

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIKEWAY AND WALKABILITY COMMITTEE

September 5, 2018

These meeting minutes represent an "action minute" format. The Bikeway and Walkability Committee (BWC) of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in a regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 5, 2018.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cynthia McDonald, at 6:31 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 Cynthia McDonald,
Vice-Chair Ralph Taboada,
Member Alan Engard,
Member Michelle Fay,
Member Robert Graham,
Member Michael Habitz,
Member Richard Huffman II,
Member James Kane,
Member Andrew Levins,
Member Flo Martin,
Member Kari Nieblas Vozenilek,
Member Michael Nolf

Committee Members Absent: Member Dan Leibson,
Member Scott Porterfield,
Member Nathan Torres

Chamber of Commerce Liaison: Brent Stoll, Chamber of Commerce

Newport-Mesa Unified School District Liaison: Dr. Kirk Bauermeister (not present)

City Council Liaison: Katrina Foley, Council Member (not present)

Staff Present: Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager,
Elizabeth Palacio, Engineering Technician III
Nicole Jules, Consultant

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Member Flo Martin moved to approve the August 1, 2018 minutes. Vice-Chair Ralph Taboada seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Bike Share/ Electric Scooter Update and Presentation/Demonstration

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager introduced Becky Warren from Razor USA. Ms. Warren made a brief presentation on razor scooters and their Razor Share program. Ms. Warren emphasized that Razor USA works with cities first, before deploying their units. They are currently working with many cities on implementing a scooter share program. The committee took a 15-minute recess to test drive a e-scooter and learn more about the program.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Fairview Road Safety Improvement Project

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager introduced Nicole Jules, consultant, as the project manager. Nicole Jules made a presentation on the conceptual design options for the proposed project on Fairview Road between Adams Avenue and Baker Street. Committee members discussed the options and will provide comments to staff.

Public Comments:

Marc Perkins shared a video of a recent bike ride on Fairview Road.

b. Ford Road Development Project

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager made a brief presentation on the proposed easement vacation of Ford Road between the alley east of Parsons Street and Newport Boulevard. Haggai Mazler from the Olsen Company and Mino Ashabi, Principal Planner for the Costa Mesa Planning Division answered questions from the committee members regarding the proposed development project and easement vacation.

Public Comments:

Marc Perkins spoke on the item and would prefer if the project provided a sidewalk on Ford Road.

Judy Smith, a resident of Ford Road appreciates the project proposal and pedestrian access to Newport Boulevard. Ms. Smith anticipates that the walking conditions will dramatically improve and welcomes the beautification to her neighborhood.

Chamber of Commerce Liaison Brent Stoll made a motion to approve the vacation of Ford Road and to maintain public access through the proposed development. Member Allan Engard seconded the motion and the motion passed 8-2 (Member Allan Engard departed before the vote, and Member Flo Martin and Member Michael Nolf voted no).

c. Walk to School (October 10, 2018)

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, announced the City's plans to participate in the National Walk to School Day at California Elementary, Kaiser Elementary, College Park Elementary, and Sonora Elementary schools. She requested volunteers from the Committee to participate in the walks. Jennifer also spoke about the walk surveys to be distributed as part of this effort.

d. Subcommittees Report

1. Public Outreach
 - a) Members proposed entering a scarecrow on behalf of the committee to an upcoming scarecrow contest. The members requested volunteers, as the scarecrow is due October 20, 2018.
2. Government Regulatory / Grants
 - a) No update
3. Safe Routes and Accessibility
 - a) No update
4. Economic Growth
 - a) No update
5. Presentation
 - a) No update
6. Bike Share
 - a) Subcommittee members recently met and planning to draft a proposed framework for active transportation sharing and guidelines for a pilot program.

e. Items for Next Agenda

1. Implementation of Award Levels and Achievements
2. Walk Districts / Walk Audits
3. Walk to School (October)
4. Committee Pedestrian Work Plan
5. Bike Share
6. Spotlight on Transportation – Police Department (November)

7. SPOTLIGHT ON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

None

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Vice-Chair Ralph Taboada inquired about adding green pavement paint to the shared right turn lane at Placentia Avenue / Adams Avenue.
2. Chair Cynthia McDonald expressed concern with wrong way bicyclist near Placentia Avenue/ Adams Avenue. Chair McDonald shared event details for the upcoming CycLAvia on September 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
3. Member James Kane shared upcoming webinars at americawalks.org. OCTA is soliciting community input for their Long Range Transportation Plan via an online survey on the OCTA website.
4. Chamber of Commerce Liaison Brent Stoll shared an article about Bird Scooters. He noted that GPS data can be useful to cities. Mr. Stoll encouraged committee members to complete the OCTA Long Range Transportation survey on the OCTA website.

9. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

None

10. STAFF COMMENTS

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, shared that OCTA received a grant for bicycle lights and helmets and will be distributing them at the following locations in Costa Mesa:

9/11/18 between 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the northwest corner of Baker Street and Fairview Road.

9/12/18 between 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the northwest corner of Harbor Boulevard and Wilson Street.

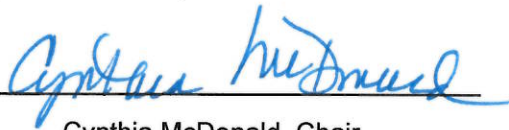
11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Next regular meeting is October 3, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Costa Mesa City Hall – Conference Room 1A.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Submitted by:



Cynthia McDonald, Chair