

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIKEWAY AND WALKABILITY COMMITTEE

September 1, 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, September 1, 2021.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cynthia McDonald called the meeting to order at 4:05 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 Richard Huffman II
Member Flo Martin
Member David Martinez
Member Michael Moses Nolf
Member Ralph Taboada
Member Emily Webb
Member Trace Yulie

Committee Members Absent:

Member Bryan Estrada
Member Bridget Gleason

Alternate Committee Members:

Member John Lux (not present)
Member Jimmy Vivar (not present)

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
Ramin Nikoui, Associate Engineer

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Member of the public, Marc Vukceovich, spoke about the City’s bicycle rack map and slurry seal projects.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Meeting on July 7, 2021

Vice Chair Erickson moved to approve the minutes with the public comment received for the meeting via email. The minutes will include the public comment attached. Member Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed, 6 yes, 3 no.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Adams Avenue at Pinecreek Drive Intersection Project and the Adams Avenue Bicycle Facility Project (Harbor to Fairview)

The City's consultant, KOA Corporation, presented the concept design for the Adams Avenue and Pinecreek Drive Intersection Project and the Adams Avenue Bicycle Facility Project. The committee members provided comments for the projects.

b. Active Transportation Projects

Mr. Nikoui, Associate Engineer, presented an update of the City's Active Transportation Projects. The footprint required for the installation of the "bicycle style" bike racks will be emailed to committee members.

c. Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure Suggestions (5 Year Plan)

Chair McDonald moved that the Active Transportation Plan Implementation subcommittee develop a proposed list of bicycle and pedestrian projects for implementation over a 5-year period and to develop criteria for prioritization of future active transportation projects. Member Taboada seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Walk to School in October – Staff and Committee Members

Mr. Nikoui provided an update of the ongoing coordination effort with five elementary schools in the City for the National Walk to School Day on October 6th. Dr. Bauermeister, Newport-Mesa Unified School District Liaison, shared plans to meet with Dr. Kurt Suhr, Executive Director for Elementary Education. Mr. Sethuraman, Public Services Director, noted that if more than five (5) schools were interested in participating for Walk to School Day, the City would host another Walk to School Day on October 13th.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (2 MINUTES EACH)

a. Public Outreach

None.

b. Government Regulatory / Grants

None.

c. Safe Routes and Accessibility

Vice Chair Erickson commented on the STEP program.

d. Economic Growth
None.

e. Presentation
None.

f. Mobility Share
None.

g. Walk Audits
None.

h. Open Streets
Member Taboada commented on looking for an individual with experience planning Open Streets events and he would like to begin planning for a proposed open streets event for spring 2022.

i. Active Transportation Plan Implementation
Member Taboada commented on a meeting held with the subcommittee and City staff to review bicycle lane striping plans related to the 2021 Slurry Seal Project. Four streets were discussed: Baker (west of Harbor), Country Club, El Camino, and West 18th St.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)

Chair McDonald commented on a video of kids riding e-bikes and not stopping at stop signs. She commented that she's seen e-bike riders on the street traveling at 25 miles per hour. She asked committee members to contact their district Council Member regarding updating the City's ordinances involving bicycling and addressing the lack of regulation of e-bikes.

Vice Chair Erickson commented that pedestrian pushbuttons are missing signs on the button frames at National and Victoria.

Member Martinez commented on the scheduling of public outreach meetings on the same day as committee meetings. Member Martinez commented on the temporary protected cycle track for the Concert in The Park. He requested that the bicycle rack map be updated to include the new racks at Fairview Park. He inquired about City Council review of the committee letter regarding bike permitting.

Member Nolf commented on the need for bicycle racks at the newly renovated Lions Park.

9. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)

Council Member Reynolds thanked staff for their work on the current active transportation projects and reminded committee members about the housing element update meeting on September 2nd.

10. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Sethuraman commented on the difficulty in calendar availabilities for public meetings. He asked for committee member support of the Adams Avenue (Santa Ana River to Royal Palm) Undergrounding for presentation at the City Council Meeting on September 7th.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2021 at 4:00PM.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Submitted by: *Cynthia McDonald*
Cynthia McDonald, Chair