

Oakland BPAC minutes, 17 February 2005

1. Minutes from previous meeting accepted.
2. **Information and notices:**
 - a. Signs at Lake Temescal correctly relocated.
 - b. Possibility of BPAC list serve. (Jennifer)
 - c. New BPAC page on public works site. (www.oaklandpw.com/bicycling/)
3. **I-880 retrofit at 5th St.:** Some City staff and community members are recommending that the City negotiate for an increase in Caltrans' proposed mitigation, as this Caltrans seismic retrofit project has additional lanes and impacts. Letter to BCDC not necessary at this time though a future letter might be directed to the City's Transportation Services Division Manager to encourage him to support the mitigations proposed by BCDC staff.
4. **Bike to Work Day:** City is considering additional elements at City Hall energizer station, including acoustic music in the morning and a noontime event with entertainment. City staff and RIDES may sponsor an advice booth in the City Center Plaza on a number of days the week(s) before to provide downtown employees with information about participating in the event. BPAC members are encouraged to help staff the booth. Advertising in Oakland could include an 8-page insert in the East Bay Express (being negotiated by the East Bay Bicycle Coalition) and/or use of theater marquees (Fox, Grand, Parkway). It was suggested that pedal pools with City Council members should meet at central point before riding into the Plaza to increase the media-worthy impact of their participation, rather than having them ride in one by one.
5. **Fruitvale Alive:** a local transportation planning process using environmental justice grant funding. City representatives were concerned that traffic flow was being prioritized over bike and pedestrian safety and access, and plan for the project manager and/or consultant to present to the BPAC at future date.
6. **BPAC Charter:** current charter is dated. Jim Dexter's redraft will expand the group's scope to more clearly define the inclusion of pedestrian projects. All agreed.
7. **Whole Foods:** project is going ahead with developer doing a second supplemental EIR for a larger store. There was concern that in the haste to complete this important project, the traffic congestion mitigation improvements to be made would make the complicated intersection more dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists. Some members expressed that no mitigations would be better than just vehicular. With all vehicular access on Bay Place/27th there is a danger that new traffic will be funneled on to this underutilized arterial (on bike plan for bike lanes) at the expense of pedestrian access, and increasing conflicts where Grand Ave. bike lanes cross Bay Place. Project to go before the Landmarks Board on March 14 and the Planning Commission on March 16.
8. **BPAC Matrix:** Robert Raburn will review Jim Dexter's draft matrix of the projects BPAC has reviewed and/or been involved with and provide to BPAC for review.

Submitted by Mike Jones.