in-Oakland</a>).



What we also recognize is that the data and information about fatalities do not fully convey the scope of the problem of what many term "traffic violence." We applaud the efforts of OakDOT who have sought to secure funding and implement major street redesign projects (e.g. with road diets, lane narrowing) and initialized a three-year pilot for community-led traffic safety (CLTS) work, and recently has made strides with the automated speed enforcement (ASE) camera program implementation. In addition to supporting the enhancement of these efforts, the BPAC has also advocated for better data collection, more pro-action on speed limit policies (viz. state law), and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Other common causes of severe and fatal crashes in Oakland include failure to yield, unsafe turning, red light running, and driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

more coordinated enforcement technologies and policies that do not involve direct police interventions (which can cause unintended reactions, chases, and so forth). Since the enactment of AB 645, for which the BPAC wrote in support, we are seeking to continue providing input to the City Council regarding the implementation of speed enforcement policies.

#### 3. Implement immediate Traffic Calming Interventions

One of the most immediate approaches to proactively addressing our dangerous streets while increasing the overall comfort and ability for people to walk and bike (thereby reducing VMT) is investing more in near-term traffic-calming installations. The evidence is clear that people are deterred from walking, biking, and rolling when they have well-founded safety concerns. To make our streets safer and to make other non-vehicular options safe and convenient require continued commitment to providing the necessary resources (and staffing) to expand neighborhood-initiated "quick-build" traffic-calming work.

OakDOT's proposed "Slow Streets Network" provides another framework for facilitating traffic calming interventions in a shorter timeline that larger streetscape investments. The BPAC strongly supports the work of OakDOT to realize broad measures to achieve traffic calming via "Safe Oakland Streets" and the overall work of the Quick Build Complete Street infrastructure Division (CSID) to utilize traffic calming devices such as high visibility crosswalks, flex-posts, speed humps, raised crosswalks, center-line hardening, and traffic circles to slow vehicular speeds on neighborhood bike routes.

The BPAC has been advocating to ensure – to an even greater depth – that such "Slow Street" and "quick build" interventions be community driven and more proactively initiated and supported across Oakland's neighborhoods most in need. Towards this, one specific avenue we recommend is to have slow street designs be part of reinvigorated neighborhood-level planning work (e.g. with existing entities like neighborhood councils) wherein technical assistance, capital support, and project delivery is provided by the City (this would probably entail cooperative approach between Community Development Division, a renewed Neighborhood Support Division, planning, public works, and OakDOT). This level of directed and sustained programmatic investment in effort should also be formally articulated in the City's General Plan update (neighborhood level infrastructure) and supported, as appropriate, with Infrastructure-bond and any future pedestrian safety bond measures.

#### 4. Enhance the Building of Complete Streets

In accordance with the two policies above, as far as infrastructure policy, the BPAC is happy to keep working in good faith with the City to develop balanced and thoughtful approaches to achieving safe, accessible, complete streets – whether through dedicated grant funding or retrofits via

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Some of this also speaks to a citywide need for contracting reform where we can rely on a "bench" of preapproved local small contractors to help install neighborhood-initiated quick-build projects.

enhanced re-paving projects. We fully understand the level of trade-offs that need to be considered given the politics of streetscape design. We ask that the city move with due flexibility and non-fixed formulas. When it comes to a base need for enhancing walkability, safety, and inter-modal access, we think we can be part of finding common ground.

For example, while OakDOT must plan for and achieve general road paving goals, we wish to see a priority focus on paving improvements that also address walkability and are able to be complemented by needed ADA ramps, bike lane separators, pedestrian refuge islands, dangerous intersection reconfiguration, and even landscaping and paring policy recalibration. Specifically, on this last point, we recommend that the City does not dilute the capacity of parking enforcement in terms of prioritizing safe pedestrian and bicyclist facilities as the parking policy is updated. Parking policy can affect the safety of pedestrians and cyclists, including reducing drivers circling in looking for parking, reducing parking in bike lanes (as well as daylighting zones and crosswalks).

Finally, moving towards complete streets via the opportunities of re-paving is a commendable approach but we also wish to highlight the need to assure re-paving priorities also help deliver a "complete network" of city designated biking streets where one is not dangerously confronted by egregious potholes and other existent obstacles. In other words, while it may not be cost effective to re-pave entire streets (until their scheduled time) – targeted "bike lane" and pedestrian sidewalk repaving and infrastructure repairs must happen quickly and with dynamic responsiveness saving the city millions in unnecessary legal costs and potentially saving lives.

