

**BICYCLE ADVISORY TEAM MEETING
SUMMARY NOTES
Thursday, May 15, 2025
4:00 p.m., PARK ROOM**

The Bicycle Advisory Team meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. The following were in attendance:

City Staff: Mark Bueno, Mohammad Fatemi, Jim Mashiko, Jessica Cortes, Anna Huber, and Nader Heydari

BAT Members: Wendy Zimmerman, Jack Bernard, Chris Knoedler, Heather Knoedler, Les Leach, Kathy Naoum, Karen Randall, Pat Randall, Benjamin Kuo, Bill Miller, Jim Duncan, Scott Dwozkin, Dorothy Sullivan, Jeff Boberg, Tony Reed, and Carlos Conejo.

Guest Speakers: Thousand Oaks Police Department (TOPD) – Sergeant Matt Ogonowski, and 4 Representatives from LLG Engineers

1. **Introductions and Welcome New Members** – Roundtable of introductions by City Staff and BAT members.

2. **TOPD Sergeant Matt Ogonowski** – Updates on Enforcement and Bike Safety
a. **Overview**

- Sergeant Ogonowski provided updates related to Distracted Driving Awareness Month and Bicycle Safety Awareness Month.
- He discussed the enforcement of electric motorcycles, particularly focusing on unlicensed juveniles, and the process of impounding bikes.
- In April, over 300 tickets were issued for distracted driving.
- He emphasized the importance of educating parents on the dangers of electric motorcycles, noting a high receptivity among parents.

b. **School Enforcement and Community Involvement**

- Use of mass parental emails to educate students and parents.
- A suggestion was made to post signage at schools prohibiting illegal vehicle parking, including electric motorcycles.

c. **Other Topics of Discussion**

- Enforcement of dark window tints and other distractions, with both fines and fix-it tickets as potential penalties.



- Challenges in enforcing electric motorcycle regulations in residential areas and the importance of community involvement in promoting safety.

3. Public Outreach and Feedback on the Active Transportation Plan (ATP)

- Introduction to the ATP update, including project timeline and goals.
- Review of the 2019 ATP objectives: identifying barriers to biking and walking, improving connectivity, increasing safety, conducting public outreach, and prioritizing projects and funding.
- Public outreach strategies include a project website, feedback forms. And social media campaigns.
- Emphasis on data-driven, need-based rankings to prioritize projects.
- LLG Engineers presented a step-by-step tutorial on using the online comment map for submitting feedback and suggestions.

4. Safety and Education Initiatives

- Discussion on the need for better education for both cyclists and drivers, including the use of sharrows and other signage.
- The suggestion to implement bike safety programs in schools to educate students and parents.
- Highlighting safety concerns along arroyos and other off-street paths.
- Emphasis on the role of community involvement and the importance of ongoing outreach efforts.

5. Bike Racks, Fix-Its Stations, and Public Awareness

- BAT members noted the challenges of finding places to lock bikes.
- The City currently requires bike racks to be included in new developments.
- City staff noted the inclusion of bike racks in the ATP and the opportunity to develop a standard design for bike racks.
- Installing bike racks near trails and parks requires coordination with COSCA and CRPD.
- Discussion of existing bike fix-it stations and the need for greater public awareness of their locations.
- A speaker suggests using social media to promote bike fix-it stations and other bike-related resources.

6. Specific Concerns and Future Plans

- A speaker raised concerns about the impact of private development projects on bike routes and suggested better coordination with the city.
- Emphasis on the need for proper traffic control during construction to ensure safe passage for cyclists.
 - City staff explained that private projects often involve significant infrastructure improvements, which may cause long-term lane closures.
- The importance of addressing safety concerns and the need for better infrastructure around schools is emphasized.
- City staff wrapped up the meeting by discussing the importance of ongoing outreach and public feedback to refine the ATP and address community needs.



7. **Next Traffic & Transportation Advisory Commission Meeting – June 25, 2025**
8. **Next BAT meeting – TBD**
9. **Adjournment**

