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Department of Transportation, Safe Streets Division

Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Meeting Agenda **Thursday, February 20, 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	1	<p>Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, Introductions, and Acknowledgement of Recent Bicyclist and Pedestrian Fatal Traffic Crashes <i>Attachment</i> (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: oaklandca.gov/topics/traffic-fatality-tracking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At around 11:50 PM on January 21, 2025, a Hispanic, male skateboarder in his 50s was hit in a fatal crash with a vehicle while attempting to cross West MacArthur Blvd at 37th St. At around 7:11 PM on February 3, 2025, a White, male pedestrian in his 70s was hit in a fatal crash while crossing Grand Ave in the crosswalk at Park View Terrace. The driver fled the scene.
6:10	2	<p>Open Forum / Public Comment / Announcements <i>Attachment</i> (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 tinyurl.com/Oakland-BPAC-OpenForumTracking.) 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 oaklandca.gov/services/oak311.</p>
6:20	3	<p>Approval of Meeting Minutes <i>Attachment</i> (5 minutes) – Seek motion to adopt the January 2025 BPAC meeting minutes.</p>
6:25	4	<p>West Street Road Diet Project Evaluation <i>Attachment</i> (30 minutes) – David Pené (dpene@oaklandca.gov), Engineer in the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Program, Safe Streets Division at OakDOT, will present on the evaluation of the West Street Road Diet Project. Project info, including the evaluation report, is available on the project website: www.oaklandca.gov/projects/west-street-road-diet-project</p>
6:55	5	<p>Report Back of Presentation of 2024 BPAC Annual Report to Public Works and Transportation Committee & 2025 BPAC Look Ahead (30 minutes) – BPAC 2024 Chair Gardner and 2025 Chair Ralston will lead the commission in a report back from the presentation of the 2024 BPAC Chair's Report (www.oaklandca.gov/documents/bicyclist-pedestrian-advisory-commission-bpac-annual-chairs-reports) at the January 28, 2025 Oakland City Council Public Works and Transportation Committee (https://oakland.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=1272678&GUID=D02916CF-0966-41F2-88CF-C4846AA4849F&Options=info&Search=) and a discussion on the vision and look ahead for BPAC in 2025.</p>
7:25	6	<p>Committee & Liaison Overviews, Report Backs, and New Assignments <i>Attachment</i> (20 minutes) – Committees and liaisons of the BPAC will provide brief updates to the Commission. Commissioners and members of the public will be given the opportunity to volunteer for, switch, or remove themselves from the Commission's committees and liaison positions. A list of active committees is included in the agenda packet and at www.oaklandca.gov/resources/bicyclist-and-pedestrian-advisory-commission-bpac-committees-and-liaisons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infrastructure Committee: The committee last met on January 9, 2025. They heard items on the Embarcadero West Rail Safety and Access Improvements Project and Bicycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Design Details and Supplemental Guidance. Their next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2025, from 3:30-5:30 PM at 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza in the Broadway Conference Room, Suite 4304 (www.oaklandca.gov/meeting/mar-2025-bpac-infrastructure-committee). Policy and Legislative Committee: The committee met last on February 10, 2025, and heard items on a recommendation to the Oakland Fire Department for street trauma prevention, and improved reporting of traffic injuries and fatalities. More information at: www.oaklandca.gov/meeting/feb-2025-bpac-policy-and-legislative Their next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2025 from 5:30-7:00. Former commissioner, now community member Phoenix Mangrum, will be considered for the role of liaison to the Oakland Police Department.
7:45	7	<p>Agenda look-ahead, suggestions for meeting topics <i>Attachment</i> (15 minutes)</p>

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Traffic Case

Information

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RD #25-003316

On January 21st, 2025, at approximately 2350 hours, Oakland Police Officers were dispatched to the 37th St and West MacArthur Blvd to investigate a report of a vehicle vs pedestrian. Officers arrived on scene and located a male pedestrian laying in the street with blunt force trauma injuries. OFD and medical personnel arrived on scene and provided first aid.

Falck transported the pedestrian to Highland Hospital where he was listed in critical condition. A traffic callout was initiated.

It appears the vehicle was traveling eastbound on West MacArthur Blvd and was proceeding though the intersection at 37th St. The vehicle collided with the pedestrian on a skateboard attempting to cross northbound. The vehicle's driver stayed on scene and provided a statement to law enforcement.

On January 22nd, 2025, at approximately 1723 hours, doctors at Highland Hospital advised the pedestrian had succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. The pedestrian is a male Hispanic in his 50's from Oakland. The identification is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

It is unknown if alcohol or drugs played a factor in this collision.

This incident is still under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Oakland Police Department Traffic Investigation Unit at (510) 777-8570.

Officer Kaitlin Hoyle (Primary)
 Officer Hiep Pham
 Traffic Investigations Unit
 Oakland Police Department

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RD #25-005308

On February 3rd, 2025, at approximately 1911 hours, Oakland Police officers were dispatched to Grand Ave and Park View Terrace to investigate a report of a vehicle vs pedestrian hit and run accident. Officers arrived on scene and located a male laying on the street with blunt force trauma injuries. OFD and medical personnel arrived on scene and provided first aid.

Falck transported the pedestrian to Highland Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

It appears the pedestrian was walking in the marked crosswalk when an SUV was approaching W/B Grand Ave. The vehicle struck the pedestrian in the crosswalk sending the pedestrian 75 feet W/B as he landed in the #1 lane. The vehicle continued W/B Grand Ave and fled the scene of the accident.

The pedestrian is a male white in his 70's from Oakland. The identification is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

It is unknown if alcohol or drugs played a factor in this collision.

This incident is still under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Oakland Police Department Traffic Investigation Unit at (510) 777-8570.

