

Kentfield Planning Advisory Board

P.O. Box 304, Kentfield, California 94914

Minutes of March 9, 2016

Anne Petersen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the COM Student Union's Deedy Lounge. Other board members present: Dale Hansen, Neil Park, Pam Scott, Mary Sylla, Stuart Tanenberg. Guests included Marin County Principal Transportation Planner Dan Dawson, project consultants with Parisi Associates, BKF, WRT Design, and Parisi Associates, Supervisor Katie Rice, aide Nancy Vernon, and about 10 members of the public.

Minutes of January 27, 2016. Deferred.

Sir Francis Drake Rehabilitation Project Workshop

Dan reviewed project goals and progress, including a summary of feedback to date. Consultants showed a PowerPoint slide show with details of the project segments. Of the \$13.2 million available from the TAM (Transportation Authority of Marin), about \$6 million is committed to corridor rehabilitation, leaving the remainder for other projects – such as those being discussed. Depending on cost, some projects may not be included, or could be deferred pending grant availability. The consulting team explained that restriping roadways is fairly inexpensive, while some possible projects could be expensive. For example a major upgrade of traffic signal technology would have an initial cost of several million dollars, not counting ongoing maintenance, and have minimal benefit during recurring congestion.

Projects for public review including the following: restriping to add 4 to 6 foot buffer lanes along some segments, also available for bicycle use; restriping to add a 3rd traffic lane from El Portal to 101; altering layout and restriping at La Cuesta and Eliseo intersections to allow simultaneous left turns from north and south sides of SFD, thus creating more “green light” time at these intersections; redoing the sidewalk from Eliseo to Laurel Grove into a 10 or 11 foot multi-use walkway with a traffic barrier from the street; reconfiguring the Wolfe Grade intersection, including addition of an ADA compliant crosswalk; possibly enlarging shelters at high-demand bus stops and removing stops not heavily used; adding a 6 foot sidewalk on the south side along Marin Catholic frontage (retaining wall area); widening pedestrian crosswalk areas and adding “pedestrian refuge” areas, including widening some medians and reducing the size of others; creating a second left turn lane from SFD to College which would require elimination of 8 parking spaces along SFD. Various projects would require reducing width of travel lanes, currently up to 14 feet wide, to about 11 feet in some areas.

There were numerous comments from board and guests. Enhancing pedestrian safety, particularly school routes, and adding sidewalks, seemed to have most positive responses; also features to improve the Wolfe Grade/Bacich area. Some concern was expressed about adding bicycle lanes, or buffers lanes, which are optional bicycle lanes, and also for eliminating parking on SFD near College which serves small businesses in that area. There were a number of comments about specific turn situations, and the need for cost figures to help decide priorities. There was not any action on recommendations at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 p.m.

Minutes: Ann Thomas