



**Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Web Conference
Meeting Minutes**

November 19, 2020 • 5:00-7:00 p.m.

By computer at www.fastplanning.us/keepup/zoom

By telephone at: 1 (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 814 6029 4267

1. Call to Order

Olivia Lunsford, Vice Chair, filling in for David van den Berg, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. Introduction of Members and Attendees

*David van den Berg, Chair (absent)

*Nathan Belz

*Donna Gardino

*Carl Heim

*Jim Richardson

*Peter Stern

*John Stowman

*Larry Zervos

**Jackson Fox

**Olivia Lunsford

**Deborah Todd (absent)

Corey DiRutigliano

Ben Dover

Don Galligan

Lee Hart

Gary Jenkins

Russ Johnson

Stan Justice

Travis Naibert

Bob Pristash

Erika Van Flein

***BPAC Representative**

****FAST Planning Staff**

3. Approval of the November 19, 2020 Agenda

Motion: To approve the November 19, 2020 Agenda. (Zervos/Gardino).

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

4. Approval of the October 29, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the October 29, 2020 Meeting Minutes as written. (Zervos/Belz).

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

5. Staff /Working Group/Chair Reports

Mr. Fox provided the following updates:

- **5th Avenue Reconstruction Project:** Following the motion made on October 29, 2020 by the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) recommending to the Technical Committee to extend the public process and require an interactive online open house to for the 5th Avenue Reconstruction Project to examine and reconsider both one-way and two-way typical sections for the project, Mr. Fox took the motion to the Technical Committee on November 4th for review, with a presentation summarizing the four Stakeholder Group meetings held between January and March of 2020 and the design concepts that came out of those meetings. Following Mr. Fox's presentation of the Stakeholder Group process, another presentation was provided by Bob Pristash of the City of Fairbanks to walk the Technical Committee through their decision-making process in selecting a one-way alternative to move forward with the project. Since that time a web page for 5th Avenue was set up on the FAST Planning website containing the recordings of the presentation by Mr. Pristash, as well as copies of presentations made by Mr. Fox and Mr. Pristash along with materials from the four Stakeholder Group meetings. The project was discussed at length at the November 4, 2020 Technical Committee Meeting. The outcome of that meeting was a motion made and passed by the Technical Committee to continue public outreach for the typical sections during final design of 5th Avenue project based on available funding. Mr. Fox presented the decisions made by both the BPAC and Technical Committee to the Policy Board at their November 18, 2020 meeting. Mr. Fox received a communication from Bob Pristash and Ivet Hall, to forward on to the 5th Avenue Stakeholder Group, that they made the decision to proceed with the one-way street design but planned to reach out to the Stakeholders once they further developed those typical sections to gain input before the preferred typical section was created.
- **Status Update for Sidewalk on Merhar Loop Road in the Bentley Trust Area:** Mr. Fox provided an update on the sidewalk that has not been installed near Cold Spot Feeds and Sports Authority from the roundabout on Helmericks along the loop around to near Pier 1 Imports. Mr. Fox asked Mr. Pristash to provide a response and received an email stating that the 2015 Developer Agreement had a five-year time limit with provisions for a one-year extension to get the sidewalk installed. The Agreement was signed in August 2015, so technically that Agreement had expired but the City had the option to extend that for a year or more. Mr. Pristash was suggesting modification to the timeline for the installation of that sidewalk which was the responsibility of the Developer.

Working Group Reports

No Working Group Reports.

Chair Report

No Chair Report.

6. Public Comment Period

Ben Dover inquired if the new sidewalks that got built in the Merhar area would affect their taxes to maintain the new stuff they were building.

Mr. Fox stated that he did not believe that it would as the landowner currently paid the property taxes on the property and if lots were sold or leased or improvement were made, it would actually increase the tax base and provide more funding to the City that would cover the maintenance expense of this road.

Stan Justice commented that last spring he had talked to the BPAC and complained about the loader that had made the Skarland Trail impassable along Ballaine Road and it did some good because this year the loader came through and did not destroy the trail. Mr. Justice thanked the BPAC for their work.

7. Old Business

a. Lacey Street Reconstruction Stakeholder Meetings Update

Mr. Fox recapped the last Stakeholder Group Meeting that was held for the Lacey Street Project and presented the final design concepts that came out of that meeting. Mr. Fox stated that the graphics were also posted to the FAST Planning website on the Lacey Street Reconstruction Project web page. Mr. Fox will provide a presentation of the final design concepts next to the Technical Committee and Policy Board at their December meetings.

b. Discussion of Changes to Alaska Administrative Code (AAC) and/or Local Laws

- 13 AAC 02 400 – Riding Bicycles on Roadways and Bicycle Paths
- 13 AAC 02 050 – Driving on Right Side of Roadway, Exceptions & Special Situations
- 13 AAC 02 455 – Operation of Off-Highway Vehicles on Highways & Other Locations

Mr. Fox explained that a variety of related documents were included in the meeting packet along with some new proposed changes for the Alaska Administrative Code to address deficiencies and improve safety for bicyclists. Further discussion was postponed to the December 17, 2020 meeting.

8. New Business

a. Old Steese Highway Reconstruction – Guest Presentation by DOT&PF

Mr. Fox introduced Gary Jenkins of DOWL who provided a brief presentation about the Old Steese Highway Reconstruction Project.

b. Winter Maintenance of Non-Motorized Paths

Ms. Lunsford introduced Jim Richardson of the BPAC to provide information about the problems with winter maintenance on non-motorized paths. Further discussion was postponed to the December 17, 2020 meeting

c. New NCHRP “Guidance to Improve Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety at Intersections”

Postponed to the December 17, 2020 meeting.

9. Other Issues

No other issues.

Committee Member Comments

- Larry Zervos thanked Mr. Belz for providing the site link to view the movie, "Why We Cycle" and a discussion by the Vermont City Coalition and commented that he also attended the session they gave afterward and had really enjoyed it and thought it was well worth it.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. (Zervos/Stern). The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m. The next BPAC meeting is Thursday, December 17, 2020, 5-7 pm.

Approved: 
David van den Berg, Chair
Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Date: 12/18/20