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Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT), Safe Streets Division

Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Meeting Agenda **Thursday, November 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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| 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: www.oaklandca.gov/Public-Safety-Streets/Traffic-Safety/Safe-Oakland-Streets/Monitoring-Traffic-Deaths-in-Oakland. Additional information is also attached to this agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Around 2pm on October 23, 2025, an Asian, female, 71-year-old pedestrian, was walking her bicycle across San Pablo Ave just north of 29th St when she was struck by a vehicle. She was transported to the hospital and listed in critical condition.• Around 5:30pm on October 21, 2025, a 35-year-old, Hispanic male was riding a scooter southbound on Harrison St between 21st St and Grand Ave when he was struck by a vehicle. He is currently listed in critical condition. |
| 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 www.oaklandca.gov/services/oak311. A list of announcements is included as an attachment to this agenda.</p> |
| 6:20 | 3 | <p>Approval of Meeting Minutes <i>Attachment</i> (5 minutes) – Seek motion to adopt the October 2025 BPAC meeting minutes.</p> |
| 6:25 | 4 | <p>Committee & Liaison Appointments, Overviews, and Report Backs <i>Attachment</i> (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 the agenda packet and at www.oaklandca.gov/Government/Boards-Commissions/Bicyclist-and-Pedestrian-Advisory-Commission/BPAC-Committees-and-Liaisons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. More info here.• 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.• 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, Densie Schmidt, 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. A summary of the applicants and information from their applications is attached to the October 2025 Agenda.• The Liaisons to the Public Works and Transportation Committee of Oakland City Council will report back on items related to the BPAC. |
| 6:40 | 5 | <p>Discussion with Oakland Public Works and Transportation Committee Chair, Councilmember Zac Unger (30 minutes) – City of Oakland Public Works and Transportation Committee Chair, Councilmember Zac Unger, will share remarks and answer questions with the commission. The discussion will consider recommendations to include in the BPAC's 2025 Annual Report that will be adopted by the BPAC at an upcoming meeting and presented in early 2026 to the Public Works and Transportation Committee of the Oakland City Council.</p> |
| 7:10 | 6 | <p>2025 Fire Code Adoption <i>Attachment</i> (15 minutes) – The Policy and Legislative Committee will lead a discussion of the upcoming Fire Code adoption in relation to traffic safety infrastructure, particularly street width minimums.</p> |

- 7:25 7 **Open Forum Liaison Report** (15 minutes) – Commissioner Jessup will report back on the status of Open Forum comments presented by the public to the BPAC in 2025.
- 7:40 8 **Annual BPAC Chair’s Report Preparation Discussion** (10 minutes) – Chair Ralston will lead a discussion in preparation for the 2025 BPAC Annual Report to the Public Works and Transportation Committee.
- 7:50 9 **Agenda look-ahead, suggestions for meeting topics Attachment** (10 minutes)
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For Additional Information:
Lieutenant Tim Dolan
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RD #25-046552

On October 23rd, 2025, at approximately 1405 hours, Oakland Police officers responded to the area of 29th Street and San Pablo Avenue to investigate a report of a traffic collision involving a vehicle vs. pedestrian. Officers arrived on scene and located a female pedestrian suffering from traumatic injuries to her body.

The female was transported to Highland Hospital where she is currently listed in critical but stable condition.

It appears the pedestrian was walking her bicycle westbound across San Pablo Avenue, just north of 29th Street when she was struck by a vehicle traveling southbound on San Pablo Avenue. The driver of the vehicle remained on scene and provided a statement to law enforcement.

The pedestrian is a female Asian in her 70's from Oakland. Identification is being withheld pending further investigation.

It appears that alcohol and/or drugs were not 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 Anthony Larson (Primary)
Officer Josh Dement
Traffic Investigations Unit
Oakland Police Department

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RD #25-046272

On October 21st, 2025, at approximately 05:27 PM, The Oakland Police Department responded to the 2100 blk of Harrison St. to investigate a report of scooter vs vehicle collision. Upon arrival, officers located a male scooter rider with critical injuries.

The Oakland Fire Department and Falck Ambulance arrived on scene and began rendering aid to the rider. The rider was transported to Highland Hospital where he is listed in critical condition.

It appears the male rider was traveling S/B on in the 2100 blk of Harrison St. in the number two lane on a scooter when he swerved in and out of the traffic. The rider fell off the scooter and landed on his head causing a contusion to the back of his head. The rider is currently in critical and unstable condition.

It is unknown if alcohol or drugs are a factor in this collision. The rider is a male Hispanic in his 20's from Oakland. Identification is being withheld pending notification of the next of kin.