Officer G. Pertoso (Primary)
Officer D. Tellez
Traffic Investigations Unit
Oakland Police Department

Agenda Item 2. Announcements Attachment

Announcements

- **BPAC Agenda Sign-Up List:** To receive these BPAC agendas by email when available, or the Bike Oakland Newsletter, sign up at share.hsforms.com/1P5XTjDGyS7q6luFu76CgNQch6is
- **Bike Oakland Newsletter:** The Bicycle & Pedestrian Program of OakDOT is pleased to share the 36th edition of the "[BIKE] OAKLAND" newsletter available at: www.oaklandca.gov/resources/i-bike-oakland-newsletter. This bi-annual newsletter provides an overview of the City's progress implementing Oakland's Bicycle Plan over the last six months (July-December 2024) and this issue has a full page dedicated to the BPAC.



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City of Oakland, Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

DRAFT Minutes from the January 16, 2025 Meeting

City Hall, 2nd Floor, Sergeant Daniel Sakai Hearing Room (A.K.A. Hearing Room 4)

Meeting agenda at: www.oaklandca.gov/boards-commissions/bicyclist-and-pedestrian-advisory-commission/meetings

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM by BPAC Chair Gardner.

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 7 Commissioners present (X). One Commissioner arrived after roll call (x). One Commissioner was excused (-).

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

Introductions were made.

1. Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) Staff: Pierre Gerard, Noel Pond-Danchik, Poinciana Hung-Haas, Rachel Strangeway, Audrey Harris, and Acacia Dupierre.
2. Other attendees: Robert Prinz (Bike East Bay), Kevin Dalley, RB (Oakland Public Library, former Commissioner), Ross Parish, Alice Chen (Transport Oakland), Chris Hwang (Walk Oakland Bike Oakland (WOBO)), Bryan Culbertson (Traffic Violence Rapid Response), George Spies (Traffic Violence Rapid Response), and Anwar Baroudi (Mayor’s Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)).

Chair Gardner 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:

oaklandca.gov/topics/traffic-fatality-tracking.

Summary of Discussion:

- The Commission highlighted the pedestrian fatality on December 12th, 2024, at the intersection of Foothill Blvd and 8th Ave. The announcement and associated Oakland Police Department memo was included with the meeting minutes from the December 2024 BPAC meeting.

Speakers other than Commissioners: N/A

Item 2. Open Forum / Public Comment / Announcements

A list of announcements and attachments were included in the meeting's agenda packet. There is a liaison to Open Forum who follows up with members of the public and tracks Open Forum comments at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1v0nDQC83kYuR8rW_ofuDLSTOy0LdRg9otR63Yp0u5Qw/

Summary of Discussion:

- [Traffic Violence Rapid Response](#) will hold its first general meeting on Saturday, February 8th, at 11:00 AM at Oakstop ([1721 Broadway, Oakland](#)). Josh Rowan, OakDOT's Director, will be in attendance.
- Robert Prinz from Bike East Bay recommended reporting potholes via SeeClickFix on Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service (January 20th, 2025).
- Robert Prinz offered to lead a training on being an effective commissioner for new BPAC Commissioners.
- On Tuesday, January 28th, 2025, Chair Gardner will present the 2024 BPAC Annual Report to the City of Oakland's Public Works Committee at its meeting at 11:30 AM.
 - Robert Prinz encouraged Commissioners and members of the public to submit eComment on this item before the meeting: <https://oakland.legistar.com/calendar.aspx>
- On Tuesday, January 21st, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Patrick Phelan of OakDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program will be presenting to the Bay Area Trails Collaborative at their quarterly meeting.
- Oakland Public Library (OPL) is hosting the Bike Fix (free to the public!) on Wednesdays at Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr. Branch and on Fridays at 81st Ave Branch: <https://oaklandlibrary.org/the-bike-fix/>. OPL is seeking comment on its plans to build The Spot, a permanent replacement for The Shed (a youth-led bike repair shop), at the MLK Jr. Branch Library.

Speakers other than commissioners: Robert Prinz, George Spies, RB, Noel Pond-Danchik.

Item 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The draft meeting minutes from the December 2024 BPAC meeting were considered for adoption.

→ A motion to **adopt the Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission December 2024 meeting minutes** was made (Gardner) and seconded (Yee). The motion was approved by voice vote by six Commissioners, with two abstentions from Commissioners Ralston and Schader.

Adopted minutes online at www.oaklandbikes.info/BPAC

Speakers other than commissioners: N/A.

Item 4. OakDOT staff to the BPAC, Noel Pond-Danchik, facilitated nominations and elections for 2025 BPAC Officers, following the process described in BPAC's By-Laws (<https://cao-94612.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/BPAC-By-Laws.pdf>.)

- Chair Gardner nominated Vice Chair Ralston for the Chair position. Vice Chair Ralston accepted the nomination.

→ A motion to select Vice Chair Ralston for the BPAC Chair position was made. The motion was approved by a show of 8 hands, with one abstention from Vice Chair Ralston.

- Chair Ralston nominated Commissioner Whipps for the Vice Chair position. Commissioner Whipps was not present to accept the nomination, though it is not necessary to accept the nomination.

→ A motion to **select Commissioner Whipps for the BPAC Vice Chair position** was made. The motion was approved unanimously by a show of hands.

Speakers other than Commissioners: N/A.

