

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

11-06-19

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 6:04 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 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 Bryan Estrada Member Michelle Fay Member Edwin Stanly Garcia Member Bridget Gleason Member Richard Huffman II Member James Kane Member Flo Martin Member Michael Nolf Member Kari Nieblas Vozenilek
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Committee Members Absent:	Member Mark Cernicky Member Fiorella Gardella Member Kyle Ramer Member Nathan Torres
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Chamber of Commerce Liaison:	Brent Stoll (not present)
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Newport-Mesa Unified School District Liaison:	Dr. Kirk Bauermeister
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City Council Liaisons:	Arlis Reynolds, Council Member Andrea Marr, Council Member (not present)
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Staff Present:	Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager Jake Wigal, Engineering Technician I
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3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Erickson shared his appreciation for the resurfacing of Victoria Street and 22nd Street and for construction zone flashing lights with stop signs. Mr. Erickson requested reflective paint on crosswalks. Mr. Erickson reminded the committee of an upcoming CycloCross event.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Richard Huffman II added “and frustration with lack of progress” to his member comments. Member James Kane clarified his member comment. Member Michelle Fay moved to approve the minutes as amended, and Member Michael Nolf seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Active Transportation Projects Update

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, updated the committee on the status of the City’s Active Transportation projects and initiatives including the development of a Pedestrian Master Plan.

b. Bike Rack Locations Update

Engineering Technician Jake Wigal presented an update on the installation of new bike racks utilizing Caltrans grant funding at various public facilities.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. 3350 Avenue of the Arts — Portion of Landscape Easement Vacation

Transportation Services Manager Jennifer Rosales provided background information on the proposed vacation of a portion of a landscape easement (5 feet in width) at 3350 Avenue of the Arts. Representatives from the Avenue of the Arts hotel provided additional information regarding the development project including a pedestrian and bicycle circulation plan and new pedestrian crossing.

Member Bryan Estrada moved to recommend approval of the five foot easement vacation with a recommendation that the developer pay for sharrow markings on the Avenue of the Arts. Member Edwin Stanly Garcia seconded the motion. Committee members discussed the motion.

Member Kari Nieblas Vozenilek made a substitute motion to recommend approval of the five foot easement vacation. Member Richard Huffman II seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-3. Nays: Members Edwin Stanly Garcia, Bridget Gleason, and Bryan Estrada.

b. Wayfinding Signage Project Summary

Moved to next meeting.

c. Tactical Urbanism

Russell Toler from Costa Mesa Alliance for Better Streets gave a presentation on tactical urbanism. Mr. Toler provided examples of community-led projects to re-purpose road space to promote active transportation. Russell provided examples of potential applications in Costa Mesa.

d. Sub Committees Report

1. Public Outreach

Chair Cynthia McDonald reported on the committee's participation in the Annual Scarecrow Bicycle Event and shared an award the committee was presented by the Mayor. Member Kari Nieblas Vozenilek updated the committee on the punch-card program.

a. Open Streets

Member James Kane noted the event "Meet on Beach" will be at the Beach Boulevard Parking lot on PCH on November 17th.

2. Government Regulatory / Grants

a. Chair Cynthia McDonald reported that Governor Newsom vetoed SB 127, and encouraged committee members to join the advocacy group CalBike.

3. Safe Routes and Accessibility

a. Chair Cynthia McDonald reported Bike Month is May, and the committee should look into organizing activities during this month.

4. Economic Growth

a. No report.

5. Presentation

a. No report.

6. Mobility Share

a. Chair Cynthia McDonald requested an update at the next meeting. Member Ralph Taboada requested feedback on the viability of a mobility share program in Costa Mesa. Member James Kane suggested e-scooter share companies include specific safety features such as seats, front and rear disc brakes, and wide, air-filled tires. Chair Cynthia McDonald suggested a bike-share program.

7. Walk Audits

a. A walk audit is scheduled for November 27th at College Park Elementary.

d. Items for Next Agenda

1. Agenda Reorganization

2. January Meeting Cancellation/Reschedule

3. Wayfinding Signage

7. SPOTLIGHT ON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

a. Police Department Update

Lieutenant Vic Bakkila presented information and statistics from the two pedestrian crosswalk stings that took place on June 19th and August 28th. Citations were issued to drivers for failing to yield to pedestrians. Lt. Bakkila also provided statistics on collisions involving pedestrians in the City over the last three years.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Member Flo Martin requested a crosswalk on the north leg of the Bristol Street at Town Center Drive intersection.

2. Member Bryan Estrada commented on his appreciation for the Police Department presentation. Mr. Estrada noted his desire for City Council to allocate more development funds towards active transportation.

3. Member James Kane provided information on the upcoming Strong Towns event. The event will take place on December 4 – 6. Mr. Kane also noted information about America Walks webinars on November 20th and December 11th.

4. Chair Cynthia McDonald reported that the City Council approved the concept of temporary racks at Fairview park.

9. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Council Member Arlis Reynolds will host a community bike ride on November 17th at 2:30 PM at the Costa Mesa/Donald Dungan Library.

10. STAFF COMMENTS

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, provided information from Orange County Transportation Authority regarding an upcoming seven-day bike path closure and detour occurring on the Santa Ana River Trail near I-405 in December as part of the I-405 construction project.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Next regular meeting is December 4, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at Costa Mesa City Hall – Conference Room 1A.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Submitted by:



Cynthia McDonald, Chair