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 D. Griffin (Primary)
Officer C. Vasquez (Secondary)
Traffic Investigations Unit

Oakland Police Department

Agenda Item 2. Announcements Attachment

Announcements

- **Oakland E-bike Lending Program:** As of September 23rd, 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: www.oaklandca.gov/ebike
- **San Antonio Neighborhood Connections Grant Application Update:** Reporting back from the item at the October BPAC meeting on the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Application Projects, after additional consideration, OakDOT's Major Projects Division has decided to focus the San Antonio neighborhood planning grant application on neighborhood streets and leave International Blvd, Foothill Blvd, and other major streets to corridor studies. For more information or to sign up for updates, see: www.oaklandca.gov/Government/Oakland-Improvement-Projects/San-Antonio-Neighborhood-Connections-Plan
- **Walking Tours:** As part of the engagement strategy for the Oakland General Plan and Oakland Pedestrian Plan Updates, the BPAC is invited to walking tours led by community groups. The next upcoming tours include:
 - Friday, November 14, 2025 from 10am to 1pm - [Deep East Oakland Walking Tour](#) led by Communities for a Better Environment
 - Saturday, November 15, 2025 from 1 to 4pm - [West Clawson Walking Tour](#) led by West Oakland NeighborsAdditional information at: www.oaklandca.gov/Planning-Building/General-Plan-Neighborhood-Plans/City-of-Oakland-Current-General-Plan-Elements/Oakland-2045-General-Plan-Update/General-Plan-Update-Phase-2-Engagement
- **Pedestrian Crossing Improvements:** As was shared at the November BPAC Infrastructure Committee, the Complete Streets Infrastructure Division (CSID) will be implementing quick-build pedestrian crossing improvements at two locations on San Pablo Avenue in 2026: San Pablo Avenue & 23rd Street and San Pablo Avenue & 32nd St. CSID has been analyzing the 60+ marked crosswalks in Oakland with no traffic signals or stop signs that are located on roads with more than one lane per direction. Of these locations, these two San Pablo Avenue intersections have seen some of the most pedestrian crashes in a ten-year period, which is why they are being chosen as the first to receive these prototype treatments. Safety treatments will include plastic delineator posts between travel lanes on the approach to each crossing, paint/post corner extensions, and a new quick-build pedestrian refuge island. More info on page 11 of the [presentation](#).
- **Oakland Alameda Water Shuttle Winter Schedule:** The Oakland Alameda Water Shuttle has switched to a new winter schedule which [can be previewed here](#). They will continue to operate six days a week, Tuesdays through Sundays, after seeing solid ridership on Tuesdays. On the weekends, the hours of service will be shortened to reflect the seasonal changes in weather and daylight.
- **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: www.oaklandca.gov/bikerack
- **BPAC Agenda Sign-Up List:** To receive these BPAC agendas by email when available, or the Bike Oakland Newsletter, sign up at www.oaklandca.gov/boards-commissions/bicyclist-and-pedestrian-advisory-commission



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City of Oakland, Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

DRAFT Minutes from the October 16, 2025 Meeting

City Hall, Hearing Room 4

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

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

Item 1. 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 absent (-).

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

Introductions were made.

1. Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) Staff: Jason Patton, Noel Pond-Danchik, Jane Mei, Manuel Corona, Josh Rowan, Acacia Dupierre, Sofia Pollmann
2. Other attendees: Robert Prinz, Ann Killebrew, Kaitlyn Kong, Tonya Love, Petra Reyes, Tom Holub, ~~Casath Cathasach~~, O'Neill, Razzu Engen, Shayda Rager, Kim DeYoung, Adam DeYoung, Jose Feroso, Bryan Culbertson

Chair Ralston led the commission in an acknowledgement of recent fatal and other high-profile traffic crashes in Oakland involving bicyclists and pedestrians including the fatal crash included in the agenda packet for this meeting. For more information visit: oaklandca.gov/topics/traffic-fatality-tracking.

Speakers other than Commissioners: none

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 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.