Item 5. Hegenberger to Estuary Bike and Pedestrian Improvements – OakDOT staff from the Major Projects Division shared an overview of the Caltrans Sustainable Communities grant program and our project proposal for the January 22, 2025, application deadline. This included a presentation from OakDOT on the Hegenberger to Estuary Bike and Pedestrian Improvements project that aims to address long-standing safety and accessibility challenges to key destinations in East Oakland and a request for a Letter of Support. Project info at: www.oaklandca.gov/projects/hegenberger-complete-streets-plan. [The updated presentation is attached to these minutes.](#)

Summary of Discussion:

- Separated bike lanes are the only bike lane-related bikeway facility being considered as a proposal for this project.
- There are two dense residences for previously unhoused people along the corridor that should be considered and reached out to.
- Improvements on this corridor that have been proposed in the past are being considered for this project.
- The City of Oakland’s 5-Year Paving Plan includes Hegenberger Rd, which may create near-term coordination opportunities with the Major Projects Division.
- A significant amount of housing was removed from around Hegenberger Rd in the 1960s (“redevelopment” era).
- Hegenberger Rd is a major gateway to the City of Oakland from the Oakland International Airport, so improvements to the corridor deserve exceptional consideration.
- Some project funds allocated to outreach should be used to compensate community members for their input.
- The project is applying for the same \$700,000 in grant funding as two other City of Oakland projects.
- Funding for this project does not come at the expense of funding for other projects.
- Spencer St and Hamilton St should be connected across Hegenberger Rd to reconnect the two neighborhoods.
- Concrete barriers should be installed along parts of Hegenberger to protect sidewalks and homes from vehicles.
- Hegenberger Rd should not be used as a freeway connector between Interstates 580 and 880.

- There are often people using the space beneath the pedestrian overcrossing on Hamilton St as housing. At-grade crossings on Hamilton St and Spencer St should be prioritized.
 - Neighborhood Councils and other community groups should also be consulted for this project. The Calm East Oakland Streets project is making great community connections that could also be involved with this project.
 - The Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods grant could be a great funding opportunity for this project.
 - This project would connect to the Eastmont Transit Center.
 - The existing pedestrian overcrossings are too steep.
 - There was a pedestrian, who died crossing at Hegenberger Rd at Hamilton St recently, not using the pedestrian overcrossing.
 - Additional outreach should be done for this project because there is distrust of the City in this neighborhood.
 - Building new sidewalk will be part of the proposal.
 - While the project is not proposing changing the overcrossings, it is proposing new at-grade pedestrian crossings as an additional option.
 - This project will improve bike connection to the East Oakland Shoreline, an ongoing priority for the BPAC.
 - This project should be creative and visionary given the street's unique qualities.
 - Staff should think deeply about who this project is for. Basic needs like trash pickup, sidewalk gaps, etc. should be taken care of before embarking on an ambitious project.
 - The timing crossing Hegenberger is too short for a bicyclist to cross.
 - Project staff should attend the Coliseum Neighborhood Council meeting and a Healthy Havenscourt meeting.
- A motion to **write a letter of support for the Hegenberger to Estuary Bike and Pedestrian Improvements project** was made (Gardner) and seconded (Schader). The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Speakers other than Commissioners: Robert Prinz, Kevin Dalley, Bryan Culbertson, George Spies, RB.

Item 6. 2025 Bicyclist & Pedestrian Visioning and Goals Discussion (25 minutes) – 2025 will be a big year for Oakland-wide infrastructure and planning advocacy. There are key opportunities to lift up our collective bike and ped visions for medium- and long-term projects and programs (while we continue efforts to realize immediate needs). As the BPAC starts the year, as a kick-off to our strategic goal setting, Chair Ralston opened with a facilitated “30,000-foot view” visioning discussion referencing the most recent citywide Bike Plan map. The goal for our visioning is to look at two scales of Oakland – that is, the viability, opportunity, and needs for overall citywide inter-connection networks (Hills to Bay and North-South via downtown and Lake) and the viability, opportunity, and needs for “fine-grained” neighborhood-scale safety, equity, and access for all. The conversation is not meant to be limited to bicycle infrastructure but to include walking and alternative transportation as well enhanced public transit. Inputs from this exercise can further help our efforts to integrate bike/ped planning visions into the City’s General Plan update process and can help provide context as the BPAC formulates our actions for the upcoming year.

Summary of Discussion:

- To ride one's bike from East Oakland to West Oakland, the Bay Trail is the safest route across Oakland. Getting to the Bay Trail is not easy to do via low-stress bikeway facilities.
- Pedestrian access to transit should be prioritized.
- Foothill could be a continuous East/West bike route across East Oakland if it were improved.
- A bike highway could be installed under 580 using the highway right-of-way.
- There could be a bus on I-580 from East Oakland to get quickly to downtown.
- There should be a greater focus on pedestrian issues and safety. There should be a pedestrian network of streets closed to cars the way there is a network of bike lanes.
- Safe bike access from the hills to the bay in East Oakland should be prioritized.
- This conversation will be continued at a future date.

Speakers other than Commissioners: Robert Prinz, Kevin Dalley, RB Burnette Jr., Ross Parish, Alice Chen, Chris Hwang, Bryan Culbertson, George Spies, Anwar Baroudi

Item 7. Committee Overviews, Report Backs, and New Assignments

Committees of the BPAC provided brief updates to the Commission. All commissioners were given the opportunity to volunteer for, switch, or remove themselves from the Commission's committees and liaison positions. A list of active committees was included in the agenda packet and at www.oaklandca.gov/resources/bicyclist-and-pedestrian-advisory-commission-bpac-committees-and-liaisons.