#### 5. Recognize both Traffic Safety and Emergency Response

Another way the BPAC has been engaging in policy discussions that impact street design is with the Fire Code amendments/update process for 2026. The issue here is on the conflict between the Fire Department's desire, based on emergency response requirements, to update the Fire Code to accommodate minimum 20 feet of unobstructed road width on streets with buildings lower than 30 feet and, most significantly because this involves potentially higher traffic volume streets, a minimum 26 feet of unobstructed road width (not including shoulders) for streets with buildings over 30 feet. This policy would create conflicts with goals of street traffic calming, for example, that pushed for narrower traffic lanes coupled with protected bike lanes. Accordingly, the BPAC has been pushing instead of an unnecessary mandate having a case-by-case solution for a given street that is undergoing a street traffic calming retrofit. In some cases, solutions would involve equipping certain buildings with more robust sprinklers or even encouraging the City's Fire Department to acquire more agile fire engines and associated apparatus. Our recommendation is that the City does not have to sacrifice the goals of either traffic safety or emergency response safety and instead accommodate both.

#### 6. Bridge I-880 to Connect East Oakland and the Waterfront

The BPAC continues to strongly advocate for OakDOT and the City to allocate and seek funding to uphold its articulated "town for all" commitment to realizing improved bicycle/pedestrian connections in East Oakland bridging the dense array of neighborhoods and the nearby waterfront

and shoreline parks/Bay Trail now effectively separated by the barriers of the freeway, railroads, and industrial facilities. Routes for pedestrians and bicyclists to reach the recreational areas along the shoreline for residents in East Oakland, unlike residents near Jack London Square and Lake Merritt, are few and existing routes are extremely dangerous. One only needs to try and walk or ride down 66<sup>th</sup> Ave. from San Leandro Street to the beautiful MLK Shoreline to fully understand the dangers involved.

There are opportunities, however, to design and develop safe, welcoming, attractive, accessible crossings over the freeway such as green "freeway park lids" at critical nodes like connecting to the proposed in-fill BART station in the San Antonio District; connecting the Melrose neighborhood to Tidewater Park, and connecting across from the planned Coliseum Development – the long hyped "Coliseum BART to Bay Trail" project that has been teased for 20-years but never fulfilled. Without doubt, proposed and needed connections are not cheap and require strong leadership and coordination with other agencies including Caltrans, MTC, and even UPRR. Oakland must advocate for itself and start the process. Our community partners and advocacy bodies are our strongest assets. Unfortunately, on-going delays, other priorities or opposition to resourcing collaborative approaches have left these bikeway and pedestrian gaps and hazards unchanged.

We are reservedly buoyed by the fact the on-going General Plan Update is signaling an intent for realizing these types of connectors. We also are extremely happy to see that the community-initiated Lisjan/San Leandro Creek Greenway Project connecting Deep East Oakland to the MLK Jr. Shoreline Park is now opened (despite ongoing obstacles with UPRR). We note how the BPAC was one of the key early supporters of this project when the City of Oakland was silent. Our voices are very clear and collected on the imperative to build out these needed connections.

#### 7. Continue to Grow BPAC's Relations with Community, Business, and Agency Partners

Finally, we are always looking to bolster the profile of the BPAC and our engagement work with Oaklanders and how we can effectively lift up concerns that we hear. In addition to reaching out to neighborhood groups, CBOs, local biking and walking groups, we are also interested in developing relations between BPAC and the business improvement districts (BIDs) to foster dialogue in what safe, active, complete, pedestrian-friendly shopping destination streets might look like and how we can work together to achieve these.

Another key area that has come up this year is how we can help the City build stronger on-going relations with Caltrans in consideration of their "maintenance and rehabilitation" work on the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) that impacts Oakland as well as their right-of-way control of certain street corridors (e.g., portions of International Blvd, San Pablo Ave, freeway interchange areas like Grand Ave/Santa Clara Ave) and how we can merge and better coordinate the Caltrans D4 bike/ped goals (and the work of their active transportation group) and Oakland's streetscape, traffic calming, and inter-connected greenway network plans.

All in all, a very effective way to build the energy to sustain such relationships and evolving partnerships is to continue and even expand the community.spirit we all feel when we can bicycle

and walk together for events such as Bike to Work Day and broad "Ciclovia/Sunday Street" type of events across the districts of our City.

We look forward to working with you all to fulfill these recommendations in the upcoming year and to having you all join us in biking and walking – safely and comfortably - across Oakland.

#### Appendix A: Commissioners

BPAC Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor of Oakland and commissioners serve three-year terms during each appointment. Efforts are made to appoint Commissioners from each of the city's council districts and bring a range of experience. The 2025 BPAC Commissioners were:

Priyanka Altman (District 1): Priyanka Altman is an avid pedestrian and cyclist in Oakland and joined the BPAC in 2024. She lives car-free and is committed to making Oakland's streets safer and more enjoyable for all users. When she's not meeting with the BPAC, she volunteers with Bike East Bay, plays violin in the Oakland Civic Orchestra, and runs with Oakland Track Club. Spot her most days strolling with her dog Molly in Adams Point and by the lake, rain or shine!

