

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIKEWAY AND WALKABILITY COMMITTEE**

**May 4, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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, May 4, 2016.**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Committee Members Present: Chair, Ralph Taboada,  
Vice-Chair, Cynthia McDonald,  
Member Russell Baldwin,  
Member Cindy Brenneman,  
Member James Kane,  
Member Jim Kerins,  
Member Leah Ersoylu,  
Member Maggie Gallagher,  
Member Andrea Marr,  
Member Flo Martin,  
Member John C. Merrill,  
Member Richard Huffman II,  
Member Brian Valles,  
Dr. Kirk Bauermeister, NMUSD,  
Brent Stoll, Chamber of Commerce

Committee Members Absent: Member Tony Capitelli,  
Member Jim Erickson

City Council Liaison Absent: Katrina Foley

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

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Carolyn Hernandez, UCI Sustainable Transportation, invited everyone to attend a Bike Festival next week on Tuesday and Wednesday near the Administration Building.
2. Patricia Johnson, was recently informed about the possibility of opening the Greenville Banning Channel trail for public use. She requests to be notified if the item will be discussed at future meeting. She also mentioned a document on file that promises the trail will not be opened.

### 4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Chair Ralph Taboada gave a summary of the last two committee meetings. He assured the public that there are no plans to put the Greenville Banning Channel trail opening on the agenda. Raja Sethuraman, assured the residents they would be notified, if there are any future discussions planned on the item. Chair Ralph Taboada welcomed new committee members. He announced Member Tony Capitelli's resignation. He presented the new committee members a copy of the Final Goals and Objections. He reminded everyone that May is Bike Month. He also mentioned a Memorial Ride of Silence to honor those who have been killed or injured while riding. The ride will be held at the Irvine Civic Center on Alton Parkway and Harvard Boulevard on May 18, 2016 at 6:00 pm.
2. Vice-Chair Cynthia McDonald also mentioned that May is Bike Month, and mentioned it was "Bike to School" day. She mentioned that the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 is "Bike to Work Week". She revealed the City of Santa Ana has a bike education program that teaches confident cycling classes, founded by a grant obtained from the California Office of Traffic Safety. She mentioned it was Jane Jacobs's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Jacobs is a self-taught urban planner who is a supporter of walkability.
3. Member Jim Kerins inquired about the status of the Alley at the end of Royal Palm.
4. Member Andrea Marr, reminded everyone of the upcoming Action Arts in the Park on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at TeWinkle Park. She mentioned speaking to someone at LA Metro regarding using the word "recommendation" versus "policy". She is very concerned with the choice of word which could possibly hinder our ability in securing grants in the future.
5. Member Maggie Gallagher introduced herself to the committee.
6. Dr. Kirk Bauernmeister shared an upcoming event with the committee, Freedom Ride 2016, a bike ride bringing attention to human trafficking. The bike ride will begin in Bend, Oregon on September 10, 2016, and will end in Newport Dunes on September 25, 2016. For more information you can visit the event's website at [www.freedomride.bike](http://www.freedomride.bike)
7. Member James Kane mentioned there is a "Global Bike to Work Day" on May 10, 2016, sponsored by STRAVA. He requested a bike and walk events calendar to be added on the committee's web page. He mentioned Caltrans Ride to Work day on Tuesday May 17, 2016. He mentioned that Santa Monica has 13 sustainability program coordinators.
8. Member Leah Ersoylu mentioned the questioned safety of sharrows. She asked what the protocol was for changing the Goals and Objectives once methods are researched.
9. Brent Stoll added that sharrows work best where there are gaps between bike routes and bike trails. He also welcomed all new committee members.
10. Member Cindy Brennehan introduced herself. She invited everyone to Firehouse Fridays May 6, 2016 at the Royal Palm fire station from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. She also invited everyone to the First Friday Roadshow at the City Hall front parking lot, May 6, 2016 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

11. Member John C. Merrill recently attended the American Public Works Association and was informed that the City of Santa Ana has an Active Transportation Coordinator. He suggested redefining the vacant Associate Engineer position to be an Active Transportation Coordinator. He mentioned using sharrows in a complete streets project he is working on. He mentioned the green outline is approved by NACTO.
12. Member Richard Huffman asked Member John C. Merrill to define complete streets.
13. Member Russell Baldwin introduced himself. He noted that new City intersection improvements projects do not really consider bikes.
14. Member Flo Martin expressed disappointment that the Goals and Objectives and Policies was changed to Goals and Objectives and Recommendations. She was disappointed that this was the only section in the General Plan where policy was changed to recommendation and hopes to have that changed. She expressed that sharrows give a false sense of security.

#### **5. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS**

None

#### **6. STAFF COMMENTS**

1. Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Services Manager, updated the committee on the Bike Rodeo at the Community Run. Pat Hines, Safe Moves, distributed 174 bike helmets.
2. Ernesto Munoz, Public Services Director, announced the Open Space and Recreation Master Plan Workshop on Wednesday June 1, 2016 at the Costa Mesa Senior Center at 6:30 pm.

#### **7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Ralph Taboada opened the items for discussion.

Brent Stoll made a motion to approve the March 2, 2016, meeting minutes, Member James Kane seconded the motion, the motion passed 12-0, with Members Russell Baldwin, Cindy Brenneman, and Maggie Gallagher abstaining.

Brian Valles made a motion to approve the April 6, 2016, meeting minutes, Member Andrea Marr seconded the motion, the motion passed 11-0, with Members Russell Baldwin, Cindy Brenneman, Leah Ersoylu, and Maggie Gallagher abstaining.

#### **8. OLD BUSINESS**

General Plan Update – Update by Staff

Ernesto Munoz, Public Services Director, gave the committee an update on the General Plan and the timeline of its approval. He clarified that the Goals and Objectives are proposed as recommendations at this time. Once the EIR is certified, there should be follow up efforts to prioritize the recommendations and proposed improvements, so it can be changed to policies. However, it will be up to the City Council. Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Services Manager, mentioned that along with Goals and Objectives, the Conceptual Bicycle Map will need to be reviewed and incorporated in the General Plan.

After discussion by the committee, Member John C. Merrill made a motion to add forming a Prioritization Subcommittee to next month's regular meeting's agenda. Member Leah Ersoylu seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

### a. Placentia Avenue Bicycle Signal Project – Presentation by Raja Sethuraman

Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Manager, gave a presentation of the Placentia Avenue Bicycle Signal Project funded by a grant obtained by the City. Raja answered several questions asked by the committee members regarding several items featured in the presentation.

### b. Citywide Traffic Calming – Presentation by Raja Sethuraman

Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Manager, gave a presentation of the Citywide Traffic Calming Project funded by a grant obtained by the City. Raja answered several questions asked by the committee members regarding several items featured in the presentation.

### c. Bike Infrastructure – Sharrows, Bike Stations – Presentation by Raja Sethuraman

Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Manager, gave a presentation of the use of sharrows as guided by the California MUTCD. He also mentioned a SCAG study that identified potential streets for sharrows in the city, such as Del Mar Avenue, Santa Isabel Avenue, Santa Ana Avenue, East Wilson Street and Tanager Drive. Raja gave a brief overview of the bike infrastructure in the City. Raja also shared bike station photographs, provided by Councilmember Foley, from a recent trip. Raja answered several questions asked by the committee members regarding several items featured in the presentation.

### d. Items for Next Agenda

#### a. Prioritization Subcommittee – Discuss and form

## 10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Next regular meeting June 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Costa Mesa Senior Center, 695 West 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Costa Mesa, California.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Submitted by:



Ralph Taboada, Chair