- Infrastructure Committee: The committee last met on January 9th, 2025. They heard presentations on [Embarcadero West Rail Safety and Access Improvements Project](#) and Bicycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Design Details and Supplemental Guidance. More info at: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/meeting/january-2025-bpac-infrastructure-committee>. Their next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, March 6, 2025, from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM at 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza in the Broadway Conference Room, Suite 4304.
 - Commissioners Gardner, Altman, Schader, and Yee, were selected to the Infrastructure Committee.
 - Commissioner Jessup is interested in participating in Infrastructure Committee meetings when one of the four appointed Commissioners is not present.
- Policy and Legislative Committee: The committee last met on November 12th, 2024. They discussed committee goals and heard presentations on the [Oakland General Plan Update](#) and the [Pedestrian Plan Update](#). More info at: oaklandca.gov/meeting/november-2024-bicyclist-pedestrian-advisory-commission-bpac-policy-and-legislative-committee-meeting. Their next meeting is planned for February 10, 2025, at 5:30PM. This meeting may include items on Traffic Engineering indemnification and positions in fire departments dedicated to traffic safety.
 - Chair Ralston, Vice Chair Whipps, and Commissioners Flagg and Jessup were selected to the Policy and Legislative Committee.
- New commissioners and members of the public are encouraged to join the Infrastructure Committee or the Policy and Legislative Committee.

→ A motion to **appoint Commissioners Altman, Gardner, Schader, and Yee to the Infrastructure Committee and Chair Ralston, Vice Chair Whipps, and Commissioners Flagg and Jessup to the Policy and Legislative Committee** was made (Ralston) and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Summary of Discussion:

- Vice Chair Whipps was not present for this appointment but has attended Policy and Legislative Committee meetings.
- Up to three community members may be selected by the appointed Commissioners to each Committee at any time.

Speakers other than Commissioners: Robert Prinz, Kevin Dalley.

Item 8. 2025 Annual Look-ahead, suggestions for meeting topics

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

Suggestions for meeting topics:

- Legal implications of closing streets for traffic safety and to create more “third spaces” (Commissioner Gardner and Ross Parish)
- In-depth analysis of motor vehicle speeds on [Oakland's High Injury Network](#) (Commissioner Gardner)
- Traffic Engineering Section Programs (Commissioner Jessup)
- 311 false closures and follow-ups (Kevin Dalley)
- Updates on [Community-Led Traffic Safety Pilot Program](#) (Robert Prinz)
- [Safe Routes to Schools projects](#) (Robert Prinz, for Infrastructure Committee)

Speakers other than Commissioners: Kevin Dalley, Ross Parish, Robert Prinz.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Attachments:

- 2024 BPAC Chair's Report to the Public Works Committee of the Oakland City Council
- Draft letter from BPAC Commissioner Whipps to Oakland Mayor and City Council
- Updated Presentation on Hegenberger Rd Project

Minutes recorded by Pierre Gerard, OakDOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Transportation Planner, emailed to meeting attendees for review on January 21, 2025 with comments requested by February 4, 2025, to pgerard@oaklandca.gov. Revised minutes will be attached to the February 2025 BPAC meeting agenda and considered for adoption at that meeting.



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January 2025

West St Road Diet Evaluation



Full report at: www.oaklandca.gov/projects/west-street-road-diet-project

Project Elements

Corridor Wide Three to Two Lane Road Diet – converted the two-way center turn lane to a median to reduce conflicts and use of the turn lane for passing and create space for additional safety improvements.

(Before)



(After)



Speed Cushions - like speed bumps they reduce vehicle speeds but with gaps for emergency vehicles.



Concrete Pedestrian Safety Islands – allow pedestrians to cross one lane at a time, encourage drivers to stay in their lane, and reduce turning speeds.



Protected Intersections – separate vehicles from cyclists, improve visibility, slow down turning vehicles, and reduce crossing distances for cyclists and pedestrians.



Raised Intersections – like speed bumps, they slow vehicles and encourage drivers to stop at stop signs.





Protected Intersections



Pedestrian Safety Islands

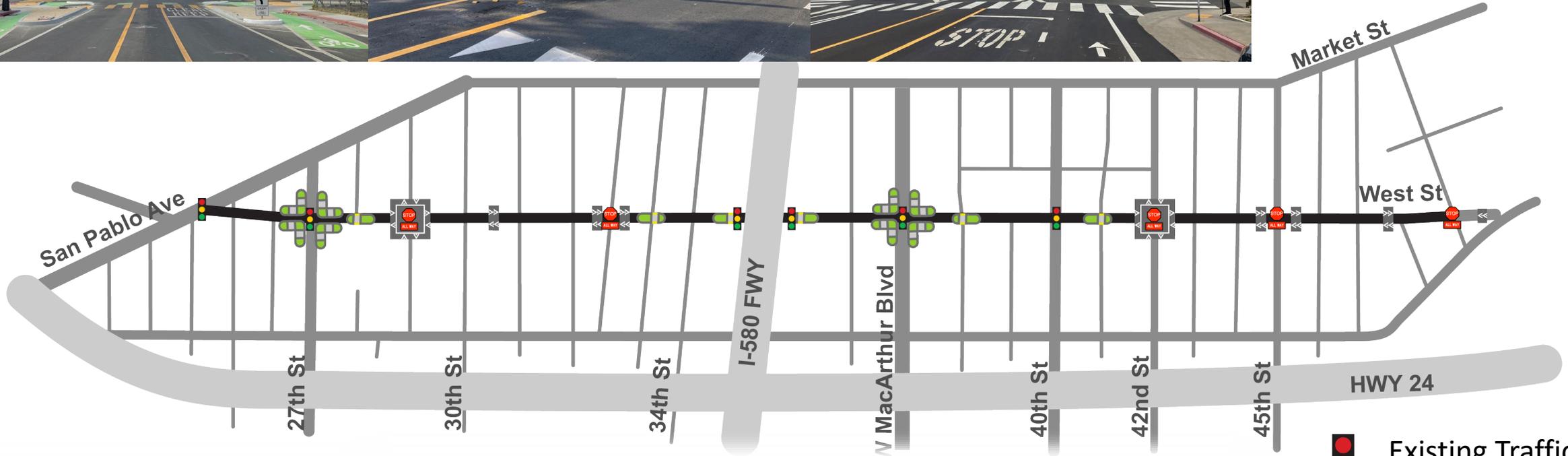


Raised Intersections

Project Elements



N →



Speed Cushion/Hump



Three to Two Lane Road Diet



Existing Traffic Signal



Existing All-Way Stop Sign



Before

After

Implemented in 2021-2022

Timeline

1997, 2007
4-to-3 lane road
diet implemented

2017
This project
Included in
Capital
Improvement
Program

2019
Project first
presented to
public for
feedback

2020
Feasibility Study
completed

2020
Mailer sent to
over 1,000
addresses along
corridor
requesting
feedback

2020
Project outreach
to community
partners, schools,
neighborhood
councils, etc.

2021
Design modified
to include speed
cushions, raised
intersections, and
planting in
pedestrian safety
islands based on
community
feedback

