



City Council Agenda Item Staff Report

CITY OF SAN BRUNO

DATE: August 22, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Alex D. McIntyre, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Peter Gilli, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Approve City of San Bruno Response Letter to the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury Report "Bike Safety in San Mateo County: Making Bicycling Safer in the County"

BACKGROUND:

On July 10, 2023, the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury released a report entitled "Bike Safety in San Mateo County: Making Bicycling Safer in the County." The purpose of the report is to determine what can be done to improve bicycle safety in San Mateo County. Within the report, the Grand Jury developed nine findings and seven recommendations.

The Grand Jury requests responses from the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, County Sheriff, and all 20 cities and towns' governing bodies for each finding and recommendation. By law, responses must be submitted within 90 days and must meet the following requirements:

Response to Findings. For all findings made by the Grand Jury, the City shall indicate the City "agrees" with the finding, "wholly disagrees" or "partially disagrees", and specify the portion of the finding that is disputed and include an explanation for the reasons.

Response to Recommendations. For all recommendations made by the Grand Jury, the City shall report one of the following actions:

1. The recommendation has been implemented, with a summary regarding the implemented action;
2. The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, with a time frame for implementation;
3. The recommendation requires further analysis, with an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a time frame for the matter to be prepared for discussion. This time frame shall not exceed six months; or
4. The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or reasonable, with an explanation.

Responses to Grand Jury Reports are filed with the Superior Court and are placed on the Grand Jury website. The City of San Bruno's responses to this Grand Jury Report is due by October 8, 2023.

DISCUSSION:

The Grand Jury Report “Bike Safety in San Mateo County: Making Bicycling Safer in the County” calls for expanded education and enforcement to improve bicycle safety for County residents. The draft response letter is provided in Attachment 1, and the Grand Jury Report is Attachment 2.

The nine findings are referenced as F1 through F9 in the Grand Jury Report, and cover the need for reporting, metrics, education, enforcement and creating or updating bicycle plans. The draft response agrees with seven findings, partially disagrees with one finding, and wholly disagrees with one finding.

The seven recommendations are referenced as R1 through R7 in the Grand Jury Report, and call for expanded reporting of incidents, greater enforcement, education programs, creating or updating a bicycle plan, obtaining a report from a third party, and meeting with other jurisdictions about regional efforts. Two of the recommendations are already implemented. Staff suggests that two recommendations not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable. One recommendation has two parts, the first has been implemented, and the second staff recommends not be implemented. Two require further analysis, which staff recommends be handled by the C/CAG Technical Advisory Committee.

In summary, staff agrees with the Grand Jury’s high-level concern that bicycle safety is important, but disagrees with some of the recommendations due to legal concerns, effectiveness, resource availability and funding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with preparing this response to the Grand Jury Report. Implementing all Grand Jury recommendations would result in an unknown fiscal impact, as the cost and benefit of the recommendations have not been determined.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve City of San Bruno Response Letter to the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury Report “Bike Safety in San Mateo County: Making Bicycling Safer in the County”

ALTERNATIVES:

Approve a modified version of the response letter.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Response of the San Bruno to the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury Report
2. San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury Report