

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

October 6, 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, October 6, 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:

Dr. Kirk Bauermeister

City Council Liaison(s) Present:

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, C.C. LaGrange submitted a public comment to City staff via email regarding Class II bike lanes on Santa Ana Avenue, and staff forwarded the email to committee members and liaisons.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Meeting on September 1, 2021

Vice Chair Erickson moved to approve the minutes. Member Nolf seconded the motion. The motion passed, 9 yes with 2 abstentions.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Walk to School in October

Mr. Nikoui, Associate Engineer, provided a presentation on the Walk to School Day events on October 6, 2021, and committee members and liaisons shared their experiences participating in the events. Mr. Nikoui provided information on the second Walk to School Day planned for October 13, 2021.

- b. Active Transportation Projects

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

- c. Bike Racks

Ms. Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, presented the new "bicycle style" bike racks and the footprint required for their installation.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (2 MINUTES EACH)**

- a. Public Outreach  
None.

- b. Government Regulatory / Grants  
Chair McDonald shared the results of her research into the existing e-bike laws in California and the different designations of e-bikes.

- c. Safe Routes and Accessibility  
None.

- d. Economic Growth  
None.

- e. Presentation  
None.

- f. Mobility Share  
None.

g. Walk Audits  
None.

h. Open Streets  
Member Taboada commented on continuing to look for an individual with experience planning Open Streets events.

i. Active Transportation Plan Implementation  
Member Taboada commented on the proposed Class IV bicycle facility on Baker Street between Mesa Verde Drive East and Labrador.

## **8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)**

Chair McDonald thanked staff for their work on Fairview Road and the addition of the green pavement treatments for bicyclists.

Vice Chair Erickson commented on the bicycle rodeo hosted by Save Our Youth and the City of Costa Mesa on Saturday, October 9, 2021.

Member Martinez commented on a crosswalk on Fairview Road between Fair Drive and Wilson Street and the opening of an electric bike company. Member Martinez requested the City to distribute the Complete Street Assessment Report. He inquired about the City Council review of the committee letter regarding bike licensing and ordinances. He suggested the committee consider recommending a name change to the "Active Transportation Committee".

Member Nolf thanked staff for organizing the October 6<sup>th</sup> Walk to School Day event. He requested additional bicycle racks at the Lions Park Playground.

Member Taboada commented on the "Two Wheels One Planet" cycling event. He thanked staff for Bernard Street work and commented on the signal timing of intersections at Paularino/Fairview and Pomona/Wilson.

Member Webb commented on the lack of crosswalks at the intersection of California at Minnesota.

Member Yulie commented in favor of recommending a committee name change. She agreed with Member Nolf's request for additional bicycle racks at Lions Park Playground.

Member Vivar thanked staff for organizing the October 6<sup>th</sup> Walk to School Day event.

## **9. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)**

Council Member Reynolds thanked staff for work on the current active transportation projects and for organizing the October 6<sup>th</sup> Walk to School Day event. Council Member Reynolds commented on discussions regarding Vision Zero. She announced the upcoming Halloween themed costume ride, the "Strong Towns" team visiting Costa Mesa, Merrimac Way ribbon cutting, and Assembly Bill 43.

## **10. STAFF COMMENTS**

Ms. Rosales reminded committee members about the West 19<sup>th</sup> Street Community Outreach Meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup> to be held in person at the Costa Mesa Senior Center.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2021 at 4:00PM.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

**Submitted by:** *Cynthia McDonald*  
Cynthia McDonald, Chair