



**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(ATPAC)**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Howard, in the Cabernet Conference Room, City Hall, 1052 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Chair Steve Howard, Vice Chair Kimberly Schertzer, Mike Ansell, Maria Dawson, Michael Hardin, and Lara Leininger

**Members Absent:** Connie Campbell

**Staff Present:** Associate Planner Debbie Bell, Assistant Planner Andy Ross, Alta Planning + Design Staff Alex Sweet and Brett Hondorp

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Howard asked if there were any changes to the minutes from December 17, 2015. Vice Chair Schertzer amended the minutes to note that she seconded a motion from item 2.05 Selection of Standard Day, Time, and Location for Future Meetings. Chair Howard asked if there was a motion to approve minutes as amended.

**MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER ANSELL, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR SCHERTZER, APPROVING MEETING MINUTES WITH AMENDMENT. MOTION CARRIED (5-0, ABSTAIN: HARDIN)**

## **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **6. REPORT ON OLD BUSINESS**

6.01 Rules of Procedure – A copy of the Final Rules of Procedure, which the Committee approved at the December 17, 2015 meeting, was attached to the agenda packet.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

7.01 Discussion regarding the Active Transportation Plan

Alex Sweet from Alta Planning + Design presented a PowerPoint on the Livermore Active Transportation Plan. She started out with introductions and asked why committee members wanted to join the committee.

Member Dawson wanted to get involved with the City, has been a resident for five years, loves trails, and works at the College of Environmental Design at UC Berkeley.

Member Hardin has been a Livermore resident for 13 years, is a recreational cyclist, doesn't commute for work, and averages 2500 year mileage on his bike. He uses the bike routes heavily, and is supportive of infrastructure for cycling and hiking.

Vice Chair Schertzer is a three year resident of Livermore and uses the trails regularly.

Chair Howard has lived in Livermore since 1967, owns three bicycle stores in the area (Livermore Cyclery), and is a long-time cyclist.

Member Ansell has lived in towns like Eugene and Chico and knows good bike infrastructure. He teaches at Las Positas and wants to improve bicycling. His kids go to school in Livermore and cross East Avenue. He has served on the Alameda County Transportation Commission's Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Member Leininger has lived in Livermore for 15 years, works at the Lawrence Livermore National Lab, and uses the trails with her family. She is a more rigorous recreational user, commutes by bike, and is seeking continuity of trails, safety at crossings, and to make the network safer and easier.

Alex Sweet continued the presentation and provided an introduction Active Transportation Plans.

Member Hardin asked if the City and consultants are looking for the ATPAC's feedback before work is done on the Plan. Ms. Sweet answered that the project team will be seeking input as part of developing the document.

Vice Chair Schertzer asked if information in the Working Papers is confidential. Ms. Sweet answered that the ATPAC meetings are public meetings and that the information can (and should) be shared.

Chair Howard asked how the ATPAC will know what other plans and proposals are out there, if they can get a list of Technical Advisory Committee members, and is interested in knowing when documents were done last. Chair Howard was informed that all of the information is provided via links on the project website and there will be a summary in the Plan document.

Vice Chair Schertzer asked if the policies section will include sidewalk standards because some sidewalks don't have curb ramps. Staff responded that curb ramps are required for all new sidewalks. The City has a Capital Improvement Program to retrofit and phase in curb ramps for existing sidewalks. The Plan will include information about sidewalks and ramps.

Member Hardin said he was impressed by the thoroughness of the process and outreach. He asked about the timeframe. Sweet described the timeframe based on the schedule shown in the presentation.

Chair Howard asked when will there be a map to review. Staff responded that the City and consultants are currently working on drafting the existing conditions map.

Member Hardin asked about the Iron Horse Trail connections to Livermore and staff discussed the Iron Horse Trail Feasibility Study. Staff indicated that Iron Horse Trail connections will likely be evaluated as part of this process if indicated as a priority by residents.

Chair Howard asked what bigger vision types of projects are being considered in Livermore. Member Ansell noted that BART is one that would be a game changer. Staff replied that the big projects are the proposed BART extension to Isabel, Downtown Development Plans, and other projects that are identified in existing City Plans.

Member Hardin asked about a pathway from Las Positas along the north side of 580. Staff replied that there will be a new trail constructed in the near future.

Vice Chair Schertzer asked about personal assaults on trails, and how that will be factored into the report. Ms. Sweet replied that there is a distinction between safety and a sense of personal security. The project team will consider both in the Plan.

Member Ansell said that the downtown redesign was an important project. The road diet changed the pedestrian character. He asked that the project team consider something similar for East Avenue, where there is a High School, Middle School, and the Community Center. There are many vehicles on that roadway and it is not an inviting route for bikes or pedestrians.

Member Hardin asked about green bike lanes. Ms. Sweet noted that the green paint is a way to make the bikeway more visible to motorists. It is often used in conflict zones to raise awareness to the presence of bicyclists.

Member Leininger asked when the CAC is meeting again. The next meeting will be held to review Working Paper #1.

Chair Howard recommended that the City and consultants should conduct outreach to people in Springtown, the homeowners group, the labs, the lab bike riders (Cycletrons), and the outlet mall group because many employees bike or walk because parking is limited.

Member Ansell noted that Las Positas College is another place for outreach.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Howard asked if there was a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION BY VICE CHAIR SCHERTZER, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER LEININGER, TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED (6-0)**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.