

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BIKEWAY AND WALKABILITY COMMITTEE

01-07-20

These meeting minutes represent an “action minute” format. The Bikeway and Walkability Committee of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in a special session at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2020.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Ralph Taboada called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. at the Costa Mesa/Donald Dungan Library in the Adam’s Room at 1855 Park Ave, Costa Mesa, California.

2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Members Present: Vice Chair Ralph Taboada
Member Bryan Estrada
Member Michelle Fay
Member Richard Huffman II
Member James Kane
Member Mark Cernicky
Member Fiorella Gardella
Member Flo Martin
Member Michael Nolf

Committee Members Absent: Chair Cynthia McDonald
Member Edwin Stanly Garcia
Member Bridget Gleason
Member Kyle Ramer
Member Nathan Torres
Member Kari Nieblas Vozenilek

Chamber of Commerce Liaison: Brent Stoll (not present)

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

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

Staff Present: Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager
Ramin Nikoui, Assistant Engineer

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Resident who participated in a walk audit requested continuous sidewalks on Bernard Street between Harbor Boulevard and Maple Avenue. Comments included utility obstacles in sidewalks in this neighborhood.

2. Mesa Verde resident commented on an article in the Westways magazine (January/February 2020 issue) regarding the reduction of the number of vehicle travel lanes to add bike lanes. The resident is concerned about the bicycle project designs discussed in the article from Long Beach.
3. Planning Commissioner Marc Perkins provided an update to the committee on upcoming planning activities, Council Member Reynolds monthly bicycle ride, and the Orange Coast College's Flex Day and Sustainability Fair on February 20. The plans for the OCC Flex Day include Lime e-scooter demonstration on campus.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Bryan Estrada moved to approve the December 4, 2019 meeting minutes and member Richard Huffman II seconded the motion. The motion passed; 7 yes and 1 abstain.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Class II and Class III Projects

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, provided an update on the Class II and Class III projects which includes ten Class III bicycle facilities as prioritized by committee members and Class II bicycle signing/stripping modifications at three intersections. This project is in the public bid phase for construction. Bid opening is scheduled for February 10. Vice Chair Ralph Taboada is concerned about the budget and priorities between Class II and Class III bicycle facilities.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Bear Street Improvements

Transportation Services Manager, Jennifer Rosales, provided an update on the Bear Street improvements and request to Caltrans to approve proposed bike lanes in state right-of-way.

Marc Perkins, board member from the Costa Mesa Alliance for Better Streets (CMABS), presented the information provided in the letter from CMABS to the members of the committee.

Member Bryan Estrada moved to make a recommendation to the City Council that complete street design enhancements be incorporated into the Bear Street improvements and the design information identified in the letter January 6, 2020 from the Costa Mesa Alliance for Better Streets be considered for future design improvements to Bear Street. Member Flo Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Capital Improvements Projects – Budget Requests for ATP Projects

Transportation Services Manager, Jennifer Rosales, presented a list of proposed projects from the Transportation Division for Fiscal Year (FY) 20-21 Capital Improvement Projects. Committee members suggested the following additional projects to be added to the list for consideration: Mesa Verde Drive East Class II Bicycle Lane between Adams and Harbor and Engineering Division's New Sidewalk/Missing Link and Sidewalk Repair projects.

c. Sub Committees Report

1. Public Outreach
 - a. No Report
2. Government Regulatory / Grants
 - a. No Report
3. Safe Routes and Accessibility
 - a. No Report
4. Economic Growth
 - a. No report
5. Presentation
 - a. Vice Chair Ralph Taboada noted that Chair Cynthia McDonald has updated the presentation for City Council on February 18, 2020 and will present presentation at the February committee meeting.
6. Mobility Share
 - a. No Report
7. Walk Audits
 - a. Member Michelle Fay discussed concerns regarding sufficient funding in the budget for new sidewalks and to close sidewalk gaps.
8. Open Streets
 - a. Member Bryan Estrada provided an update that the subcommittee is brainstorming ideas for a potential future open streets event and meeting to discuss ideas.

7. SPOTLIGHT ON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

- a. None

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements handout was provided to committee members and posted on the committee website.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Member Flo Martin requested committee members who are continuously absent be asked to resign.
2. Member Michael Nolf noted concerns about trash cans being placed in bike lanes by residents on Victoria Avenue. The Costa Mesa app can be used to report trash and trash can issues.
3. Vice Chair Ralph Taboada discussed a bill in the state of New York that was vetoed by the New York Governor Cuomo on e-scooters due to lack of requirements to wear helmets.

10. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

None.

11. STAFF COMMENTS

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, provided an update on the upcoming Pedestrian Master Plan project.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Next regular meeting is February 5, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at Costa Mesa City Hall – Conference Room 1A.

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

1. Adams Avenue Improvements Project
2. Annual Presentation to the City Council
3. CIP Budget Requests
4. Bicycle Racks
5. Class II and III Projects
6. Pedestrian Master Plan Update
7. Bear Street Improvements

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Submitted by:



Cynthia McDonald, Chair