



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIKEWAY AND WALKABILITY COMMITTEE

March 2, 2022

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, March 2, 2022.

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 Bridget Gleason
Member Richard Huffman II
Member Flo Martin
Member David Martinez
Member Michael Moses Nolf
Member Ralph Taboada
Member Trace Yulie

Committee Members Not Present:

Member Bryan Estrada
Member Emily Webb

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
Brett Atencio Thomas, Active Transportation
Coordinator
Ramin Nikoui, Associate Engineer
Brenda Green, City Clerk

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Meeting on February 2, 2022
 - 1. Moved/Second: Vice Chair Erickson, Committee Member Huffman.
 - 2. Minutes approved: unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Active Transportation Projects - Staff Update
 - a. Transportation Services Manager Jennifer Rosales emailed project updates on active transportation projects to Committee members and liaisons. Discussion ensued.
 - i. The Pedestrian Master Plan update was discussed.
 - ii. The Del Mar Avenue bicycle facility classification was discussed.
 - iii. