

MINUTES OF THE BIKEWAY AND WALKABILITY COMMITTEE

09-02-2020

These meeting minutes represent an “action minute” format. The Bikeway and Walkability Committee of the City of Costa Mesa, California met remotely via Zoom Webinar at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2020.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cynthia McDonald called the meeting to order, at 6:00 p.m. on a City-organized virtual Zoom webinar.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: Chair Cynthia McDonald
Vice-Chair Ralph Taboada
Member Bryan Estrada
Member Michelle Fay
Member Bridget Gleason
Member Richard Huffman II
Member James Kane
Member Flo Martin
Member Michael Nolf

Committee Members Absent: Member Mark Cernicky

Chamber of Commerce Liaison: Brent Stoll

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: Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director
Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager
Ramin Nikoui, Assistant Engineer
Brenda Green, City Clerk
Mitchell Nieman, Senior Management Analyst

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

a. None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Bryan Estrada moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 4, 2020 and Member Flo Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Active Transportation Projects – Staff Update

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, presented and provided an update on the City's Active Transportation Projects which included new projects: Parklets Projects and Randolph Avenue Improvements Project.

Vice Chair Ralph Taboada voiced concerns regarding priorities between Class II and Class III bicycle facilities.

Chair Cynthia McDonald requested to have bike racks installed as part of the Randolph Avenue Improvements Project. Member Bryan Estrada asked about bicycle pavement markings.

Member Rick Huffman asked about the potential of a lower speed limit along Adams Avenue resulting from the Adams Avenue and Pinecreek Drive Intersection Project.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. None

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Public Outreach

a. None

B. Government Regulatory / Grants

- a. Chair Cynthia McDonald briefed the committee on two bills that were passed: California Assembly Bill 1286 and Senate Bill 288 and how they affect shared mobility devices and CEQA compliance for bicycle projects, respectively.

C. Safe Routes and Accessibility

a. None

D. Economic Growth

a. None

E. Presentation

a. None

F. Mobility Share

a. None

G. Walk Audits

- a. Member Michelle Fay gave an update on the CalWalks Walking & Bicycle Safety Training held via Zoom on August 28, 2020. The training yielded feedback for CalWalks to prepare a report for the City of Costa Mesa and Caltrans.

H. Open Streets

- a. Vice Chair Ralph Taboada discussed resuming the planning for an Open Street event in Spring/Summer 2021, depending on the status of the current pandemic.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Vice Chair Ralph Taboada noted that bicycle sales have increased because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Ralph Taboada commented that this increase should put an increased focus on Class II and Class III bicycle facilities including review of existing Class II bicycle infrastructure. Vice Chair Ralph Taboada commented that the

committee should continue meeting to push forward with additional active transportation projects.

2. Member Flo Martin voiced concern about excessive speeding along Fair Drive between Harbor Boulevard and Fairview Road and requested a radar speed feedback sign.
3. Member James Kane asked about the status of the new membership applications for new committee members. Brenda Green, City Clerk, informed the committee that due to COVID-19 impacts, recruitments for committee members are on hold until end of November through December.
4. Member James Kane noted that bicycle shops have been extremely busy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

9. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Council Member Arlis Reynolds noted that Caltrans District 12 is preparing outreach for their Active Transportation Plan and stressed the importance of committee members to be actively engaged in the outreach. Council Member Reynolds commented that there is a plan to engage the Walk and Rollers Group, who normally conduct bicycle safety and bicycle maintenance trainings, to do training with social distancing in the City. Council Member Reynolds briefed the committee on partnership with SCAG on a grant application to get technical assistance for active transportation demonstration projects.

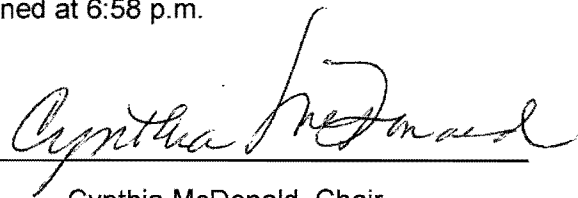
10. STAFF COMMENTS

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, noted that the City sent a letter of support to SCAG for an ATP grant application for technical assistance and training that could result in funding for active transportation pilot projects in Costa Mesa.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Submitted by:



Cynthia McDonald, Chair