



CITY *of* BRISBANE

Complete Streets Safety Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 6th, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. • City Hall, 50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Wirowek called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Bouscal, Cabrera, Liu, Wirowek, Wodziak

Staff: Garcia, (Police Commander), Kinser (Deputy Director of Public Works)

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The July 2nd meeting minutes have been approved.

OLD BUSINESS

The committee begins their review and discussion of the CSSC comments on the Baylands Draft EIR. Individual comment submissions have been circulated to the entire committee, and each member shares their thoughts on specific items. Bouscal expresses support for the circulated comments but notes that the east side of Icehouse Hill has considerable slope instability not mentioned in the Draft EIR. He also notes that he did not see mention of Caltrain installing a fence along the railroad corridor system. Cabrera begins by stating he began his review by comparing the Baylands Draft EIR with Brisbane's Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan and asks whether these two plans will "harmonize." Liu wonders how the Baylands will connect to the rest of Brisbane's pedestrian network. Wirowek refers to the Bayshore Mobility Plan and asks about the flow of traffic when lanes are reduced from 4 to 2. Kinser states that a SafeTrec study has shown that 70%-80% of traffic during commute hours passes through Brisbane and reducing the lanes would encourage commuters to utilize Highway 101 instead. Wirowek expresses concerns about the flow of traffic and wonders if alternatives have been considered.

Wirowek asks about the formal commenting process for the Baylands Draft EIR, and if there will be a dialogue with the community. Kinser responds that the first step is the CSSC approving their comments as a body. These comments would then be sent to the consultant, and the comments would be addressed in the final draft of the Baylands EIR. The final draft would then go to the Planning Commission for a recommendation which would go to City Council.

Wirowek opens the discussion to members of the public. Sarah Mills is in attendance and shares her formal response to the Draft EIR. She expresses support for a pedestrian walkway in heavy foot traffic areas that will connect Downtown Brisbane to the Baylands, additional pedestrian safety studies, and robust ADA implementation. Bouscal comments on some of the weak language in the EIR, noting an instance where the reports states that 25% of the Baylands needs to be open space "and/or" open area.

Kinser summarizes the discussion and additions to existing comments from the CSSC. Per the discussion, comments will also include studying landslide potential on the east side of Ice Hill, identifying a travel path

while the new bridge is constructed, consideration and incorporation of existing city plans, connectivity to pedestrian sidewalk network, and the open space/area language ambiguity. The committee votes to approve that the aggregate comments are approved and shall be submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

The committee discusses a potential Halloween street closure. Wirowek provides background on the agenda item, stating that residents present at the CSSC meeting and City Manager Dennis contacted Wirowek about having this item on the CSSC agenda. She opens the discussion to the public. Sarah Mills explains that pedestrian safety, particularly for children, is always a concern during Halloween. She recalls that in 2024, Mendocino Street closed a section of the street to traffic for Halloween. She proposed a similar street closure on Visitacion Avenue and San Bruno Avenue, including Mariposa Street, Monterey Street, and Mendocino Street, but this closure was deemed too extensive to be manageable. Her revised proposal includes shutting down a section of San Bruno Avenue and the adjacent blocks of Mariposa Street, Monterey Street, and Mendocino Street from 5PM-9PM. She states that a number of residents and herself are willing to assist with public outreach. Resident Jessica Aloft echoes Sarah's statements.

The CSSC is supportive of the recommendation and wonders about access for residents of the streets and the logistics of the closure. Kinser agrees that a hard street closure would make it difficult for residents, and that a "local traffic only" would require someone to verify at entry points. She notes staff discussed closures on San Francisco Avenue for the Community Park which would be more straightforward, but closing entire streets may require approval from residents of the street. Sarah clarifies that it would be a "soft" closure and feels most people would obey the restrictions. Chris Florkowski is present at the meeting and expresses support for the recommendation and offers additional thoughts.

Wirowek asks Commander Garcia about previous street closures and if these required police or if there were any issues, and he responds that generally no. She asks Kinser about the requirements for neighbor approval, and Kinser responds that the precedent has been 70% approval. Wirowek wonders if a petition process is necessary for such a seemingly popular recommendation. The committee discusses hard closures vs. soft closures, expressing support for hard closures. Expanded available parking options are also discussed.

The final recommendation is as follows: the CSSC proposes hard closures of Mariposa Street, Monterey Street, and Mendocino Street between Visitacion Avenue and Alvarado Street, closing Napa Avenue between Mariposa Street and Mendocino Street, leaving ingress at San Bruno Avenue down to Mendocino Street and egress at Mariposa Street, and closing San Francisco Avenue between San Bruno Avenue and Alvarado Street and Plumas Street between San Francisco Avenue and Mariposa Street.

STAFF UPDATES

Kinser shares that the Pedestrian Walkway between Alvarado Street and San Benito has been delayed due to necessary change orders. The estimated completion is late October/early November.

Kinser states that the suggested improvements for Visitacion Avenue went to City Council, and they have requested additional information from the business on Visitacion Avenue to refine the recommendation.

CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTER Thank you, Karen Kinser!

NEXT MEETING October 1, 2025

ADJOURNMENT