

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

December 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, December 1, 2021.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cynthia McDonald called the meeting to order at 4:01 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):

Arlis Reynolds, Council Member  
Jeffrey Harlan, Council Member

Staff Present:

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

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Member of the Public, Jim Fitzpatrick, commented on incentivizing Cannabis development projects to include bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Member of the public, Andrew Barnes, commented on sharrows on Monrovia Avenue in the City of Newport Beach and in favor of continuing sharrows on Monrovia Avenue in Costa Mesa.

Member of the public, Mark Vukceвич, commented on Dutch junctions and sharrow pavement markings.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Meeting on November 3, 2021

Member Taboada moved to defer voting on the November meeting minutes. Member Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. OLD BUSINESS**

a. Active Transportation Projects

- Newport Boulevard Improvements Project

Ms. Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, presented a bicycle lane design concept for the Newport Boulevard Improvements Project. Staff requested comments from committee members on a bicycle lane concept for Newport Boulevard. Committee members had varying ideas and input for corridor improvements and did not reach a consensus on continuing efforts on a bicycle lane concept. Staff will provide input to Caltrans to include active transportation improvements into their upcoming improvement project.

- Pedestrian Master Plan

The consultant project manager for the Pedestrian Master Plan Project, Frank Barrera, presented the visions, goals, and objectives of the Pedestrian Master Plan project and provided an update on the draft recommendations. The consultant team will submit draft plan recommendations and chapters in December for committee member review. Committee members to review and provide comments during the special meeting of the committee in January.

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Subcommittees scope of work

Committee members discussed this item under Item 7, Subcommittee Reports, including modifying subcommittees' scope of work.

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

a. Public Outreach

Member Martin shared that the subcommittee plans to set up booths and provide bicycle maps at events in the City. The subcommittee is interested in coordinating a bicycle ride around local golf courses, E-bike classes, and obtaining HEAL City designation for Costa Mesa.

b. Government Regulatory / Grants

Chair McDonald commented on subcommittee plans to expand its scope to review current bike ordinances and identify improvements to ordinances to make it easier to ride bikes.

c. Safe Routes and Accessibility

Member Martinez shared that subcommittee members will review the existing suggested route to school maps and provide recommendations to improve the maps. Dr. Bauermeister, Newport-Mesa Unified School District Liaison, commented on collaboration with Costa Mesa Police Department for planned bike rodeos in April prior to Bike to School Day in May. Vice Chair Erickson commented on the subcommittee's goal to define walkable district and to get involved in the development of the General Plan for Talbert Park.

d. Economic Growth

Chair McDonald shared that the subcommittee plans to connect with the Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce and engage businesses with the cycling community.

e. Presentation

None.

f. Mobility Share

None.

g. Walk Audits

None.

h. Open Streets

None.

i. Active Transportation Plan Implementation

Member Taboada shared that the subcommittee will review current and future City active transportation projects for alignment with the committee's prioritization efforts. The subcommittee members would like to see a future project update to the Active Transportation Plan to account for implementation and improvements to bicycle facilities since the plan was developed.

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

Alternate Member Vivar shared that Whittier Elementary has accepted the invitation to participate in OCTA's STEP program.

Member Martin commented on observing vehicles not obeying traffic laws including running red lights and not stopping at stop signs.

Member Martinez commented on the December 5<sup>th</sup> CycLAvia event in Los Angeles. He inquired about committee plans for the Complete Streets Safety Assessment Report. He commented that he received the bicycle licensing citation data from the Police Department as requested. He commented on the Jack Hammett Sports Complex Expansion Project and on the intersection of Arlington Drive and Junipero Drive.

Vice Chair Erickson commented on coordination and virtual walk-audit with a Caltrans Public Information Officer regarding the intersection of Newport Boulevard and Industrial Way.

Member Taboada commented on sending an email to Supervisor Foley regarding the intersection of Newport Boulevard and Industrial Way. Member Taboada commented on the Cyclocross event and public comments provided to the committee. Member Taboada recommended the Complete Streets Safety Assessment report to be incorporated into the Pedestrian Master Plan.

Chair McDonald thanked staff for working with the committee to make Costa Mesa a better City for biking and walking.

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

None.

**10. STAFF COMMENTS**

Mr. Sethuraman, Public Services Director, thanked the committee for their work and dedication and that staff appreciates feedback received from the committee.

Ms. Rosales provided an update on improvements at Arlington Drive and Junipero Drive which will be implemented within the week. She commented that City Engineer, Seung Yang, is coordinating with Caltrans for improvements at the intersection of Newport Boulevard and Industrial Way.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be a special meeting scheduled for mid-January 2022.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

**Submitted by:**



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Cynthia McDonald, Chair