

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

**12-05-18**

**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, December 5, 2018.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cynthia McDonald, at 6:30 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 Richard Huffman II,  
Member Dan Leibson,  
Member Andrew Levins,  
Member James Kane,  
Member Michael Nolf  
Member Nathan Torres

Committee Members Absent: Member Michael Habitz,  
Member Flo Martin,  
Member Kari Nieblas Vozenilek  
Member Scott Porterfield

Chamber of Commerce Liaison: Brent Stoll, Chamber of Commerce

Newport-Mesa Unified School District Liaison: Dr. Kirk Bauermeister

City Council Liaison: Katrina Foley, Mayor Elect (not present)

Staff Present: Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director,  
Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager,  
Elizabeth Palacio, Engineering Technician III

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Mark Cernicki, resident, shared plans to organize a Bike Rodeo on May 9, 2019 with the support of a local bike shop.
2. A resident expressed concerns with a fence adjacent to Vanguard University near Fire Station 5. Staff clarified that the fence was located on Vanguard University property.
3. A resident expressed concerns with OC Fairgrounds placing directional signs on the Arlington multipurpose trail.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice-Chair Ralph Taboada moved to approve the November 7, 2018 meeting minutes. Member Alan Engard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **a. Mobility Share Update**

Chamber of Commerce Liaison Brent Stoll continued to meet with stakeholders. Brent Stoll shared statistics from the City of Austin's Dockless Mobility Pilot. He also shared the results of a case study on Portland, Oregon's e-scooter pilot program, published by the Portland Bureau of Transportation. Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, discussed the City of Santa Ana's upcoming pilot program.

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **a. West 19<sup>th</sup> Street Bicycle Project**

Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director opened the item for discussion and gave the committee a brief background of the project. Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, presented the proposed project design concept. Staff answered committee member's questions regarding the project. The committee was invited to the project's public meeting on January 17, 2019.

##### **b. Merrimac Way Project**

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, gave a presentation on the proposed design concept of the project. Staff is actively seeking grant funding opportunities for the construction phase of the project. The committee was invited to the project's public meeting on January 31, 2019.

##### **c. Proposed Vacation of Excess Right-of-Way at 227 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street**

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, presented the item to the committee. Committee members discussed the item.

1. Mark Cernicki, resident of 227 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street spoke in support of the vacation of excess right-of-way.

Vice-Chair Ralph Taboada moved to approve the 5' vacation of excess right-of-way and retain 5' for future bicycle facilities. Member Alan Engard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

##### **d. Class III Bicycle Projects Prioritization**

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, opened the item for discussion. She thanked the committee for taking the web survey and shared the results. Staff will move forward with the committee's recommendations for prioritization.

e. Implementation of Award Levels – HEAL Resolution

Chair Cynthia McDonald discussed the HEAL Resolution and asked the committee to review and provide feedback on the sample resolution. Member James Kane provided some examples of actions that can help the City achieve at least two award levels.

f. Caltrans Grant – Bicycle Racks

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, discussed the project and grant funding. The grant is for \$34,000 to install bike racks at seven locations. City staff can request Caltrans's approval of additional locations and racks in public right-of-way with grant funds.

g. Subcommittees Report

1. Public Outreach
  - a) No update
2. Government Regulatory / Grants
  - a) Chair Cynthia McDonald shared that the City recently applied for grants for the Merrimac Way and Adams Avenue projects.
3. Safe Routes and Accessibility
  - a) No update
4. Economic Growth
  - a) No update
5. Presentation
  - a) Chair Cynthia McDonald and Vice-Chair Ralph Taboada are working on the Committee's Annual Report presentation to City Council in February 2019.
6. Mobility Share
  - a) Update discussed in Old Business Item 5a.

h. January Meeting – Cancellation

Chair Cynthia McDonald opened the item for discussion. After committee member discussion, Chamber of Commerce Liaison Brent Stoll moved to cancel the January 2, 2019 Bikeways and Walkability Committee Regular Meeting. Chair Cynthia McDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed 10 to 1, Member Michelle Fay voting no.

i. Items for Next Agenda

1. Bikeways and Walkability Annual Report
2. Walk to School Survey
3. Mobility Share Update
4. Implementation of Award Levels and Achievements – Heal Resolution
5. Bike Racks in Commercial Areas
6. Walking and Pedestrian Issues (March)

**7. SPOTLIGHT ON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION**

None

## 8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Member Richard Huffman II inquired about the number of crosswalks at the intersection of Mesa Verde Drive West-Placentia Avenue at Adams Avenue.
2. Vice Chair Ralph Taboada inquired about possibly installing green conflict striping for northbound right turns at Adams Avenue. He also shared that Bird scooters were recently deployed in the City of Palm Springs and the City of Palm Springs issued Bird a cease and desist letter.
3. Member James Kane shared information on the City of Santa Ana's first protected bike lanes on Bristol Avenue north of Sunflower Street. He shared information on an upcoming webinar, "Walkability and Climate Change" at [americawalks.org](http://americawalks.org), which the link is posted on the Committee webpage.
4. Member Robert Graham shared an article from Rails to Trails Fall 2018 Edition.
5. Member Flo Martin shared a concern with a bus stop that was removed on Harbor Boulevard near Merrimac Way.

## 9. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

None

## 10. STAFF COMMENTS

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, will prepare a snapshot on the Committee's activities and include a link to the Committee's webpage.

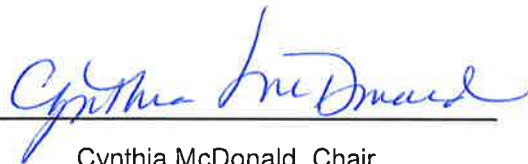
## 11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Next regular meeting is February 6, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Costa Mesa City Hall – Conference Room 1A.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Submitted by:

  
Cynthia McDonald, Chair