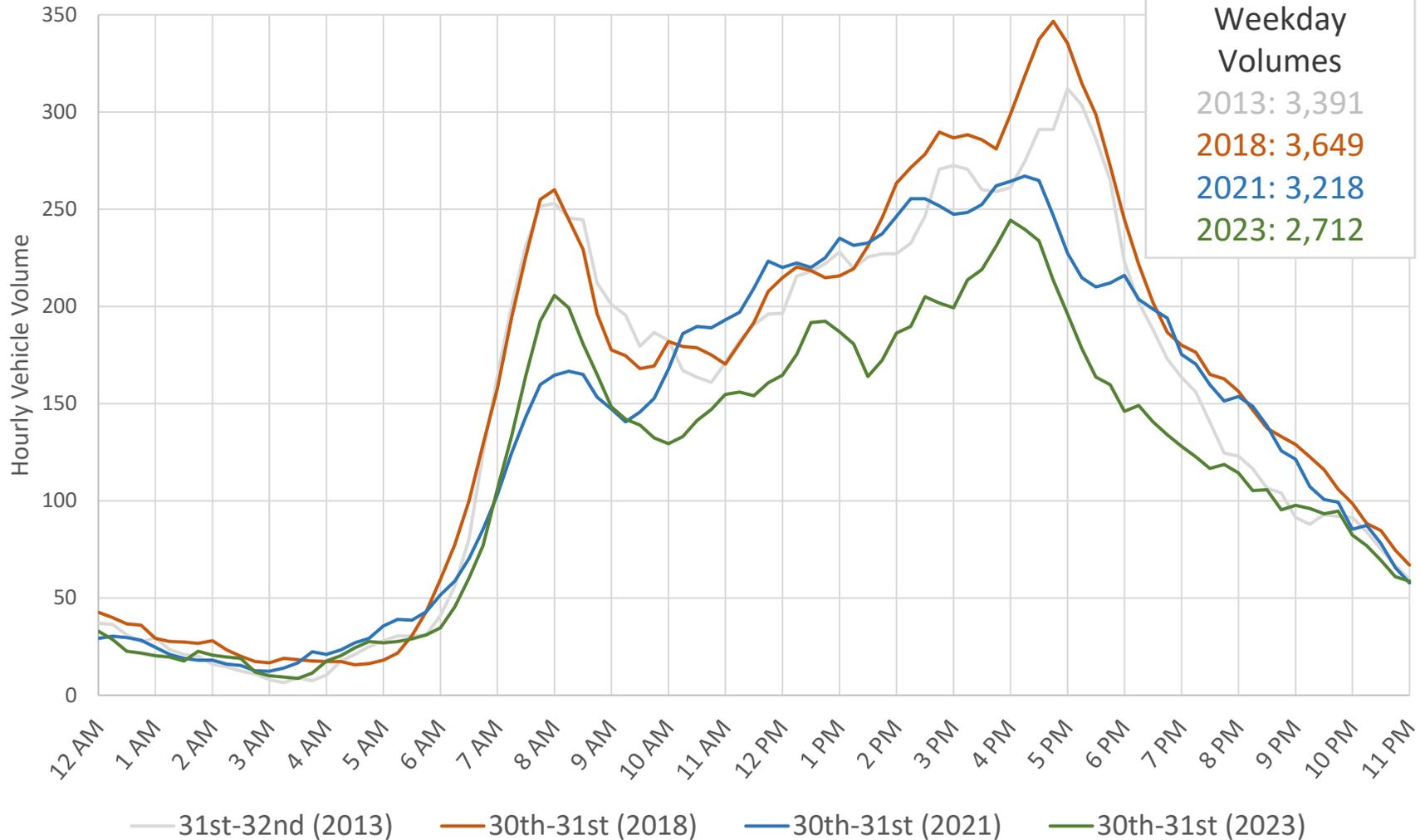
2021
Design finalized,
construction
begins on curb
ramps and
sidewalks

2022
Construction of
speed cushions,
raised
intersections,
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islands, striping

2025
Post-project
evaluation
completed

Vehicle Volumes

Weekday Volumes (San Pablo Ave - W MacArthur Blvd)

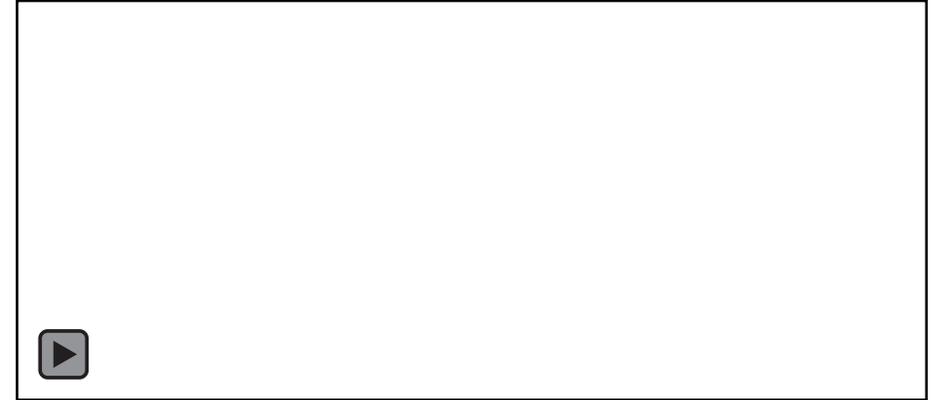


- Between 2018 (pre-project & pre-pandemic) and 2023, the average number of vehicles decreased by 26%.
- Because the project was built during the COVID-19 pandemic, it's difficult to separate project-related from pandemic-related impacts.