Summary of Discussion:

- Bike East Bay maintains a Top 10 potholes for bike safety list as a partnership with the City of Oakland. Locations are pulled from potholes reported to Oak311. Nearly all the 120 potholes reported since the project was restarted in September 2024 have been fixed by the City of Oakland. Recent repairs went beyond individual potholes to include twenty to thirty potholes on a segment of Webster St in the Pill Hill neighborhood and a segment of Skyline Blvd near Joaquin Miller Rd. Rainy season creates more potholes and attendees were encouraged to report potholes through Oak311. For more information on how to submit service requests, see: bikeeastbay.org/resources/report-a-hazard/
- Concern was expressed about the redesign of the Park Boulevard/Excelsior Ave intersection near the I-580 intersection, citing increased wait times and recommending traffic circles roundabouts as a solution for intersections like these.
- Positive feedback was shared from a recent walking tour in the Melrose neighborhood with Oakland Planning and Building Department and OakDOT staff.
- Updates were provided on the Caltrans Vision 980 Evaluation Memo and engagement results. The full reports are included as attachments to the agenda for this meeting.
- Regarding the neighborhood walking tours as part of the Pedestrian Plan and General Plan updates, it was announced that the walking tour scheduled for Friday had been postponed, but three additional tours were scheduled for later in October and November. More information on the tours is available at: www.oaklandca.gov/Planning-Building/General-Plan-Neighborhood-Plans/City-of-Oakland-Current-General-Plan-Elements/Oakland-2045-General-Plan-Update/General-Plan-Update-Phase-2-Engagement
- The Original Scraper Bikes will be hosting two events:
 - On Halloween, there will be a ride out beginning at Arroyo Viejo Park.
 - On November 2nd, there will be a "Scary-cat" alley cat ride from Snow Park to West Oakland.
- Commissioner Flagg announced her intent to resign at the end of the year and encouraged the appointment of a replacement from East Oakland.

Speakers other than commissioners: Robert Prinz, Tonya Love, Anne Killebrew, Razzu Engen, Noel Pond-Danchik, Tom Holub, Bryan Culbertson

Item 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

→ A motion to **adopt the September 2025 BPAC meeting minutes** was made (Altman) and seconded (Flagg). The motion was approved by voice vote. Commissioner Gardner abstained.

Adopted minutes online at www.oaklandca.gov/boards-commissions/bicyclist-and-pedestrian-advisory-commission/meetings

Speakers other than commissioners: none

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 www.oaklandca.gov/resources/bicyclist-and-pedestrian-advisory-commission-bpac-committees-and-liaisons.

- Infrastructure Committee:
 - The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2025, from 3:30-5:30. They are planning on hearing items on the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) ~~on the~~ San Pablo Ave Project, and upcoming projects on the paving plan, ~~overlap projects~~ and the ~~Oakland~~ Port of Oakland's designs for on 3rd St and Adeline St design.
 - They will need to choose a new commissioner co-chair as Commissioners Yee, Gardner, and Schader are terming out at the end of the year.
- Policy and Legislative Committee:
 - The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2025, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM in City Hall, Hearing Room 3. They are tentatively planning on hearing an item on Fire Code amendments with the Oakland Fire Department, rescheduling an item on parking policy, and a discussion item on vehicle speed ~~studies~~ data.
- Oakland City Council Public Works and Transportation Commission Liaison: Jesse Olsen provided notes from recent meetings, where topics included a Caltrans maintenance agreement to streamline permitting for OakDOT work on state-owned streets and a procurement item allowing OakDOT to purchase materials through the open market due to vendor unavailability.
- Ad-Hoc General Plan Working Group: A letter of recommendations was submitted to the General Plan Update team and featured in Oaklandside. The letter emphasized walkability, bikability, quick-build strategies, neighborhood-level engagement, and funding mechanisms for implementation.
- Committee leads were reminded to submit any missing meeting minutes to staff.

Speakers other than Commissioners: Jason Patton

Item 5. Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Application Projects - San Antonio Neighborhood Connections Plan and Hegenberger Road Complete Streets Plan

Jane Mei (jmei@oaklandca.gov), Transportation Planner in the Major Projects Division at OakDOT, presented on Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant applications in development for Fiscal Year 2026/2027. The presentation included two planning projects that OakDOT will be applying for, the Hegenberger Complete Streets Plan and the San Antonio Neighborhood Connections Plan; staff will be requesting letters of support from BPAC. Project information will be available on the project websites: www.oaklandca.gov/Hegenberger and www.oaklandca.gov/SanAntonioConnections A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda for this meeting.

Summary of Discussion:

- It was recommended that speed surveys be conducted in the San Antonio neighborhood to support the grant application.
- Option A, which focuses on neighborhood-level traffic calming, was identified as the preferred approach for San Antonio due to its alignment with community-led sideshow mitigation efforts.
- It was noted that while Option A addresses quality-of-life issues, safety concerns on major streets should also be prioritized if data shows higher crash rates.
- It was recommended that quick-build traffic calming measures be implemented on Hegenberger Road in advance of the long-term grant-funded improvements.
- A road diet was suggested as a potential demonstration project for Hegenberger Road.
- The grant requires the planning studies to be completed by 2028.
- Crossing Foothill Boulevard in San Antonio was identified as a significant safety issue.
- It was noted that AC Transit is conducting a study on Foothill Boulevard, and coordination was recommended to avoid conflicting efforts.
- A request was made for a map of existing traffic calming infrastructure, such as speed bumps and traffic circles, in the San Antonio neighborhood.
- The challenge of choosing between calming major streets and neighborhood streets was discussed, with the city of Berkeley cited as a model for balanced implementation.
- Concerns were raised that calming Foothill Boulevard could result in traffic diversion to side streets.
- It was noted that the lower portion of Hegenberger Road includes long-term housing for individuals with chronic illnesses and mobility issues, and that these residents should be engaged in the planning process.
- A road diet was recommended for Hegenberger Road due to the excessive number of travel lanes.
- It was suggested that the proposed BART station and freeway crossing in the General Plan be included in the project map to reflect community-supported visions.
- It was noted that the Caltrans grant is an annual opportunity, and since Jingtowntown was removed from the San Antonio project scope, it should be prioritized for future work.
- The bikeway on East 7th Street in Jingtowntown was identified as a priority for improvements because it's on the Bay Trail.
- It was reported that Caltrans requested a more specific reapplication to strengthen the proposal.
- Staff requested input on which specific streets should be prioritized for improvements.
- A pedestrian cut-through on Bond Street at 42nd Avenue was suggested to reduce pedestrian exposure on Foothill and International Boulevards.
- It was recommended that residents from San Antonio be invited to participate in the early stages of the planning process.
- The next step was identified as outreach to neighborhood councils and community members who participated in last year's engagement process.
- A proposal was made to demolish the Hegenberger overpass and bring the roadway to street level to improve safety and connectivity.
- It was suggested that a study on Foothill Boulevard should focus on transit improvements.

Speakers other than Commissioners: Tom Holub, Kim DeYoung, Robert Prinz

→ A motion to **write a letter of support for the two Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant** was made (Jessup) and seconded (Gardner). The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Item 6. Discussion with OakDOT Director Josh Rowan

City of Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) Director Josh Rowan shared remarks and answered questions about the department with the commission.

Summary of Discussion:

- Rowan noted that delays in Measure KK bond issuance had prompted a reevaluation of funding priorities.
- Rowan suggested reducing paving goals to 25 miles ~~over-per year for~~ 25 years and redirect remaining funds toward safety improvements and accessibility upgrades to the sidewalks and curb ramps.
- It was suggested that intersections, where most crashes occur, should be the primary focus of safety investments.
- Rowan shared an example of this vision would be to implement roundabouts citywide through a new bond measure, potentially modeled after Atlanta's capital project approach.
- Rowan identified the top traffic safety issues as poor infrastructure design, a culture of unsafe driving behavior, and overreliance on automobiles.
- Rowan encouraged policy and technical solutions to address driver behavior as well as a long-term mechanism to routinize safety improvements such as road diets, medians, roundabouts, and street trees.
- It was emphasized that every paving project should include significant safety upgrades.
- Rowan encouraged creativity, with the example of using sewer projects as an opportunity to incorporate traffic safety elements.
- The lack of bikeability in Oakland was noted as surprising given the city's favorable weather and topography.
- Equitable access between neighborhoods was identified as a key goal.
- It was suggested that sideshow prevention efforts be redirected toward creating safe, designated areas for such activities away from residential neighborhoods.
- Support was expressed for pushing the envelope on safety and using the next bond measure to fund transformative projects.
- It was recommended that specific capital projects be included in a voter-approved bond to improve transparency and attract federal funding.
- Infrastructure improvements are the most effective way for local jurisdictions to influence driver behavior.
- OakDOT's Universal Basic Mobility pilot program was cited as an example of successful behavior change.
- Rowan suggested a partnership with car insurance companies to track driver speeds and offer lower rates as an incentive for safe driving.
- Concerns were raised about paving projects proceeding without safety improvements, with Foothill Boulevard as an example.
- It was noted that long term, paving costs are expected to decrease after major rehabilitation work is completed since the City is working through a backlog of long-neglected streets.

