

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' TRANSPORTATION/ PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, February 2, 2026
9:30 a.m.

Supervisor David Haubert, Chair
Supervisor Nate Miley

Location: Board of Supervisors Chamber – 5th Floor
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary Action Minutes

Supervisor Haubert called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m.

Roll call: Supervisor Haubert and Supervisor Miley were present.

- I. **ACTION ITEM: Discussion and consideration of CVMAC’s recommendation on the Castro Valley Boulevard Class II Bike Lane Evaluation and Bicycle Utilization Study, including a separate recommendation from the Public Works Agency**
[Attachment](#)

Daniel Wodlesenbet, Director, Public Works Agency, presented a memorandum on the Castro Valley Boulevard Class II Bike Lane Evaluation and Bicycle Utilization Study.

The bike lanes in Castro Valley were implemented in line with the 2019 Alameda County Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan during routine street resurfacing. The purpose of the study was to establish baseline, data-driven information on bicycle use. The study used counter tubes at eight locations along the corridor, collecting 24-hour data over about sixteen (16) days in October 2025. Results showed average daily bicycle counts ranging from 22 to 51 depending on location, with maximum daily counts between 38 and 89. The maximum counts indicate consistent use to establish a baseline for future comparisons. Usage is expected to grow over time as safe, continuous bike infrastructure encourages ridership.

The report does not make a specific recommendation beyond continuing to operate and monitor the bike lane, with ongoing evaluation of bike use, parking, safety, and business access, along with continued community engagement, to guide any future adjustments and ensure the corridor remains safe, accessible, and functional for all users.

Speakers

Thirteen (13) speakers commented on this item.

Purpose:

- Report progress
 Advocacy or Education
 Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation
 Other:

Recommendation from the Transportation & Planning Committee: The Transportation & Planning Committee declined to act on the recommendation of the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council at this time.

The Committee requested that the item be returned in approximately one year for a status update, with more information, including:

- Legal analysis
- Safety and traffic studies conducted by the Public Works Agency
- Business and economic impact data
- Updates from the Specific Plan and new Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan efforts

No Action Taken

II. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Report on Unincorporated County Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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Daniel Wodlesenbet, Director, Public Works Agency, presented a memorandum on the Unincorporated County Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

The Unincorporated County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (UCBPAC) was formed following adoption of the County’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan in 2019. The UCBPAC serves as an advisory body to the Public Works Agency on bicycle and pedestrian planning, programs, and projects. Its role is to support implementation of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, act as a liaison between unincorporated communities and County staff and consolidate and communicate community feedback. The UBPAC promotes walking, biking, and active transportation as viable transportation and recreational options. Final project decisions are that of the Public Works Agency and the Board of Supervisors.

Meetings are held quarterly from 6:00–7:30 p.m. and comply with Brown Act requirements. Currently, the model includes three remote meetings and one in-person meeting annually. The agendas focus on County projects in development, with opportunities for members to propose future agenda items.

The UCBPAC body includes the following stakeholders: residents of unincorporated areas, school district representatives, park district representatives, AC Transit and BART representatives, senior advocates, local business interests and individuals with transportation engineering expertise. Attendance has fluctuated and membership has declined, however, there has been a core group of approximately six to seven members who consistently participate.

Director Woldesenbet stated that the UCBPAC functions as intended and provides meaningful, stakeholder-based input into bicycle and pedestrian planning. The decision on whether to transition from an advisory committee to a formal commission is a policy decision for the Board to consider.

Speakers

Ten (10) speakers commented on this item.

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education**
- Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation
- Other:

Recommendation from the Transportation and Planning Committee:

The Committee encouraged the Public Works Agency to:

- Ensure the BPAC meets four times per year as intended
- Consider expanding membership if additional qualified stakeholders express interest

- Maintain the BPAC’s advisory role, focused on implementation of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

The Committee supports continuing to operate under the current BPAC structure and revisit the idea of a commission after the County completes its broader boards and commissions streamlining effort.

This was an informational discussion only; no Committee action was taken.

III. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**: Update on the Battery Energy Storage Systems County Ordinance

Albert Lopez, Director, Planning Department, gave an update on the Battery Energy Storage Systems County Ordinance.

The Planning Department is in the process of developing a General Plan Amendment and Zoning Code Ordinance to allow Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and solar energy projects within the East County Area Plan and County zoning ordinance. Currently, neither use is addressed in the East County Area Plan, creating a gap in the County’s regulatory framework.

The ordinance is necessary to provide a clear and defensible planning framework and to reduce legal risk associated with project approvals. Until the framework is adopted, formal processing of BESS applications cannot occur. Draft amendments to the East County Area Plan and zoning ordinance are underway and a public outreach “roadshow” is anticipated to begin within the next 30–60 days. Completion of the required California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental review is expected to extend the overall timeline, with an estimated four to six months to complete the process.

Speaker

One (1) speaker spoke on this item.

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education**
- Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation
- Other:

Recommendation from the Transportation & Planning Committee: The Committee requested that staff return in approximately six months with a status update on ordinance development, CEQA progress, and public outreach.

IV. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**: Discussion on Exploring the CA Rangeland Trust as an established Alameda County Land Trust – *Continued to a future meeting.*

V. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kelly Abreu commented on an article in the San Jose Mercury News which stated that Alameda County officials approved converting a Fremont right-of-way into a hiking and biking trail without the City of Fremont’s support. He stated that the decision lacks an adequate review process and the County improperly gave away a public right-of-way that the County does not actually own.

One (1) speaker provided public comment.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m. on February 2, 2026.