

Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, Policy and Legislative Committee
February 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes

5:35 p		K. Dalley called meeting to order
Item 1	Introductions	Committee members, speakers, and members of the public introduced themselves.
Item 2	Public comment	No public comment.
Item 3	Tracking current issues and future agenda items	Discussion included recommendations to agendize the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire code triennial update (Oakland will adopt California Building Code Updates in 2025) • Parking policy • Pedestrian Plan update • Land Use and Transportation Element • Speed camera reporting update • AB 413 (curb daylighting) • See Click Fix / 311 issues
Item 4	Recommendation to OFD for street trauma prevention	Mike Wilson presented on experience with Berkeley Fire Department’s perspective shift from response to death and severe injuries, to prevention. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Berkeley, many fewer fire-related injuries (average 2 per year) vs. traffic or “trauma”-related injuries (avg. 700 per year). Berkeley Fire Department remained focused on response to fires and ensuring rapid response times, and opposed a protected pathway that it believed would have potentially impaired its response times. • Data reflect that, from 1977-2022, US fire-related injuries decreased, in major part due to developing policies aimed at preventing fires. This preventative work saves thousands of lives and prevents thousands of injuries each year. • Conversely, from 2010-2022, there has been a large increase (from 4,302 – 8,125) in pedestrian-related deaths. • Concept is to use the same view towards prevention to reduce the number of fire department calls to respond to pedestrian, bicyclist, and car-related injuries. Slowing traffic and separating bicyclists and pedestrians from vehicles. • Focus on safe street design can free up fire department resources to focus on other emergencies. It is more effective to eliminate exposure to these injuries (i.e., through street design) than it is to try and change behaviors. • Discussion ensued as to how Oakland and its fire department may be able to learn from Berkeley’s shift in perspective, and how OakDOT can better collaborate with Oakland Fire Department.
6:50 p		K. Dalley extended meeting to 7:20 p.
Item 5	Improved reporting of traffic injuries and fatalities	Matt Beyers (Alameda County Public Health Department) and Megan Wier (OakDOT Assistant Director) discussed efforts to obtain access to Alameda County Public Health Department injury data related to vehicular incidents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Wier mentioned San Francisco worked to establish similar data sharing, and that she has worked with M.

		<p>Beyers to set up this information pathway with the Health Department’s data sets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a disconnect between the various datasets. No two datasets are in sync, and contain different numbers for injuries and fatalities. • Current data sources rely on OPD injury reporting, which is valuable, but likely underreports injuries due to historic distrust of police. This likely means that East Oakland data does not reflect the true extent of vehicle-related injuries. • OPD data does not report the same type of data, and relies on police officers to assess the extent of injuries. • Health Department has funding to create program to allow data-sharing, formal record linkage between OPD-reported data and Health Department Data (EMS, Emergency Department, Trauma Data). The injury data collected by health professionals will be more specific and expertly assessed, and may also include demographic information. • A component of this is to ensure confidentiality of health information. Requires approval from multiple reviewing agencies, which will likely prescribe rules to protecting patient privacy (aggregation, anonymity). • Discussion ensued regarding how useful this data could be for future decisionmaking and public information. • There is an interest from groups in other cities to obtain this information; for now, the plan is to roll this out in Oakland, but then to likely expand access to this data to other jurisdictions. • OakDOT can use this to better inform where to deploy resources and improvements, and to potentially update their high-injury network.
7:20		K. Dalley extended meeting to 7:30
	Meeting start time	K. Dalley led discussion regarding moving the meeting start time to 6 pm moving forward. Jason Patton also mentioned that OakDOT staff are continuing to search for a stable meeting room, and that may lead to a change in meeting day and room.