



DATE: October 13, 2014

AGENDA ITEM # 2

TO: Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission

FROM: Cedric Novenario, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: BPAC Commercial Development Application Review Checklist

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and provide comments to a proposed Bicycle/Pedestrian Checklist for commercial development review

BACKGROUND

BPAC reviews commercial development applications on an as-needed basis. The BPAC makes recommendations for consideration to the developer regarding improvements to the bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure both on private and public right-of-ways adjacent to the development. The applicant then works with planning and engineering staff to incorporate what is feasible in their development application. The application then goes to the Planning and Transportation Commission for review.

DISCUSSION

Although current BPAC members provide consistent reviews of commercial development applications, as new members come and go, it will be beneficial to new BPAC members and commercial development applicants to understand what bike and pedestrian needs should be considered. Developing a checklist will be the easiest method to convey what each application should be considering. The checklist will also streamline BPAC's review of the developer's plan. Below are typical considerations the BPAC has expressed on previous applications:

- Bike parking facilities should meet or exceed the VTA Bicycle Technical Guidelines
- Class II bike parking should be located as close as possible to the entrances
- Class II bike parking should be as visible as possible to the entrances
- Orientation of Class II parking should not impede pedestrian facilities
- If Class I parking is located the rear and/or in a garage, the proposed location should be easily accessible and encounter minimal vehicle conflicts

- Incorporate bicycle facilities (bike lanes, sharrows, etc), as appropriate, to access the development
- Ensure pedestrian visibility where vehicle/bike conflicts are present
- Meet or exceed City sidewalk standard width
- Ensure ADA ramps are aligned with the path of travel
- Enhance pedestrian crossing where appropriate (ladder crosswalks, flashing crosswalks, bulb-outs, etc)

Please provide additional suggestions to be considered as part of the BPAC commercial development application review checklist. Staff will provide a draft checklist for review and approval at either the November or December BPAC meeting.