

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIKEWAY AND WALKABILITY COMMITTEE

August 3, 2016

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 regular meeting session at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3, 2016.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ralph Taboada at 6:32 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 Leah Ersoylu, Member Jim Erickson, Member Maggie Gallagher, Member James Kane, Member Richard Huffman II, Member John C. Merrill,
Committee Members Absent:	Member Russell Baldwin, Member Cindy Brenneman, Member Jim Kerins, Member Flo Martin, Member Andrea Marr Member Brian Valles, Dr. Kirk Bauermeister, NMUSD, Brent Stoll, Chamber of Commerce
City Council Liaison Absent:	Katrina Foley
Staff Present:	Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Services Manager Elizabeth Palacio, Engineering Technician II

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Member Jim Erickson shared his experience at the Costa Mesa Concerts at the Park. He set up a booth where he signed people up to receive email notifications of upcoming meetings, had several activities to engage young riders, and handed out City of Costa Mesa Bicycle Map and Safety Guides.
2. Member James Kane shared the answers he received for his previously asked questions. Regarding the West 19th Street Bike Trail Project, he mentioned that the City will use the Southern California Edison easement instead of the Orange County Sanitation District easement. He continued to share some of his concerns with the Harbor Boulevard / Gisler Avenue intersection.
3. Member Richard Huffman II shared details of his and Vice-Chair Cynthia McDonald's recent trip to Ireland. He noted the high bicycle ridership in that country. He noticed streets accommodate bicycles very well. He will share pictures with the committee at a later date. He also noted that bike sharing programs are very popular in the major cities and that mass transit is also very popular. Vice-Chair Cynthia McDonald added that riding in the rain is very common.
4. Member John C. Merrill mentioned that he was very impressed with the quality of the Final East/West Connector Study. He noticed that the study did not address concepts discussed at previous workshops. Particularly Orange Coast College (OCC) was not addressed. Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Services Manager clarified that a separate study was being done for OCC. Member John C. Merrill continued to add that gap on Fairview Road from Adams Avenue to the Paularino Channel needs to be included.
5. Vice-Chair Cynthia McDonald mentioned the SCAG Multipurpose Trail Report. She asked if this was a result of the previous outreach efforts. Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Manager clarified that it was not, but that the study is a tool to obtain funding.
6. Chair Ralph Taboada shared an article about San Diego setting course to increase bike lanes. A second article how is Downtown LA's bike share works. A third article about Glendale's new wayfinding signs that include health tips. These signs encourage people to go out and spend money. He shared that his son bike shares in Brooklyn, NY. He also shared that during a recent trip to Minnesota, he noticed everyone was out riding their bikes.

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

6. STAFF COMMENTS

Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Services Manager, commended Member Jim Erickson for his community outreach efforts at the Costa Mesa Concerts at the Park.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Ralph Taboada opened the items for discussion.

After discussion from the committee, Member Maggie Gallagher made a motion to approve the May 4, 2016, meeting minutes, with a correction. Member James Kane seconded the motion, the motion passed 7-0, with Member Jim Erickson abstaining.

After discussion from the committee, Member Leah Ersoylu made a motion to approve the June 1, 2016, meeting minutes, with a correction. Member John C. Merrill seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Harbor Boulevard Bicycle Trail Opening - Discussion

Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Manager opened the item for discussion. He suggested a planning a bike ride to open the bike trail at the end of the month, possibly the Saturday on Labor Day weekend. After discussion from the committee, the consensus was that October 8, 2016 would be a better date.

b. First Friday Roadshow - Discussion

Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Manager opened the item for discussion. Member Jim Erickson suggested setting up an old bike display at the First Friday Roadshow. Members and the public would display antique or interesting bikes along with a description or biography of it. After discussion from the committee, the consensus was that October 7, 2016 First Friday Roadshow would be an ideal place to promote the Harbor Boulevard Bicycle Trail Opening and bike ride.

c. Bike Rack Locations and Design Options - Discussion

Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Manager opened the item for discussion. He shared a couple possible designs for the bike racks that will be installed by the city. The committee suggested having an online bike rack request form on the bikeway and walkability committee webpage, where local businesses can request bike racks.

d. Prioritization of Goals, Objectives and Bicycle Master Plan

Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Manager opened the item for discussion. After discussion from the committee, Member John C. Merrill moved to create three lists to complement the existing bicycle map. The purpose of the lists is to prioritize the top 5 east-west corridors, the top 5 north-south corridors, and the top 10 gap closure projects. Member Jim Erickson seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

After discussion from the committee Member Leah Ersoylu, moved to rank the recommendations within each goal, via an online survey website. The purpose of the survey is to prioritize the top 25% of the recommendations. Member John C. Merrill seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

e. Items for Next Agenda

1. Cornerstone Harbor Boulevard Bicycle Trail Opening
2. Prioritization of Goals, Objectives, Recommendations
3. Prioritization of Bicycle Master Plan Projects
4. Vacation of Excess Right-of-Way on 17th Street and on Superior Avenue

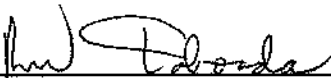
10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Next regular meeting September 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Costa Mesa Senior Center, 695 West 19th Street, Costa Mesa, California.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by:



Ralph Taboada, Chair