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

10-02-19

These meeting minutes represent an "action minute" format. The Bikeway and Walkability Committee of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in a regular session at 6:05 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2, 2019.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cynthia McDonald called the meeting to order, at 6:04 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 Mark Cernicky Member Bryan Estrada Member Michelle Fay Member Fiorella Gardella Member Richard Huffman II Member James Kane Member Michael Nolf

Committee Members Absent: Member Edwin Stanly Garcia

Member Bridget Gleason

Member Flo Martin

Member Kari Nieblas Vozenilek

Member Kyle Ramer Member Nathan Torres

Chamber of Commerce Liaison: Brent Stoll

Newport-Mesa Unified School

District Liaison: Dr. Kirk Bauermeister

City Council Liaisons: Arlis Reynolds, Council Member (not present)

Andrea Marr, Council Member (not present)

Staff Present: Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager

Jake Wigal, Engineering Technician I

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

## 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Michelle Fay moved to approve, Member Mark Cernicky seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS

#### a. Heal Cities/Resolution

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager updated the committee on the status of the Heal Cities resolution. The City's Human Resources (HR) Department will be making edits to the language of the resolution. The resolution will be sent to the committee after review by the City's HR Department and City attorney.

## b. Bicycle Racks in Public Right-of-Way

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager provided an update on the Caltrans Grant Bicycle Rack Project. Additional bike rack locations were sent to committee members for review and comment. The approved Caltrans grant bike rack locations will have bike racks installed within the next two months. Member Michelle Fay provided written comments on the proposed additional bike rack locations.

### c. Walk to School

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager provided a summary of the City's Annual Walk to School Day on October 2, 2019. Five elementary schools participated: College Park, Victoria, Sonora, Kaiser, and Woodland. Transportation staff, Bikeway and Walkability Committee members, and the Costa Mesa Police Department participated in the event.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

#### a. Southern California CycloCross

Dorothy Wong and Jeff Herring of Southern California CycloCross presented to the committee on the recreational cycling events organized by Southern California CycloCross. The all-ages events feature competitive races on 2.5 kilometer multi-terrain tracks. A Costa Mesa CycloCross event at Estancia Park is being planned for November 24<sup>th</sup>. The event includes teaching safe cycling and promoting cycling to kids.

## b. Bike Trail Signage

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager provided an update of staff's review of the signage at the entrance to JoAnn Street trail. A citywide wayfinding signage design project was completed in spring of 2019. Committee members requested Ms. Rosales to present information on the wayfinding signage design project at the next meeting.

## c. Sub Committees Report

#### 1. Public Outreach

Chair Cynthia McDonald reported on the committee's participation in the Annual Scarecrow Bicycle Event.

- a. Open Streets
  - i. Chair Cynthia McDonald reported on the Costa Makers event.

- ii. Member James Kane provided information on the event called "Meet on Beach" at the Beach Boulevard Parking lot at Pacific Coast Highway on November 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. Government Regulatory / Grants
  - a. No update
- 3. Safe Routes and Accessibility
  - a. No update
- 4. Economic Growth
  - a. Chamber of Commerce Liaison Brent Stoll discussed potential for portable bike racks for city events.
- 5. Presentation
  - a. No update
- 6. Mobility Share
  - a. No update
- 7. Walk Audits
  - a. No update

## d. Items for Next Agenda

- 1. Bike Rack Update
- 2. 3350 Ave of the Arts Easement Vacation
- 3. Wayfinding Signage Project Summary
- 4. Tactical Urbanism
- 5. Police Department Update

#### 7. SPOTLIGHT ON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

None

#### 8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- Vice Chair Ralph Taboada requested an evaluation of potential crosswalks at two locations for children walking to school: Avocado St. at Rutgers Dr. and Wilson St. at Rutgers Dr. Mr. Taboada suggested fencing to be placed on the median at Newport Blvd between 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Street to prevent jaywalking.
- 2. Member Fiorella Gardella requested crossing lights be installed on Fairview Road at Monticello. A road diet on Fairview Road was suggested by Chair Cynthia McDonald.
- 3. Member Richard Huffman expressed enthusiasm for more bicycle sharrow and bicycle street markings and frustration with the lack of progress.
- 4. Member Mark Cernicky discussed his observations of cars not waiting for handicapped persons crossing East 21st Street and Santa Ana Avenue.
- NMUSD Liaison Dr. Kirk Bauermeister discussed budgeting process for projects and suggested committee members to create a list of specific projects to be introduced during budgeting cycle.
- 6. Member James Kane commented on upcoming America Walks webinars on October 29<sup>th</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup>.
- 7. Chair Cynthia McDonald requested the evaluation of pedestrian crossing times of the signal at Harbor and 19<sup>th</sup>.

## 9. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

No comments.

## **10. STAFF COMMENTS**

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, provided a summary of the proposed OC Fair and Event Center Wayfinding and Traffic Improvement Perimeter Sign Plan which will be reviewed and considered by the Planning Commission on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

# 11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Next regular meeting is November 6, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at Costa Mesa City Hall – Conference Room 1A.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Submitted by:

Cynthia McDonald, Chair