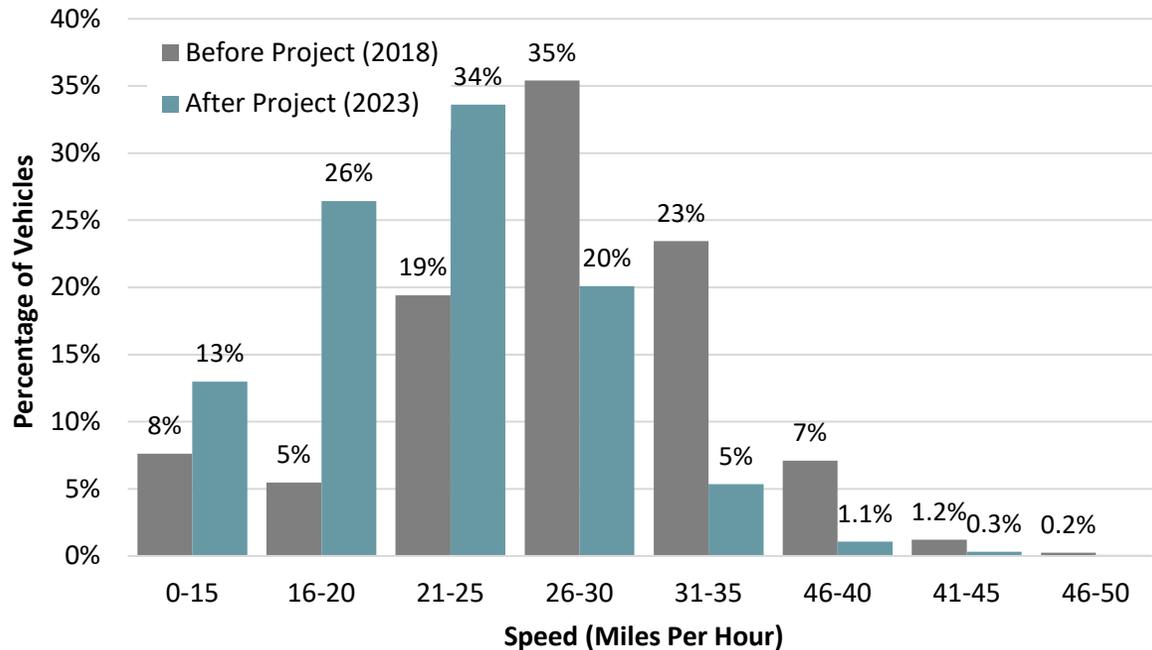
Motorist Speeding

- The percentage of people driving in every 5-mile increment over 25MPH fell after the project was implemented.

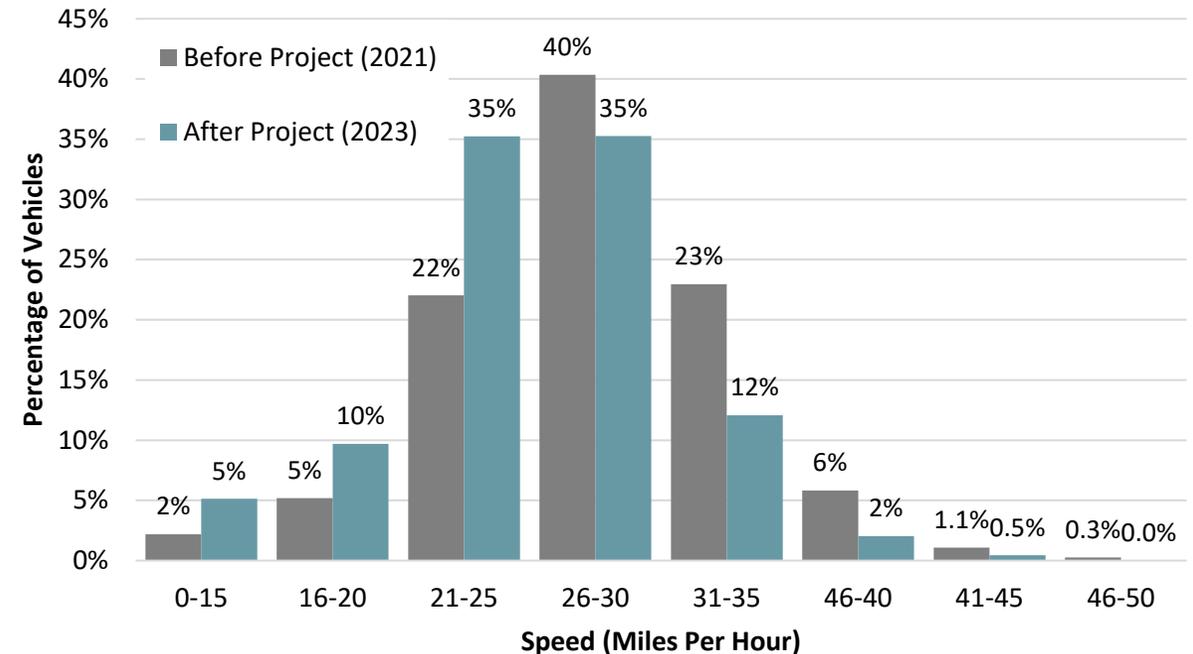
Pre-Project Video from Resident showing an all-way stop intersection (5/2020)



Vehicle Speeds on West St between 30th St & 31st St



Vehicle Speeds on West St between 43rd St and 44th St



Vehicle Speeds

- Prevailing **vehicle speeds decreased after the project was built** on both sides of the corridor from above to below the 30 MPH speed limit.
- The percentage of drivers going over the 30 MPH speed limit **dropped from 32% to 6% after the project was built** (2018 vs. 2023) on West between 30th St and 31st St.
- The number of drivers going over 40 MPH rose between 2018 and 2021 (following pandemic related trends of more speeding) before falling after the project's implementation.

