

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BIKEWAY AND WALKABILITY
COMMITTEE**

August 12, 2015

These meeting minutes represent an “action minute” format. A copy of the meeting audio tape can be obtained at the Public Services Department’s front counter located on the 4th floor of Costa Mesa City Hall. The Bikeway and Walkability Committee (BWC) of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in a special meeting session at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2015.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ralph Taboada at 6:33 p.m. at City Hall’s Conference Room 1A at 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Members Present: Chair, Ralph Taboada,
Vice-chair, Cynthia McDonald,
Member Michael M.S. Chun,
Member Jim Erickson,
Member Leah Ersoylu,
Member Richard Huffman II,
Member James Kane,
Member Jim Kerins,
Member John C. Merrill,
Member Brian Valles,
Brent Stoll, Chamber of Commerce,
Dr. Kirk Bauermeister, NMUSD

Committee Members Absent: Member Kathleen Brown,
Member Tony Capitelli,
Member Donna Check,
Member Andrea Marr,
Member Flo Martin

City Council Liaison Present: Katrina Foley

Staff Present: Ernesto Munoz, Public Services Director,
Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Services Manager,
Elizabeth Palacio, Engineering Technician II

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Greg Ridge, Freedom Homes, distributed a handout with examples of issues in the Freedom Homes neighborhood. Is concerned with the street closures throughout the neighborhood and how they impact bikeability. He is concerned with not being able to access important places in the city.
2. Bill Den, Seabirds Restaurant at the LAB spoke about his concerns with customers not being able to bike to his restaurant. He expressed his desire to see a bike trail on Bristol Street and a connection from South Coast Plaza to the Camp.
3. Teresa Drain, would like to recommend signing up to receive the Planning Commission's agendas online. She suggested the City consider using land for bikeways rather than vacating land, especially in areas such as the Arts District.
4. Olga Reynolds, concerned with the lack of communication between the City and residents.

4. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bicycle Mater Plan and Work Plan Review -

The committee discussed the work plan and the time the committee has to update the bicycle master plan. There was discussion about the process and it was clarified by staff that the bicycle master plan could be amended after the general plan is adopted. Committee members were concerned with not having a framework or rough draft to begin the process. Consultant Rock Miller of Stantec, presented "Bicycle Level of Service and Project Update", a status update on the City's bicycle master plan update. The committee discussed the need to have a facilitator at these meetings to guide them with the process. The committee suggested looking at the bicycle master plans in other cities. The concept of meeting twice a month was discussed. Ralph Taboada, chair, asked for a consensus to add the item to the agenda for the next meeting. He requested adding an item on all future agendas, to discuss items of interest for discussion at subsequent meetings.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

6. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

7. STAFF COMMENTS

8. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Next meeting September 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall's Emergency Operations Center, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Submitted by:



Ralph Taboada, Chair