Kirsten Flagg (District 5): Kirsten has proudly called Oakland home since 2011. She's grateful to live in a city with strong social justice roots, vibrant and diverse communities, as well as tons of natural beauty - and she's excited to give back by joining the BPAC. As a mother, cyclist, and healthcare provider, Kirsten is particularly passionate about the BPAC's work to ensure equitable access to bike and pedestrian friendly streets. Kirsten currently lives in East Oakland with her husband, kid, mom, dog, and seven chickens in East Oakland. She can be found biking to her work at a community clinic, getting dirty in her garden, or jogging around the neighborhood.

Grey Gardner (District 2): Grey is a District 2 resident living in the Eastlake / Ivy Hill area, who has served on BPAC for six years. Having commuted to work by bike for over twenty years and frequently walking throughout Oakland with a toddler, he is eager to see Oakland's roads become increasingly safer and more comfortable for bicyclists and pedestrians. He previously served as a public defender outside of California and presently works on drug policy and criminal-justice reform issues in California and nationwide.

Jimmy Jessup (District 1): Jimmy joined the BPAC in March 2024. He grew up in Western Colorado, holds a Chemical Engineering degree from Rice University and a Master's in Urban Planning from Texas Southern University. His impressions and enthusiasm for meeting the needs of all transportation users is shaped by living and working in numerous European countries and American regions. He loves nothing more than a brisk morning jog or exploratory cycle ride through the city, observing the street activity as it begins to come to life.

Alex Perry (District 3): Alex was born and raised in Alabama before relocating to West Oakland. After becoming disabled in 2023, he shifted his focus to advocacy work, drawing from his background as a labor and transit community organizer, as well as his experience being a founding member of the Tuscaloosa Pizza Crew Bicycle Club. Alex is a firm believer that given its climate and topography, there is no reason Oakland can't be the most bicycle and pedestrian friendly city in the country. As a commissioner, he aims to push back against discriminatory policymaking and foster effective communication between grassroots organizers and city decision-makers. In his spare time, Alex volunteers at his local bike co-op, fixes vintage electronics, and spends quality time with his idiot cats.

David Ralston, Chair (District 2): David works as policy advisor for the regional Bay Area Air District focusing on local health equity land-use planning, environmental justice policy, and community engagement around designing and implementing green infrastructure. David has also worked as a strategic planner and urban economic analyst for the City of Oakland's Redevelopment Agency helping to realize key bicycle/pedestrian projects such as Fruitvale Alive, the Laurel to Mills access project (LAMMPS), and the San Leandro/Lisjan Creek Greenway. David enjoys working with local community and neighborhood groups as part of a larger goal to build out an accessible grassroots-led inter-connected citywide "green network" that reflects the culture and diversity of Oakland. David is an avid bicyclist and hiker when he is not at the Lake or relaxing at home with his family in District 2.

Patricia Schader (District 7): Patricia grew up in East Oakland and currently resides in Deep East Oakland. When she moved back to Deep East Oakland the first item that she noticed was the lack of infrastructure. As an avid cyclist and runner, for every bike ride she would have to drive somewhere to ride because of the lack of infrastructure. However, she noticed other parts of Oakland have great bike lanes, walking paths and wide sidewalks with children in other areas on bikes in the bike lanes enjoying their bikes. She joined the BPAC to advocate to improve Infrastructure in East Oakland and bring equity and equality to the underprivileged citizens and the at-risk children in East Oakland.

Nick Whipps, Vice Chair (District 6): Nick lives in District 6 and has been a member of BPAC since January 2022. He cares about Oakland bicycle & pedestrian equity and safety issues, especially in the Deep East.

Dianne Yee (District 3): Dianne is a transportation planner who grew up in the East Bay. She attended UC San Diego where she saw that suburban land uses and limited transportation choices are unsustainable and inconvenient. She continued her studies at Portland State University and earned her Master's in Urban and Regional Planning. She returned to Oakland to serve her community and because the Bay Area is home.

#### Agenda Item 7. Agenda look-ahead, suggestions for meeting topics Attachment

#### 3 Month Look Ahead Tentative Agenda Items

- BPAC Annual Chair's Report to Public Works and Transportation Committee
- Citywide Vehicle Speed Data
- BPAC Officer Elections & Committee Assignments
- Transportation Development Act Article 3 Grant Choosing Projects
- Annual Paving Update
- Major Development Projects
- Annual Strategic Planning Projects Update

For the full list of requested items and other details on upcoming meeting planning, see the BPAC Scheduler.