Location on West St	Year	Average Speed	85% of Cars at or Below	% Over 30 MPH	% Over 40 MPH	# Over 40 MPH Per Day
Between 43rd St & 44th St	2021 (Before)	28 MPH	33 MPH	30%	1.5%	39
	2023 (After)	25 MPH	30 MPH	15%	0.6%	15
Between 30th St & 31st St	2018 (Before)	26 MPH	33 MPH	32%	1.5%	56
	2021 (Before)	26 MPH	33 MPH	25%	2.1%	64
	2023 (After)	21 MPH	28 MPH	6%	0.4%	11

Speed Cushion Compliance

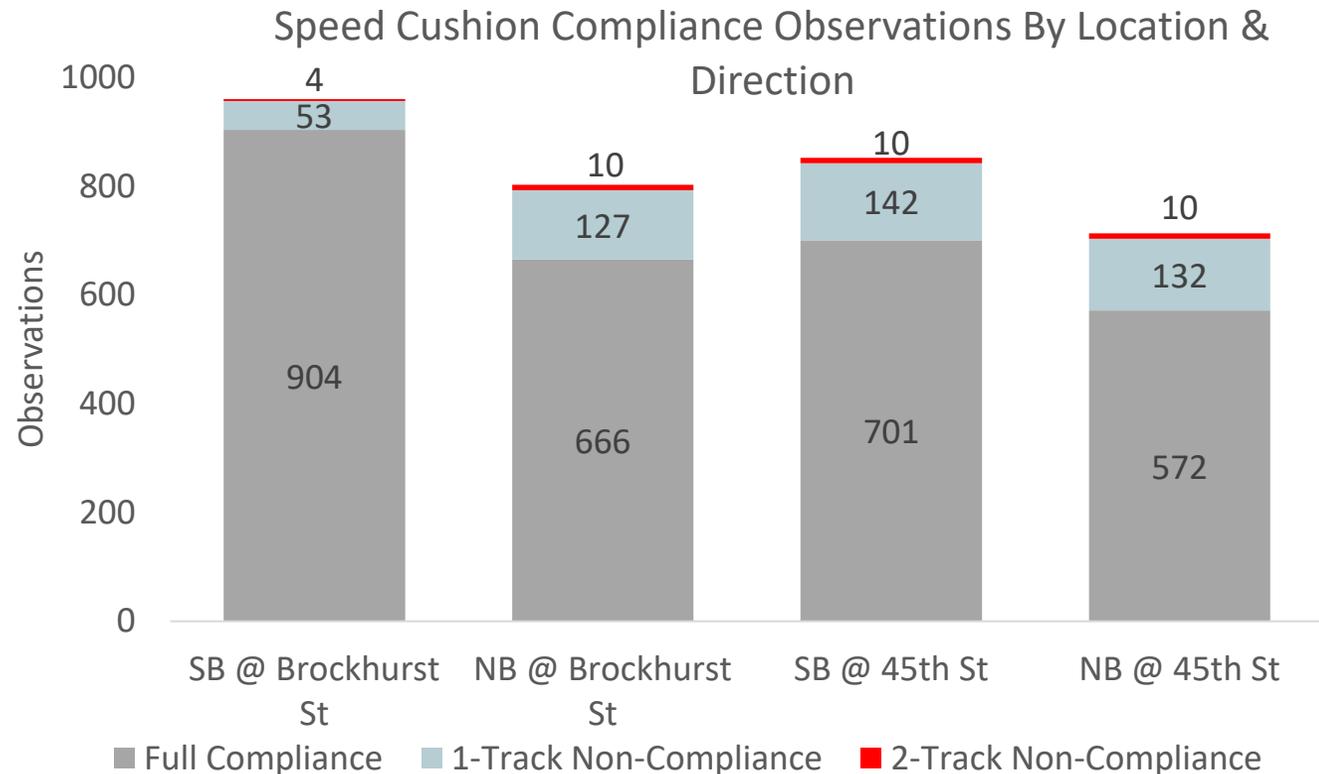


Speed cushions: undulations in the roadway, like speed humps with two lengthwise gaps for emergency vehicles.