- Staff were encouraged to creatively support the safety vision, as demonstrated by the implementation of speed cushions, with 35th Ave used as a successful example.
- It was acknowledged that the meeting room did not reflect the most dangerous neighborhoods in Oakland.
- Concerns were raised that many East Oakland residents dislike International Boulevard and want traffic to flow more smoothly.
- It was noted that East Oakland and Chinatown residents have expressed concerns about safety projects that impede vehicular flow and that their perspectives should be better communicated.
- A recommendation was made to rehire Neighborhood Services Coordinators within OakDOT to improve community engagement.
- Return on investment was suggested as a criterion for selecting safety treatments to implement more lower-cost upgrades across more locations in the city.
- It was emphasized that the public right-of-way includes not only transportation but also issues like illegal dumping and parking including RV parking.
- High trash pickup costs were identified as a cause of illegal dumping, particularly for multi-unit housing, and it was suggested that larger bins be made more affordable as well as requiring the purchase of commercial garbage services for all businesses.
- A need was identified for construction inspectors to ensure ADA and bike infrastructure compliance.

Speakers other than Commissioners: Robert Prinz, Tonya Love, Shayda Rager, Bryan Culbertson, Kim DeYoung

→ A motion to **extend the meeting to 8:20pm** was made (Jessup) and seconded (Altman). The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Item 7. BPAC Commissioner Recommendations

The Recruitment Committee reported back with recommendations from its review of the 37 applications of people seeking to be appointed to the BPAC for the 2026-2028 term. The commission strives for equity and geographic representation of Oakland's neighborhoods. The Committee is recommending Tonya Love, Denise Schmidt, Shayda Rager, and Jesse Olsen. Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council. A summary of the applicants and information from their applications is attached to the agenda for this meeting. The committee focused on geographic representation in their review of applications.

Summary of Discussion:

- Jesse Olsen would be recommended to serve the remainder of Commissioner Flagg's term, which ends at the end of 2027.
- The Mayor's Office would receive the recommendations and make appointments, which would then be confirmed by City Council.
- The committee indicated that additional alternate recommendations may be brought forward at a future meeting following further interviews.
- It was emphasized that a record number of strong applicants applied and that all interested individuals were encouraged to attend BPAC meetings and join committees.

→ A motion to **recommend Tonya Love, Denise Schmidt, Shayda Rager, and Jesse Olsen to the BPAC, with Jesse Olsen recommended to serve the remainder of Commissioner Flagg's term,** was made (Flagg) and seconded (Whipps) The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Speakers other than Commissioners: Jason Patton, Shayda Rager

Item 8. Agenda look-ahead, suggestions for meeting topics

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

Summary of Discussion:

- Commissioner Gardner requested that ~~the~~ an item on citywide vehicle speed analysis-data be included as a short item on the November or December agenda.
- A social gathering will follow 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 October 21, 2025 with comments requested by October 28, 2025, to npond-danchik@oaklandca.gov. Revised minutes will be attached to the November 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

www.oaklandca.gov/Government/Boards-Commissions/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 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, Whipps	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]			Affordable Housing & Infrastructure (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		

*Committee Chairs in **bold**

2025 California Fire Code Adoption

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CALIFORNIA **2025** FIRE CODE

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS | TITLE 24 PART 9
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Background

- Triennial adoption cycle: State adopts revised California Building Codes once every 3 years, including in 2025.
- Cities and counties must then adopt Building Codes, adopt with local revisions, or simply accept the state-issued codes.
- California Building Codes cover several topics, including the Fire Code

California Fire Code

- Most sections of the Fire Code do not implicate traffic safety. Two that may are:
 - Section 503.2.1 – Sets a 20-foot minimum unobstructed road surface
 - Appendix D, section D105.2 – Sets a minimum 26-foot unobstructed roadway where buildings require aerial fire apparatus access (i.e., taller buildings)
- Neither of the above provisions are mandatory. Jurisdictions may reject them, revise them based on local conditions, or adopt them without revisions.

California Fire Code

- **Issue 1:** Wider unobstructed streets are significantly more dangerous for all modes of travel and lead to significant increases in deaths and injuries.
- **Issue 2:** The Fire Code does not define “unobstructed.” Oakland can define unobstructed, for example, as including bicycle and pedestrian safety infrastructure that is designed to coexist with fire vehicle and aerial apparatus access.
- **Issue 3:** Aerial apparatus access is likely unnecessary in the vast majority of Oakland.

BPAC Recommendations

- Oakland Fire Department intends to request that the City Council adopt Section 503 and Appendix D without revisions.
- BPAC can submit a letter recommending that Oakland:
 - Adopt revisions to Section 503 and Appendix D to ensure these provisions do not interfere with life-saving bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and vice-verse; or
 - Decline to adopt Section 503 and Appendix D altogether.

Discussion

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Agenda Item 9. 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 1: Be strong advocates for bicycle and pedestrian safety and hold the city accountable.

Task	Task Description	Next Steps
I.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.
I.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.
I.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.
I.4	Support staff hiring to work on bicyclist and pedestrian projects.	Raise the issues of staffing and street safety to elected officials.
I.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.