

Mill Valley BPAC, details of REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION (item F), following up from December 12, 2012 agenda

- 1) Consider possible collaboration with outside presenter (maybe CHP speaker identified by MCBC, or League of American Bicyclists) on the rights and duties of cyclists under CA vehicle code—with members of the public and MVPD in attendance. Review, for example:
 - a) History of CA’s “far to the right” law and how we ended up with the current mixed message (cyclists can legally use full lane and often must do so for safety)
 - b) CVC 21202, “Operation on a Roadway”—includes unlimited exceptions to the general injunction for cyclists to ride as close to the right-hand edge of the road “as practicable”: <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/vctop/d11/vc21202.htm>
 - c) CVC 21350, “Right Side of Roadway,” paragraph (g): “This section does not prohibit the operation of bicycles on any shoulder of a highway, on any sidewalk, on any bicycle path within a highway, or along any crosswalk or bicycle path crossing, where the operation is not otherwise prohibited by this code or local ordinance.” <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/vctop/d11/vc21650.htm>
 - d) CVC 231.6, “Bicycle Path Crossing” definition, as distinct from a pedestrian crosswalk: http://www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/vctop/d01/vc231_6.htm
 - e) CVC 21954, “Pedestrians Outside Crosswalks” merely requires pedestrians walking outside marked or unmarked crosswalks or intersections to yield to any vehicle close enough to constitute “an immediate hazard”: <http://dmv.ca.gov/pubs/vctop/d11/vc21954.htm>
- 2) See city website – Police Page, bicycle safety items: <http://cityofmillvalley.org/index.aspx?page=153>
 - a) Text is car centric, offers scant useful advice for people who do not already know how to ride defensively in traffic
 - b) How were those particular links chosen? (See the car-centric “Otto the Auto” from AAA, especially the giraffe character.)
 - c) More informative links could advance public education
 - i) See Mobility draft document, education programs, 45-48, “Attachment 2” under Nov. 8, 2012 GPAC meeting: <http://www.cityofmillvalley.org/Index.aspx?page=1358>
 - ii) What audiences would we want to address—e.g., non-cycling drivers, parents seeking guidance for letting children walk or ride in or near traffic, casual cyclists who have scant experience in traffic?
 - iii) What would BPAC members tentatively like to see posted?
 - iv) What can we learn from the Netherlands? See “Bicycle Training in the Netherlands:” http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16AO0_08r3o
- 3) Collect more informative links for a bike safety page, perhaps including the following:
 - a) Eye to Eye Safety Campaign's 30-second PSA, “Who Owns the Road?” <http://vimeo.com/9037476>
 - b) Commute Orland’s “Lane Control” animation: <http://commuteorlando.com/wordpress/animations/lane-control/>
 - c) BicycleSafe's article, “How to Not Get Hit by Cars” <http://bicyclesafe.com/>
 - d) “California DMV—Sharing the Road with Motorcycles & Bicycles”: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EOrI5HG2YYw>
 - e) SFPD's 10-minute online training video, “Bikes Belong in Traffic” (appropriate for cyclists who commute to the city—refers to some San Francisco ordinances): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o7M-ueoU2E&feature=related>