

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

September 16, 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, September 16, 2015.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ralph Taboada at 6:33 p.m. at the Costa Mesa Senior Center 695 West 19th Street, Costa Mesa, California.

2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Members Present: Chair, Ralph Taboada,
Vice-chair, Cynthia McDonald,
Member Andrea Marr,
Member Brian Valles,
Member Donna Check,
Member James Kane,
Member Jim Kerins,
Member John C. Merrill,
Member Richard Huffman II,
Member Tony Capitelli,
Brent Stoll, Chamber of Commerce

Committee Members Absent: Member Flo Martin,
Member Jim Erickson,
Member Kathleen Brown,
Member Leah Ersoylu,
Dr. Kirk Bauermeister, NMUSD

City Council Liaison Present: Katrina Foley

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

3. PRESENTATIONS – PROTECTED BIKE LANES POWERPOINT PRESENTATION BY VICE-CHAIR CYNTHIA MCDONALD

Vice-chair Cynthia McDonald made a presentation on the various types of protected bike lanes found in nearby cities. She highlighted the advantages and disadvantages of each type of bike lane, including the Joann Bike Trail in Costa Mesa.

Committee members and audience were given a copy of the presentation.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Geoff West thanked the committee for all their work.
2. Joe Zavala of Capital Street applauded everyone for the work they are doing. He mentioned that during his morning walks he has noticed that most of the bicyclists use the sidewalk, ride side by side, and often conflict with pedestrians. He is concerned with adult bicyclists not using bike lanes.
3. Bob Graham is concerned with “no culture” left in bicycling by bicyclists not warning as they approach someone. He would like to post signs and educate the public on courteousness and safety.
4. Teresa Drain mentioned vacated property on 19th Street. She shared an observation of the location where she witnessed pedestrians, mothers with baby carriages, and bicyclists sharing a very narrow sidewalk. She highly encouraged the committee to keep track of what happens at the City Council meetings and utilize that land, to provide better uses, that is otherwise given away.
5. Karl Ahlf spoke to the City Council regarding installing bicycle lockers. He mentioned people would like to make sure their bicycles are safe, especially those who spend a lot of money on their bikes.
6. Robin Vettraino, Executive Director of Newport Banning Ranch Land Trust, introduced herself and looks forward to working with the City and the City of Newport Beach to develop trails that connect with the beach and the Santa Ana River Trail.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Jim Kerins made a motion to discuss the minutes of July 8, 2015 and August 12, 2015, second by Andrea Marr. Chairman Ralph Taboada opened the item for discussion. The committee recommended a few changes to be made to the minutes. Chair Ralph Taboada called for a vote to approve the corrected minutes, motion passes unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Scheduling of a 2nd Monthly Meeting

Member Tony Capitelli made a motion to schedule meetings twice a month. Member Andrea Marr seconded the motion. Chairman Ralph Taboada opened the item for discussion. The committee discussed scheduling regular meetings on September 30, 2014, October 14, 2015, and October 28, 2015. Beginning November 2015 regular

meetings will be held on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Member Andrea Marr made a substitute motion to schedule meetings twice a month on the first and third Wednesday of the month beginning November 2015 and scheduling regular meetings on September 30, 2014, October 14, 2015, and October 28, 2015, Member Brian Valles seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Review of Goals/Objectives/Policies/Programs for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan –Committee Discussion.

Member Andrea Marr moved to accept goal number one, *Promote a Friendly Goals/Objectives/Policies/Programs for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Active Transportation System*". Member John C. Merrill seconded the motion. After discussion by the committee, the motion passed unanimously.

Member Tony Capitelli motioned to include as goal number two, *A Safe Place to Walk and Ride a Bicycle*, and add two additional goals submitted by Member Leah Ersoylu as goals three and four - *Integrate Active Transportation Elements in the Circulation System*, and *Improve Awareness and Promote Education of Active Transportation Programs*. Member Jim Kerins seconded the motion. After discussion by the committee, the motion passed unanimously.

Member Andrea Marr moved to accept proposed goal, *Promote Active Transportation Culture* as new goal number five. Member Tony Capitelli seconded the motion. After discussion by the committee, the motion passed unanimously.

City Council Liaison Katrina Foley asked the committee to consider adding a new sixth goal on economics. Member Tony Capitelli moved to add an economics goal as the sixth goal. Member Andrea Marr seconded the motion. After discussion by the committee, the motion passed unanimously.

- c. Presentation of September 2013 Public Outreach Meeting, Melissa Dugan, Stantec

The presentation was rescheduled to be presented at the next regular meeting on September 30, 2015.

- d. Items for Next Agenda

Continuation of the review of the revised draft of the Goals/Objectives/Policies/Programs for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

Introduction of Facilitator, Rock Miller

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

9. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

10. STAFF COMMENTS

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Next regular meeting September 30, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Costa Mesa Senior Center, 695 West 19th Street, Costa Mesa, California.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Submitted by:

Handwritten signature of Ralph Taboada in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.

Ralph Taboada, Chair