



**District 4 Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting  
March 23, 2016, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Meeting Summary**

**PAC members in attendance:**

Ellen Barton, San Mateo City/County Association of Governments  
Matthew Bomberg, Alameda County Transportation Commission  
Patrick Golier, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency  
Steven Grover, Alameda County resident  
Carol Levine, Chair, Alameda County resident  
Mariana Parreiras, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District  
David Simons, Santa Clara County resident

**PAC members who participated via teleconference:**

Kate Howe, Alameda County resident  
Lauren Ledbetter, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority  
Dana Turrey, Sonoma County Transportation Authority

**Non-members in attendance (including teleconference):**

Eric Anderson, City of Berkeley  
David Eng, District 4 Office of Landscape Architecture  
Leah Greenblat, West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee  
Hamid Mostowfi, City of Berkeley  
Rishi Patel, Parsons  
Rodney Pimentel, Parsons  
Sergio Ruiz, Caltrans staff liaison to the PAC  
Jean Severinghaus, Marin County resident

*The following PAC members were not present:*

Rocky Birdsey, Marin Center for Independent Living  
Tony Dang, California WALKS  
Ryan Dodge, Solano Transportation Authority  
Marty Martinez, Safe Routes to School National Partnership  
Steve Weinberger, Sonoma County resident

**Agenda Item #1: Welcome and introductions**

A quorum was reached.

## Agenda Item #2: Agenda Review

## Agenda Item #3: Public comments

No public comments were made.

## Agenda Item #4: Review and approval of January 2016 PAC and District 4 Bicycle Advisory Committee joint meeting summary

David noted the incorrect spelling of his last name. The meeting summary was approved unanimously.

## Agenda Item #5: I-80/580 Gilman Street Interchange Project in Berkeley

Rodney Pimentel gave a presentation on the project, which includes two new roundabouts, an at-grade path, and a pedestrian/bicycle overcrossing. PAC members expressed support for the project. A question was raised regarding the accuracy of pedestrian/bicycle volume projections; Steven offered to provide pedestrian and bicycle counts from a nearby project on which he worked. In response to further questions, Rodney informed the PAC that a parking study was being undertaken, rectangular rapid flashing beacons are being considered at crossings, and the design would be similar to the nearby University Avenue overcrossing. PAC members suggested increasing the width of the overcrossing where possible and reducing the curve radii of the at-grade path.

## Agenda Item #6: Caltrans polices affecting pedestrian environments at urban freeway undercrossings and information on Caltrans' Transportation Art Program

- Sergio provided an overview of Caltrans lighting standards for pedestrian undercrossings. Several members expressing a desire that Caltrans develop more detailed guidance. Mariana stated that additional guidance should include an affirmative statement regarding Caltrans cooperation with local agencies on lighting projects. In response to a question about funding, Sergio stated that Caltrans has no dedicated funding for pedestrian lighting projects other than to meet minimum safety lighting warrants; lighting beyond minimum standards can be considered, but is typically funded by local partners.
- David Eng gave a presentation on the Caltrans Transportation Art Program. The PAC requested that Sergio distribute David's PowerPoint presentation to members since the packet only included a reduced handout version.

## Agenda Item #7: Draft District 4 handout on directional curb ramps

Sergio presented the draft District 4 Design Information Handout on directional curb ramps. PAC members provided comments and suggestions. A motion was approved for Carol to send a letter to Caltrans with recommendations that were made by PAC members, including prioritization of directional ramps as the default preference.

## Agenda Item #8: Update on PAC membership renewal

PAC memberships are set to expire in June. PAC members reminded Sergio of the approval to stagger membership. Sergio will determine whose membership is up for renewal and determine next steps.

## Agenda Item #9: Topics for next joint meeting with District 4 Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

- Steven: research on mode separated multi-use paths

- Mariana: present PAC recommendations to the BAC on the proposed Gilman Street bicycle/pedestrian overcrossing for Caltrans to allow use of its right-of-way to facilitate a wider, mode-separated path cross section
- David: diverging diamond option for the Mathilda Interchange Project
- Jean Severinghaus, BAC member: update on PAC+BAC subcommittee recommendations for bicyclists and pedestrians at intersections and interchanges

Agenda Item #10: Announcements and information sharing

No announcements were made.