

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

02-05-2020

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 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 2020.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cynthia McDonald called the meeting to order, at 6:06 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 Fiorella Gardella
 Member Bridget Gleason
 Member Richard Huffman II
 Member James Kane
 Member Michael Nolf
 Member Kari Nieblas Vozenilek

Committee Members Absent: Member Mark Cernicky
 Member Edwin Stanly Garcia
 Member Flo Martin
 Member Kyle Ramer
 Member Nathan Torres

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 (not present)
 Andrea Marr, Council Member (not present)

Staff Present: Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director
 Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager
 Ramin Nikoui, Assistant Engineer

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Kari Nieblas Vozenilek moved to approve the special meeting minutes of January 7, 2020 and Member Michelle Fay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Bear Street Improvements

Chair Cynthia McDonald presented a draft letter from the Bikeway and Walkability Committee to City Council regarding active transportation improvements on Bear Street. Committee members discussed the draft letter and revisions to the letter. Chair Cynthia McDonald moved to approve the letter with the revisions as discussed by the committee. The motion was seconded by Bryan Estrada. The motion passed; 9 yes and 1 abstain.

b. Pedestrian Master Plan Update

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

c. Bike Rack Update

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, presented an update of the two bicycle rack projects consisting of the Caltrans grant project and Citywide bicycle rack project. All of the bicycle racks included in the Caltrans grant project have been installed consisting of 64 new bike racks at 13 locations. Available funds of \$100,000 remain for the Citywide bicycle rack project.

d. 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, 2020. Vice Chair Ralph Taboada voiced concern regarding budget and priorities between Class II and Class III bicycle facilities.

e. Capital Improvement Projects – Budget Requests for ATP Projects

Transportation Services Manager, Jennifer Rosales, presented a list of proposed active transportation projects from the Transportation Division for Fiscal Year (FY) 20-21 Capital Improvement Projects. City staff will prepare an online survey for committee members to assist the committee in prioritizing proposed project requests.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Adams Avenue Multi-Use Trail Project – Design Concepts

Seung Yang and Kelly Dalton, Engineering Division, presented conceptual design alternatives for the Adams Avenue Improvement Project. The presentation highlighted three alternatives consisting of buffered bike lanes, cycle tracks with separate pedestrian sidewalk, and a shared-use path for bicyclists and pedestrians. Committee members

provided their comments and input to each of the alternatives. Staff will incorporate input from committee members into revised design concepts to be presented at a public workshop on February 26, 2020.

b. Sub Committees Report

1. Public Outreach
 - a. Member Kari Nieblas Vozenilek commented that the existing bike maps need to be updated. City staff encouraged committee members to mark up the maps with any updates and submit revisions to the maps.
2. Government Regulatory / Grants
 - a. Chair Cynthia McDonald discussed an upcoming AARP grant that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages. Applications are being accepted for projects to improve housing, transportation, public space, technology, and more.
3. Safe Routes and Accessibility
 - a. No report.
4. Economic Growth
 - a. No report.
5. Presentation
 - a. Chair Cynthia McDonald presented the draft PowerPoint presentation for the Bikeway and Walkability Committee annual report to the City Council on February 18, 2020.
6. Mobility Share
 - a. Member James Kane commented that Bird, an e-scooter company, is changing their business plan to try to reduce maintenance costs and increase profits. The potential changes include moving to a long term lease and migrating to a dock system.
7. Walk Audits
 - a. Member Michelle Fay provided an update that the subcommittee conducted a walk audit along the suggested route to school for College Park Elementary. The next walk audit is scheduled for February 19th along Bear Street.
8. Open Streets
 - a. Vice Chair Ralph Taboada provided an update that the subcommittee is developing a flier for a proposed open streets event in late September to early October. Ralph Taboada also discussed an upcoming open streets event in Long Beach in March.

7. SPOTLIGHT ON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

None.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Chair Cynthia McDonald reminded committee members that half of the committee membership terms expire on April 1, 2020.
2. Vice Chair Ralph Taboada read excerpts from an article in Parade Magazine regarding a walking school bus program and increasing walkability.

3. Member Michael Nolf requested committee member input to a survey on bicycle-child carriers and will forward a link to staff.
4. Member Richard Huffman II expressed interest in reviewing the Merrimac Way project design.
5. Member James Kane commented on concerns regarding the coronavirus.

10. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

None.

11. STAFF COMMENTS

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, provided an update on the status of the City's current active transportation projects and initiatives.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Next regular meeting is March 4, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at Costa Mesa City Hall – Conference Room 1A.

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

1. Class II and Class III Projects Construction Bids
2. CIP Priority Survey
3. Merrimac Way Project Presentation
4. HEAL Resolution
5. Walk Audits

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Submitted by:



Cynthia McDonald, Chair