

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIKEWAY AND WALKABILITY COMMITTEE

November 3, 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, November 3, 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 Trace Yulie

Committee Members Absent:

Member Emily Webb

Alternate Committee Members:

Member John Lux (not present)
Member Jimmy Vivar

Chamber of Commerce Liaison:

Brent Stoll

Newport-Mesa Unified School
District Liaison:

Dr. Kirk Bauermeister

City Council Liaison(s):

Not present

Staff Present:

Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director
Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager
Ramin Nikoui, Associate Engineer
Victor Bakkila, Police Captain

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Meeting on October 6, 2021

Member Estrada moved to approve the minutes. Member Martinez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Walk to School in October

Mr. Nikoui, Associate Engineer, provided a presentation on the second Walk to School Day event on October 13, 2021 and an overview of the two day events.

b. Active Transportation Projects – West 19th Street Project

Ms. Rosales and Mr. Nikoui, presented a summary of the West 19th Street public outreach meeting held on October 18, 2021 at the Costa Mesa Senior Center.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Bike Registration

Police Department Captain Victor Bakkila answered committee member's questions regarding bicycle registration and enforcement.

b. Bikeway and Walkability Committee name change recommendation to Active Transportation Committee

Vice Chair Erickson moved to recommend to City Council to change the Bikeway and Walkability Committee's name to the Active Transportation Committee. Member Taboada seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Subcommittees scope of work

Member Taboada suggested the Government Regulatory/Grants subcommittee expand its scope to include reviewing City ordinances.

Member Taboada suggested the Walk Audits subcommittee expand its scope to include implementation of the Pedestrian Master Plan. He recommended the subcommittee's name be changed to Pedestrian Master Plan Implementation Subcommittee.

Chair McDonald requested each subcommittee meet before the December committee meeting to discuss recommendations on modifying each subcommittee's scope of work.

d. Pedestrian Master Plan

A memorandum prepared by Chair McDonald, Vice Chair Erickson, and Member Taboada addressed to Bikeway and Walkability Committee members and the Transportation Services Manager regarding the Pedestrian Master Plan was distributed by staff to committee members prior to the committee meeting. Committee members discussed the scope of work for the Pedestrian Master Plan based on the scope of work in the Request for Proposals (RFP). Committee members

discussed concerns about the progress of tasks and materials for review from the consultant to committee members. Staff noted that the final scope of work in SCAG's contract with the consultant was reduced from the RFP's scope during SCAG's contract negotiations with the consultant to reflect the available project funding and project costs. Committee members voiced concerns related to scope changes made by SCAG during contract negotiations with the selected consultant. Staff will request the final scope of work from SCAG in the consultant's contract and distribute to committee members.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (2 MINUTES EACH)

- a. Public Outreach
None.
- b. Government Regulatory / Grants
Chair McDonald commented that the California Governor did not sign the Idaho Stop bill equivalent for California.
- c. Safe Routes and Accessibility
Vice Chair Erickson inquired about the OCTA STEP program for schools in the Newport Mesa Unified School District.
- 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 shared that the Active Transportation Plan Implementation subcommittee is planning to meet.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)

Vice Chair Erickson commented on two new bicycle racks planned for installation in the Vista Center commercial area near the intersection of West 19th Street and Placentia Avenue. He commented on the intersection of Newport Boulevard and Industrial Way. Mr. Erickson thanked staff for the traffic calming pilot project along Meyer Place and requested a similar pilot project be implemented along Pomona Avenue. He shared information about the upcoming 2021 Cyclo Cross event at Estancia Park during the weekend of Thanksgiving.

Member Martinez commented on Title 4 of the City of Costa Mesa Municipal Code. He commented on

the lack of bicycles at City events, such as the Scarecrow festival. He thanked staff for the bike racks on West 19th Street and requested consideration of a bicycle repair station at a City park for a future project. Mr. Martinez commented on upcoming active transportation related events in November.

Member Moses thanked staff for bicycle rack installations on West 19th Street and near Lions Park. He commented on the temporary traffic circles along Meyer Place.

Member Yulie asked about the next steps for presenting the committee's bicycle licensing memo to City Council.

Member Taboada commented on the Placentia Avenue, Fairview Road, and Del Mar Avenue bike facility design projects. He commented on the compact street sweeper approved by City Council for procurement. He thanked staff for the pilot projects on Meyer Place and Royal Palm Drive. Member Taboada presented two videos showing on-street parking with protected bike lanes.

Member Huffman presented construction photos of the Fairview Road HSIP Improvements Project.

Alternate Member Vivar commented on the need for subcommittees to be active and suggested subcommittees meet for ten minutes weekly. Mr. Vivar plans to reach out to Whittier Elementary regarding the STEP program.

Member Martin commented on the intersection of Arlington Drive and Junipero Drive. Ms. Martin shared concerns regarding the intersection of Fairview Road and Adams Avenue.

9. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)

None.

10. STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Rosales provided an update on upcoming active transportation related events in November. She provided updates on the installation of bicycle racks along W 19th Street, the traffic calming pilot project on Meyer Place, the 2021 OC Marathon events, and planned improvements along Arlington Drive at Junipero Drive.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2021 at 4:00PM.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Submitted by:



Cynthia McDonald, Chair