



**TRAFFIC, SAFETY AND PARKING COMMISSION**  
**Unapproved Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting on Thursday January 8, 2026**

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.**

New Public Works Director Chris Lamm was introduced.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**3. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** French, Israelit, Johnson, Martos

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Brown

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) November 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

The November 12, 2025 meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

b) December 11, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes to be Approved at Subsequent TSPC Meeting

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA**

Two non-agenda public comments were received via email from Lesley Beatty and Brian Silverman and are attached.

Kirby Altman stated he has lived in Burlingame for the last 30 years and was drawn to it because it's a walkable city. Mr. Altman shared he has been assaulted in crosswalks approximately four times in the last six months and shared some observations.

- Residents seem to fill out a lot of surveys but it's hard to see what the total results are. He felt if people knew the outcomes of their efforts, they would be more willing to do it.
- Commended staff on the improvements on Occidental Avenue, but noted as you travel north

on Occidental, and you come to Burlingame Avenue, there are a lot of pedestrians; the red curb is not painted 20 feet so it's difficult to see those pedestrians in the crosswalk. He suggested stantions similar to the intersection of Chapin and Primrose.

- General request to paint additional curbs red 20 feet from the intersection.
- Several close calls with pedestrians at the intersection of Primrose and Howard and suggested state law signage and possible stantions as well.
- Does not understand why there is not more enforcement around crosswalks; felt it might go a long way to slow drivers down.

## 6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

### a) SMCTA 2025 Highway Program: Peninsula Avenue Corridor Study

#### SUMMARY

Senior Civil Engineer Andrew Wong presented an update on a joint planning effort between the City of San Mateo and the City of Burlingame to evaluate and improve safety, connectivity, traffic operations, parking, and overall corridor performance along Peninsula Avenue. He shared the purpose of the presentation was to introduce the study, obtain preliminary feedback from the Commission, and outline upcoming community outreach efforts.

Mr. Wong shared the study corridor extends from the intersection of Peninsula Avenue and El Camino Real, travels east across U.S. Highway 101, and continues to Coyote Point Road. The corridor includes key residential and commercial areas such as the Woodlake Condominium complex and the Woodlake Shopping Center, and functions as an important east-west connector serving local neighborhoods and regional traffic. Mr. Wong explained that because the right-of-way is split between San Mateo and Burlingame, both cities' Public Works Departments are partnering to jointly conduct the study and ultimately coordinate implementation of recommended improvements. This shared jurisdiction requires close collaboration in planning, engineering, environmental review, and public engagement.

In terms of project status, Mr. Wong indicated this effort is currently in the planning phase, with a request to proceed into the Planning and Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase. Activities during this phase will include comprehensive community engagement, formation of an Executive Steering Committee to guide the project with resident input, completion of an alternatives analysis supported by conceptual design development, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, environmental documentation, and advancement toward final engineering and permitting for a selected preferred alternative. The expected completion of this planning and PA&ED phase is 2027.

Mr. Wong summarized funding for the study is being pursued through grant support. The project sponsors are the Cities of San Mateo and Burlingame. The total estimated project cost is \$1,500,000, with \$1,125,000 in grant funding requested to support the Planning and PA&ED phases. The funding will cover technical analysis, outreach efforts, conceptual and preliminary

design, environmental documentation, and preparation for subsequent design advancement.

Public engagement will be a key component of the study per Mr. Wong. Upcoming outreach opportunities include an in-person meeting on Thursday, January 29, 2026, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Martin Luther King Community Center in San Mateo, and a virtual meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM via Zoom, with additional information forthcoming. The community meetings are intended to inform residents, collect input, and shape the development and refinement of corridor alternatives.

ACTION

The commissioners asked clarifying questions, including a request to consider TSPC review the design when a project is more mature than 65% design.

Commissioner Johnson reiterated the request to tie the efforts of this project back to Vision Zero.

No public comments received for this item.

b) TSPC Chair and Vice-Chair Nominations

SUMMARY

The Commission engaged in a discussion to thoughtfully select the Chair and Vice-Chair for 2026.

ACTION

Chair Martos was nominated and voted to continue as Chair for 2026 by a roll call vote of 3-0-1. Commissioner Johnson was nominated and voted as the Vice-Chair for 2026 by a roll call vote of 3-0-1.

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

a) Public Comments Related to Informational Items

Mr. Velasco spoke about the details of the collision his son was in on December 10, 2025 with his bike and another motor vehicle on Carolan Avenue. He stated he wrote to the City of Burlingame about concerns at said intersection in 2022 after a student was hit at the same crosswalk and found at fault. Mr. Velasco requested staff consider his previous request to trim the bushes and place some advanced limit lines before the crosswalk like California Drive.

b) Community Group Updates

No update.

c) Engineering Division Reports

Mr. Wong provided an update on the El Camino Real Renewal Project.