# City of Oakland Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission Strategic Plan

April 2023

## Goal I: Be strong advocates for bicycle and pedestrian safety and hold the city accountable.

Task	Task Description	Next Steps
1.1	Support interagency street safety efforts, including more quick-build/rapid response traffic calming and long-term street safety efforts.	Consider developing BPAC principles and guidelines for street safety.
1.2	Review grant applications to support pedestrian and bicyclist projects and programs that meet BPAC's goals.	Request funding presentations at BPAC meetings and consider taking position of support.
1.3	Continue review of fatal and serious injury crashes involving cyclists and pedestrians at monthly meetings. Continue to seek timely release of collision data. Explore challenges of reckless and dangerous driver behavior.	Keep as standing item with Commissioner Schader leading discussion. Collaborate with other groups such as WOBO and Bike East Bay to develop responses and determine what active role BPAC can play.
1.4	Support staff hiring to work on bicyclist and pedestrian projects.	Raise the issues of staffing and street safety to elected officials.
1.5	Support Slow Streets and safe spaces for community activities.	Continue discussion with staff on Slow Streets/Neighborhood Bike Route Implementation.

#### Goal 2: Be a two-way conduit for information on bicycle and pedestrian projects.

Task	Task Description	Next Steps
2.1	Invite project managers to present on projects at key milestones. Request invitations to outreach activities.	Schedule review of projects at BPAC meetings. Ask staff to send BPAC contact info to project managers.
2.2	Get status update on Bike Plan and Pedestrian Plan every six to twelve months.	Request staff presentations in conjunction with the bi-annual We Bike Oakland newsletter, including the "By the Numbers" updates.
2.3	Highlight committee activities.	Request written reports from each committee monthly.
2.4	Get periodic updates on Major Development Projects from Department of Planning and highlight the most bike/ped relevant projects for BPAC or Infrastructure Committee to review and provide comments.	Schedule at BPAC meeting once per year.

# Goal 3: Encourage equity-driven investments and policies and increase community involvement in high-injury and historically underserved areas.

Task	Task Description	Next Steps
3.1	Advocate for equity driven bike/ped priorities in the General Plan (Environmental Justice Element, Land Use, and Transportation Element).	Review the General Plan and develop comments.
3.2	Prioritize transportation safety projects and support pursuing funding opportunities in East Oakland.	Schedule relevant items at BPAC meetings and advocate during planning discussions. Request staff to provide a status list of East Oakland transportation projects.
3.3	Advocate for the expansion of the Town for All project and waterfront connections to East Oakland.	Request follow-up on relevant projects.
3.4	Use BPAC Blog, Open Forum and community meetings to create open communication between BPAC, community members, and OakDOT.	Chair Yee leads BPAC Blog. Open Forum facilitated by Open Forum Committee. All commissioners engage in other community outreach.
3.5	Advocate for community groups and Neighborhood Councils in low-income high-injury areas to be integrated into OakDOT program and community outreach work (in a paid capacity wherever possible).	Advocate in the context of presentations at BPAC meetings. Request the Dept of Race and Equity to present about outreach procedures at BPAC.
3.6	Organize bike ride with BPAC Commissioners, community members, and the Oakland Police Department to create trust and develop ongoing relationships.	Police Relations Committee organizing.
3.7	Convene meeting on racially-biased bicycle stops with the Oakland Police Department, Department of Race and Equity, BPAC Police Relations Committee, and community partners per 2019 Bike Plan.	Police Relations Committee organizing.

## Goal 4: Build relationships with policymakers and provide feedback on policies that affect walking and bicycling in Oakland.

Task	Task Description	Next Steps
4.1	Present BPAC Chair's Report to Public Works Committee.	Use the report as an opportunity to raise priorities with City Council.
4.2	Establish connections with active transportation committees at regional agencies such as Caltrans, MTC, Bay Area Regional Collaborative on bicyclist and pedestrian investments and plans.	Ask staff to request regional agencies present relevant projects at BPAC meetings.
4.3	Meet with each Councilmember and their staff at least once per year to introduce BPAC and our goals.	Each Commissioner is expected to reach out to their Councilmember to promote BPAC.
4.4	Reach out to City Councilmembers concerning current bike/ped issues.	Each Commissioner is expected to reach out to their Councilmember on hot topics needing their support.
4.5	Introduce BPAC to Neighborhood Councils.	Each Commissioner is expected to reach out to one or more Neighborhood Councils/NCPCs in their areas to introduce the BPAC and support neighborhood efforts on bike/ped safety.