

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIKEWAY AND WALKABILITY COMMITTEE

July 7, 2021

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 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7, 2021.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cynthia McDonald called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. via a City-organized virtual Zoom webinar.

2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Members Present:

Chair Cynthia McDonald
Vice Chair Jim Erickson
Member Bryan Estrada
Member Bridget Gleason
Member Richard Huffman II
Member Flo Martin
Member David Martinez
Member Michael Moses Nolf
Member Ralph Taboada
Member Emily Webb
Member Trace Yulie

Alternate Committee Members:

Member John Lux (not present)
Member Jimmy Vivar

Chamber of Commerce Liaison:

Brent Stoll (not present)

Newport-Mesa Unified School
District Liaison Present:

Dr. Kirk Bauermeister

City Council Liaisons Present:

Jeffrey Harlan, Council Member
Arlis Reynolds, Council Member

Staff Present:

Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director
Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager
Ramin Nikoui, Associate Engineer
Seung Yang, City Engineer

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident, Elizabeth Ward-Bell, submitted a public comment to City staff via email regarding a

bicycle and pedestrian island on Oriole Drive.

Resident, Sam Greenberg, commented on consideration of protected bike lanes on Wilson Street.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Meeting on June 2, 2021

Vice Chair Erickson moved to approve the minutes. Member Estrada seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Pedestrian Master Plan – Consultant and Staff

Ms. Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, introduced the new project manager for the Pedestrian Master Plan Project, Frank Barrera, as well as Mr. Barrera's sub-consultant Rock Miller. Mr. Barrera and Mr. Miller presented a project overview, stakeholder engagement summary, existing conditions analysis, and the pedestrian improvement toolbox for the Pedestrian Master Plan Project.

b. Active Transportation Projects – Staff Update

Ms. Rosales presented an update of the City's Active Transportation Projects.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure Suggestions – Committee Members

Over \$2 million was approved for active transportation projects in the fiscal year 21-22 capital improvement project budget. Committee members discussed with City Staff suggestions for enhancing the City's existing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. Member Taboada recommended this item be continued to the next committee meeting and Chair McDonald concurred.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (2 MINUTES EACH)

a. Public Outreach

None.

b. Government Regulatory / Grants

Chair McDonald shared that AB 122 and AB 1238 passed the senate transportation committee and that there is currently a proposed bill to prohibit Bike Share.

c. Safe Routes and Accessibility

None.

d. Economic Growth

None

e. Presentation

None

f. Mobility Share
None

g. Walk Audits
None

h. Open Streets
None

i. Active Transportation Plan Implementation
Member Taboada commented that the committee should review the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) and identify projects listed in the ATP for the committee to focus on for long-term planning.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)

Vice Chair Erickson spoke on the OC Step Program and available grant funds for the program.

Member Gleason asked City staff about the funding source of the crossing guards and potential input from crossing guards.

Member Huffman commented in favor of bike lanes on Bristol Street near The Camp and The Lab. He commented on tree removal at Adams Avenue and Fairview Road. He commented in favor of delineators separating bike lanes from vehicular traffic.

Member Martin recounted that John Ciccarelli, safety expert for UC Berkeley SafeTREC, rented an E-bike and rode Bristol Street.

Member Martinez commented on desire to change the planning code to become a more walkable city. He shared his experience biking outside of Costa Mesa.

Member Webb asked about updates on the memos the committee developed.

Member Vivar shared his entry to the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Journal for the Reimagine 19th Street demonstration project which was selected for the Public Agency Showcase section in the July edition of the journal.

9. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)

Council Member Reynolds thanked Member Vivar for submitting the Reimagine 19th Street Demonstration Project to the ITE Journal. She commented on the new Active Transportation Coordinator recruitment for the City's Transportation Services Division. Council Member Reynolds shared that a quarterly City liaisons meeting with the Newport Mesa Unified School District is scheduled for July 16th.

Council Member Harlan commented on the City's approved FY21-22 budget and how there was an increase in allocated funds for ATP projects. He commented on working with City staff and the committee to create an educational campaign specific to electric bike use and would solicit support.

10. STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Rosales commented on the Complete Streets Safety Assessment and field visit conducted in June by UC Berkeley SafeTrec. Ms. Rosales commented on International Walk to School Day to be held on October 6th which is scheduled annually for the first Wednesday of October.

Public Services Director, Raja Sethuraman, shared that July 17th would be the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Norma Hertzog Community Center and the Lions Park Playground.

11. NEXT MEETING

Vice Chair Erickson moved to adjourn the August Bikeway and Walkability Committee meeting and for the next meeting to be Wednesday, September 1, 2021. Member Estrada seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Cynthia McDonald

Cynthia McDonald, Chair

NIKOU, RAMIN

From: Elizabeth Ward-Bell <e.ward-bell@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:45 PM
To: NIKOU, RAMIN
Cc: Hillary Andrea
Subject: Bike path route thru Upper Birds

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Notes for bicycle path meeting July 7, 2021

Good morning,

I live in the neighborhood where the bike path ends.

I wanted to make a suggestion that might solve two problems we face;

- the path just wondering off without direction
- speeding cars that cut thru our neighborhood

I would like to suggest a bicycle/pedestrian safety island centered on Oriole Drive, where Oriole Dr originally ended in a cul-de-sac, right in the middle of the curve.

The homeowners on Oriole Dr. have complained of cut thru speeders for years, but due to the quantity of traffic not meeting city guidelines, we can't even get speed bumps that are used in nearby neighborhoods.

A "skinny" barricade on Oriole Dr would be welcome to residents on Oriole and to bicycle riders to guide them safely to Placentia.

I hope this idea doesn't fall on deaf ears. I feel this is a valid solution to both issues.

Thank you,
E. Ward

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