



# SIERRA VISTA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 28, 2020

ACCEPTED

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## MEETING LOCATION:

Sierra Vista Public Works Bld.  
Training Room  
401 Giulio Cesare Ave.  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

## MEETING DATE AND TIME:

January 28, 2020  
10:00 AM



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## Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Buena HS Mountain Bike Club: John Healy  
Cochise County Bicycle Advocates: Stu Carter  
Cochise County Health and Social Services: Carrie Langley  
Regional Bicycle and Running Club: Steve Scheumann  
Whetstone/Huachuca City Rep: Kara Harris  
ADOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordination: Donna Lewandowski

### STAFF:

SVMPO Administrator: Karen L. Lamberton, AICP  
SVMPO Civil Engineer: Dennis Donovan, P.E.

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Nandor Felsen, Sierra Vista Resident  
Sabrina Gessers, Sierra Vista Resident  
Melissa, Sierra Vista Resident  
Will Van Arsdel, Sierra Vista Resident

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. Members and guests introduced themselves/their affiliations. A quorum was present – all appointed members were present.

This was an informational item.

## 2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of October 28, 2019.

Given the lack of attendees that had participated in the previous BPAC Regular Meeting Minutes on October 28, 2019 by general consent the meeting minutes were accepted (rather than adopted) as presented. The general consensus was that meeting minutes might be summaries rather than formally adopted for this advisory subcommittee.

This was an action item.

### **3. OPERATING STRUCTURE and COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP REVISIONS**

Administrator Lamberton discussed with BPAC members revisions approved to both the SVMPO By-Laws and the Operating By-Laws for the BPAC Advisory Subcommittee. Several key changes included:

- ❖ Positions are now set by type of position not be individual; individuals will be identified as lead representatives for each position.
- ❖ Each group is encouraged to bring other attendees with them but only one vote per position will be counted. Alternatives may be identified, call-in attendance is allowed.
- ❖ Terms are now for two-years beginning with the January 16<sup>th</sup> appointment by the SVMPO Board of Directors.
- ❖ Vacancies do not count towards quorum requirements.

Administrator Lamberton encouraged subcommittee members to solicit additional representatives for the six remaining vacant spots that were approved by the SVMPO Board.

This was an information and discussion item.

## **NEW BUSINESS: PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **4. SVMPO LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PENDING UPDATE**

The SVMPO Long-Range Transportation Plan will soon be updated (there has been some delay in completing procurement documents to bring a consultant team on board) and there is a specific bicycle and pedestrian component to this plan that sets goals and potential routes for the future. The group discussed the scope of work and emphasis the need to make sure reasonable costs were include and commitments made by the SVMPO Board and member jurisdictions to actually fund some of the recommended improvements.

This was a discussion item.

### **5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & MEETING DATE/TIMES**

Administrator Lamberton noted that tentative 2020 meeting dates have been set for Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. Several members wondered if evening hours might be preferred and the group discussed the pros and cons of day-time vs night-time hours. There was general consensus that no matter what time meetings met it would difficult for everyone to attend; however, it was also noted that larger public outreach during the long-range transportation plan and/or specific bicycle and pedestrian plan updates should include an evening meeting component. BPAC Meetings Dates for 2020 tentatively are:

- ❖ March 31, 2020
- ❖ May 19, 2020
- ❖ July 28, 2020
- ❖ Sept 29, 2020
- ❖ Nov 17, 2020

This was an information and discussion item.

## **6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES AND GENERAL CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There was interest expressed in developing or conducting health walkability assessments. This is an area of public health concern that this advisory subcommittee might have an interest in taking on. A discussion occurred about investigating the possibility of a crosswalk or some sort of pedestrian safety refuge for the area on Fry Blvd. by the Denny's and Post Office. The need for determining if the area "warrants" specific crosswalks and what the cost/benefit ratios might be was brought up and discussed. It was also noted that it is really hard to identify how many people might cross in a specific spot but don't because it is not seen as a safe place to cross.

There was some frustration expressed by the advisory subcommittee members at the difference between identifying needs and the rationale/justifications required for using federal or state dollars for pedestrian level improvements, as well as having a jurisdiction funding stream for maintaining those improvements once built. Administrator Lamberton thanked the group for bringing these concerns forward and expressed that she knew the City of Sierra Vista was very concerned about pedestrian movement on and along Fry Blvd. The North Garden project, funded with regional dollars, is one example of trying to introduce City residents to the "complete streets" concept of roadway construction that includes other modes of travel as part of the design.

This was an information item.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

The committee adjourned by general consent at approximately 11:35 a.m.