

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

01-06-2021

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 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6, 2021.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cynthia McDonald called the meeting to order, at 3:01 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 Bridget Gleason
 Member Richard Huffman II
 Member James Kane
 Member Flo Martin
 Member Michael Nolf

Committee Members Absent: Member Mark Cernicky
 Member Michelle Fay

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, Mayor Pro Tem (not present)

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Erickson commented that he had previously brought to the attention of this Committee the need for bike racks in Fairview Park. Jennifer Rosales commented that Cynthia D’Agosta, the Fairview Park Administrator, had broached the subject with the Fairview Park Steering Committee. That committee is aware of the desire for racks in the park and wants a design that fits with the natural setting of the park. Ms. Rosales will follow up with Ms. D’Agosta regarding Fairview Park bike racks.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Vice-Chair Ralph Taboada moved to approve the meeting minutes of November 4, 2020 and Member Bryan Estrada 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. Members expressed concerns regarding Adams/Pinecreek, West 19th Street and Adams Avenue (Mesa Verde) projects. Ms. Rosales commented that staff should find out the status of grant applications in the spring. Ms. Rosales will email a copy of the Active Transportation Projects update to members of the committee.

B. Pedestrian Master Plan

Roger Pelayo, project manager from KOA, the consultant who is preparing the Pedestrian Master Plan ("PMP"), presented an update on the work underway for the PMP. The primary focus was on walk audits. Six of those walk audits will be in the opportunity zones depicted in the Active Transportation Plan, but Committee members and the public can conduct their own walk audits as well. A map showing the locations of "hot spots" where most pedestrian collisions have occurred was presented. A copy of that map is attached hereto. At the request of Member Richard Huffman, two of the proposed walk audits will be combined to include a walk audit of Fairview Road north of Baker Street. City Council Liaison Arlis Reynolds noted that the walk audits should be a broad representation of all parts of Costa Mesa. The consultant will be rolling out a survey for resident input as well.

Based on committee member input, the walk audits will be postponed until the February/March period due to COVID concerns. The consultant will be providing public outreach for walk audit training. Staff will contact member Michelle Fay to request copies of walk audit information already performed by BWC committee members.

C. Commercial Bike Rack Program

Ms. Rosales updated the Committee on the City Attorney's memo regarding a commercial bike rack program. City Council approval of a program to use CIP funds to purchase and/or install bicycle racks on private property would be needed. Appropriate agreements and insurance would be required of the private property/business owner(s) to minimize risk to the City and ensure the racks are used as intended. Two options for a potential program to purchase and install commercial bike racks were outlined. Chamber of Commerce Liaison Brent Stoll reiterated that the Chamber of Commerce is enthusiastic and supportive of the program.

Staff and Chamber of Commerce representatives, will draft an outline of a potential bike rack program including advertising ideas, potential selection process, estimated program costs, insurance requirements, and other considerations for review in the spring by the committee and City Council. Ms. Rosales will distribute a copy of PowerPoint summarizing the City Attorney's memo to committee members.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Class II & III Bike Rack Funding/Wayfinding Signage

Vice-Chair Ralph Taboada gave a presentation including a brief overview of the history of the Committee's efforts with respect to Class II and III bike lanes, the importance of establishing a minimum grid of Class II bikeways and the need to re-evaluate Class III projects. He advocated that the Committee prioritize improvements to Class II lanes ahead of Class III routes.

Action: Upon motion made by Vice-Chair Taboada and seconded by Member Flo Martin, the Committee approved a recommendation to City Council that Class II bike lanes be prioritized with a focus on the existing concerns including Victoria Street, Placentia Avenue, Fairview Road and Sunflower Avenue. That motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chair Taboada presented the status of bike rack funding with the assertion that the City has excess funding to meet immediate needs. He suggested the Committee recommend \$75,000 of the current bike rack funding be reallocated to wayfinding signage, including signage for existing bike lanes and for use in City parks.

Action: Upon motion made by Vice-Chair Taboada and seconded by Member Flo Martin, the Committee approved the recommendation to City Council that \$75,000 of the existing bike rack funding be allocated to wayfinding signage. That motion passed unanimously.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Chair Cynthia McDonald reported on an article in the Wall Street Journal about projected decline in sales of automobiles. She also stated that bicycle sales are at the highest level since 1973.
- B. Member Bryan Estrada commented about the tragic death of Noel Bascom.
- C. Member Flo Martin suggested the City remove the bike route signage on Wilson Street near Fairview Road and near College Avenue.
- D. Member Bridget Gleason spoke of buying a home on the Westside and how she wants to support her new neighbors by making it safer for cyclists and pedestrians.
- E. Member Richard Huffman reported that the Santa Ana restriped bike lanes on Bristol Street are excellent. He suggested the installation of similar lanes on Harbor Boulevard in Costa Mesa.
- F. Member James Kane informed the committee of an upcoming America Walks webinar on January 13.
- G. Member Michael Nolf stated that he is excited about getting moving on a Class II bike lane on Placentia Avenue from Estancia High School going south and suggested the installation of bollards/delineators on the section of that street, especially on the section that runs through Fairview Park.

9. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

City Council Liaison Arlis Reynolds thanked the members of the Committee and Staff. She

commented that the tragedy of Noel Bascom's death is a reminder of the value of being able to explore our city safely. She also noted that speed management plans are part of the Vision Zero effort.


10. STAFF COMMENTS

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, reminded Members to reapply for positions on the Committee. She also reported that the Bear Street improvements, including new striping and a bike box, are complete. Public Services Director Raja Sethuraman requested that the Committee start preparing its annual presentation to the City Council, with a target date of March.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

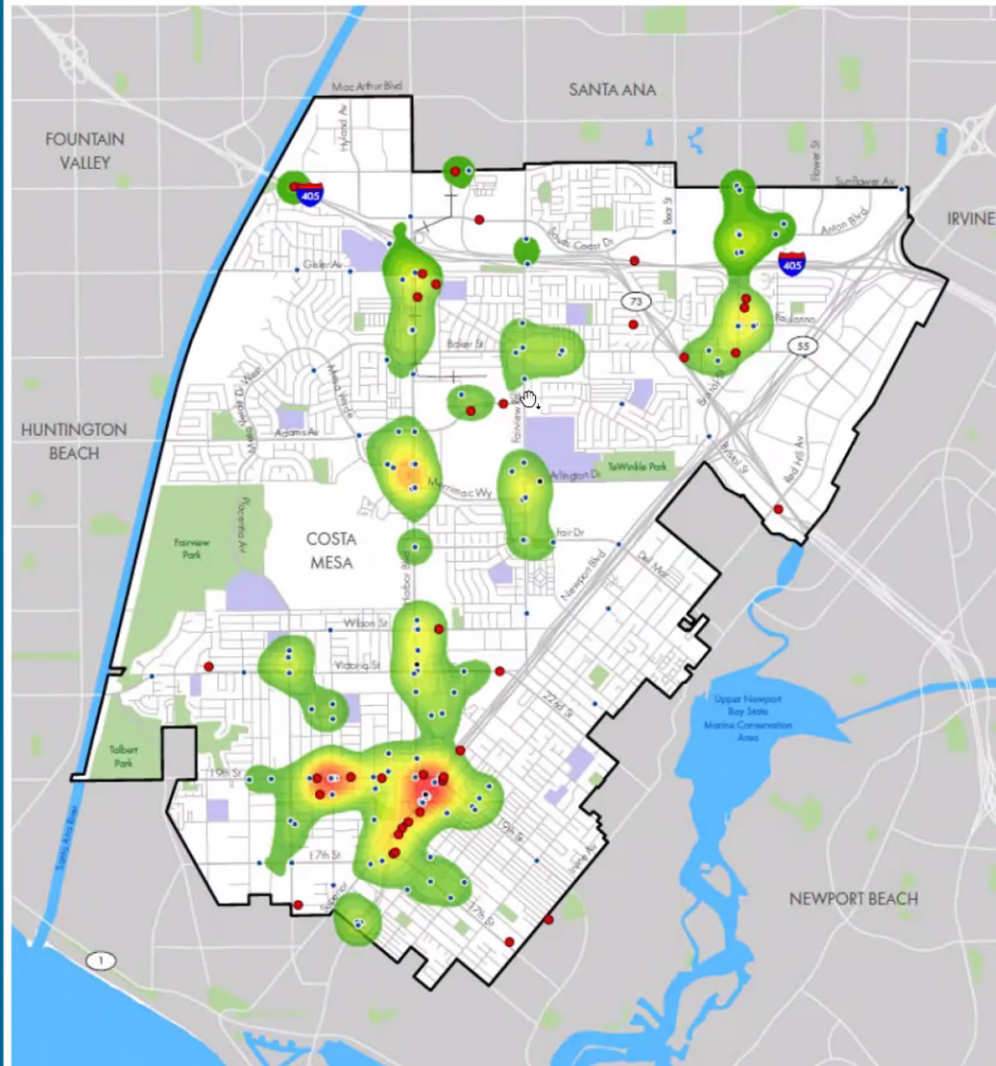
Submitted by:


Cynthia McDonald, Chair

MAP OF PEDESTRIAN HOT SPOTS

Preliminary Collision Analysis

Hot Spot Analysis



Legend

Citywide Ped-Involved Collisions

- Fatal and Severe Injury
- Other Injuries
- Property Damage Only

1/4-Mile Collision Density
Low High

- Costa Mesa City Boundary
- +—+— Railway
- ▭ School Boundaries
- ▭ Parks and Recreation
- ▭ Waterways

Data Shown: July 2015 to June 2020

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