- El Camino Real Renewal –Stage 1 of project begins January 8 and 12 with traffic control for potholing and tree removal operations:
  - Tree removal and road closures (northbound)
  - Drainage work (southbound)
  - Potholing (various locations)

Potholing should be able to continue even with rain or impacts from the rain. The above operations are expected to continue until May 2026.

Commissioner Israelit requested to have a map included on the traffic detour updates provided by Caltrans.

d) Police Department Reports

Sergeant Orloff reported 19 collisions for the month of December 2025. He reminded the group that DUI and hit-and-run collisions are filtered out. Of the 19 collisions in the report, he said 13 collisions involved another motor vehicle, 3 with bicyclists, and 1 with a pedestrian. Of those collisions, 1 resulted in a major injury. Sergeant Orloff stated the primary collision factors for the 19 collisions were unsafe turn movements or lane changes, unsafe speed, and right-of-way violations.

Commissioner Israelit inquired about BPD's plans for vehicle enforcement such as running red lights and stop signs. Sergeant Orloff indicated that staff levels are improving. He also indicated that traffic information is shared with all officers prior to the start of their shift.

e) TSPC Chair/Commissioner's Communications

Commissioner Johnson stated she would share an AMP update next month.

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) Public Comments Related to Committee Reports

No public comments.

b) Hillside Drive Safety and Traffic Calming (Israelit/Johnson)

Commissioner Israelit requested to use the mobile driver feedback side on the eastbound side of

Hillside Drive between Montero or Castillo to get vehicles to slow down.

c) ECR Renewal (Brown/Israelit)

Commissioner Israelit said they received the various detour maps from Caltrans. She said the subcommittee should stay so they can report back on things such as the detour on Bernal, which is the main route used to BIS.

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Vision Zero
- California Drive Projects

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** 8:03 pm

**Public Comments**  
Traffic Safety and Parking Commission  
January 8, 2026

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** TSPC comment (non agenda)  
**Date:** Thursday, January 8, 2026 9:15:02 AM

---

Hello Commissioners and staff,

Happy New Year! I am requesting that the Department of Public Works and the Burlingame Police Department collaborate on traffic routing, traffic management and communications plans that can be used as a playbook for when major roads are closed in Burlingame and traffic has to be diverted through local neighborhoods to ensure that all road users, especially our elementary, middle and high schoolers using the streets to bike to and from school, can travel safely.

The extended power outage and PG&E work at Broadway and California has left our neighborhood dealing with no electricity and extremely heavy traffic on our local streets as cars are routed off of California Drive and left to fend for themselves on our small local streets, which are narrow and confusing if you are unfamiliar with them, as many drivers seem to be.

As you know, our local streets are not able to absorb the kind of traffic flow that our major streets support. Given that these events are unpredictable but present major challenges for drivers and residents alike, it would be great to have the city prepared to execute QUICKLY on any closures with signage and traffic enforcement that keeps things moving, and clear communications about what routes to take.

Thanks for listening.

Best,

Lesley Beatty

This email is from an external source. Please take caution when clicking links or opening attachments. When in doubt, contact your IT Department

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [administration@ci.millbrae.ca.us](mailto:administration@ci.millbrae.ca.us); [Public Comment](#); [publiccomment@caltrain.com](mailto:publiccomment@caltrain.com)  
**Subject:** Please address the dangerous intersection at California and Murchison  
**Date:** Thursday, January 8, 2026 1:37:34 PM

---

Hello Burlingame City Council, Millbrae City Council, and Caltrain Board,

I would have been hit by a car swerving onto the sidewalk this morning at the intersection of California Drive and Murchison Drive if I hadn't run out of the way. This has inspired me to write to you advocating for urgent and comprehensive improvements to avoid any more pedestrians dying at this intersection.

I walk between the Millbrae Caltrain station and my job across this intersection every day, and I lost count of the number of times I had to dodge cars while in the crosswalks in the first few months. After those first months I had enough near misses that I no longer use the crosswalks at this intersection, in favor of crossing mid-block where I can see the cars coming. (Crossing Murchison at El Camino is my only alternative, which is even more hazardous due to the lack of pedestrian signals bordering a signalized intersection.) I have also witnessed countless additional near misses between cars at California and Murchison, some of which had the potential to deflect struck cars towards me on the sidewalk.

My experience today was a driver speeding (clearly over the 35 MPH speed limit) north on California towards the intersection, who entirely failed to observe a stopped car in front of them (which was waiting to turn left on Murchison). I saw the motion soon enough to run away from the impending collision, which was lucky because the driver was in the process of swerving into the curb cut for the Caltrain parking lot right where I was walking a second earlier. They then proceeded through the intersection at speed, without stopping, and would have likely hit any pedestrians in the crosswalk at the time which they could not have seen because the car they almost hit was blocking their line of sight.

I am addressing this public comment to all of you because it concerns an intersection on the boundary of your respective jurisdictions.

Thank you for your attention to this issue,  
Brian Silverman

This email is from an external source. Please take caution when clicking links or opening attachments. When in doubt, contact your IT Department