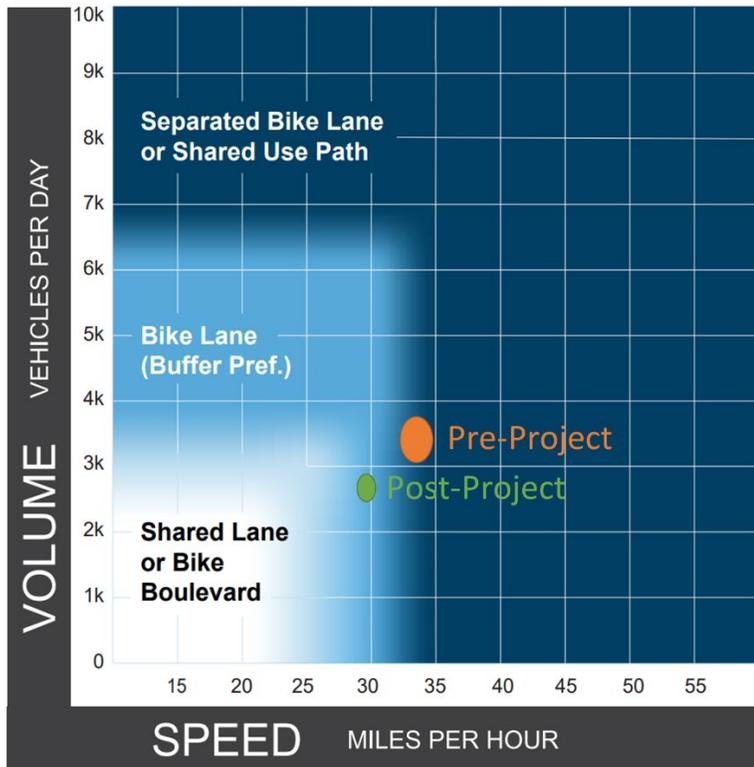
- The project installed 6 speed cushions.
- The gaps in the speed cushions allow emergency vehicles to pass with minimal slowing.
- The gaps were placed in the middle of the street between the two lanes to deter non-emergency vehicles from using them.

Compliance with speed cushions was high

- 14% of motorists deviating slightly to use one emergency vehicle pass-through
- 1% of motorists deviating from the travel lane enough to use both emergency vehicle pass-throughs.



Bicycling Safety & Comfort



The project made West St a more suitable bikeway connection by reducing vehicle volumes and speeds.



The additional space created by removing the center turn lane was used to upgrade the standard bike lanes to buffered bike lanes.

Concrete protected bike lanes at two key intersections with perpendicular bike lanes (27th St and W MacArthur Blvd) added physical barriers to give cyclists a protected space to wait.



Pedestrian Safety and Comfort

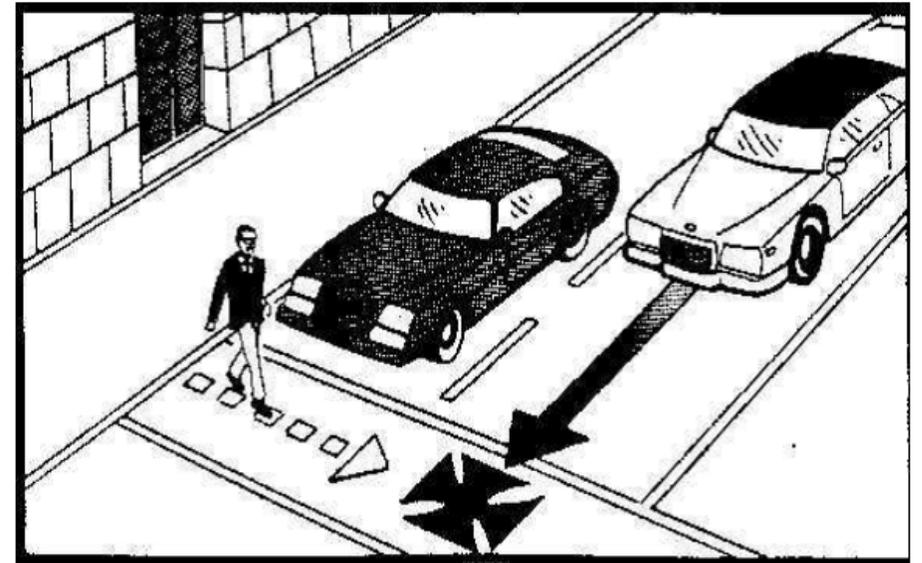
The project improved pedestrian safety by:

- Increasing buffer space between sidewalks, bike lanes, and vehicle lanes
- Shortening the distance pedestrians need to cross vehicle traffic
- Reducing the number of conflicting movements between users (by removing turn lanes)



- Adding concrete pedestrian safety islands at six intersections.

- Improving crossings and reducing the number of uncontrolled multi-threat crossings to zero.



Multi-threat crossings: Crossings where a car yielding in one lane may obstruct the sightline between the crossing pedestrian and a vehicle in the adjacent lane.

Agenda Item 6. Committee Report Backs Attachment

For more information on the BPAC's Committees and Liaisons see

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/bicyclist-and-pedestrian-advisory-commission-bpac-committees-and-liaisons>

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, Yee	Robert Prinz	The first Thursday of every other month from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM	Oakland BPAC infrastructure committee notes
Policy and Legislative Committee	6/21/18	Research and develop policy recommendations for consideration by the BPAC	Flagg, Jessup, Ralston, Whipps	Kevin Dalley	The second Monday in February, May, August, and November from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM	
Liaison to Affordable Housing & Infrastructure Bond Public Oversight Committee	5/17/18	Monitor Committee activities and report back to the BPAC	[vacant]			
Liaison to Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities	5/17/18	Monitor MCPD activities and report back to the BPAC	Schader			
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			
Liaison to Oakland Police Department	6/15/23	TBD	[vacant]			
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		

*Committee Chairs in **bold**

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

For the full list of requested items and other details on upcoming meeting planning, see the BPAC Scheduler at:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PmvGuKNg3lBspg7WwnqB7_MaQumB6BCpA_7Sbvuf8Q8

3 Month Look Ahead Tentative Agenda Items

- Transportation Development Act Article 3 Grant Proposed Projects
- Grand Ave Complete Streets Paving Project (www.oaklandca.gov/projects/grand)
- Bike to Wherever Day Planning
- Community Initiated Traffic Calming Pilot Update
- Major Development Projects
- Undercrossing Improvements Project (www.oaklandca.gov/projects/undercrossing-improvements)
- General Plan and Land Use and Transportation Element Update

City of Oakland Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission Strategic Plan

April 2023

Goal 1: 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.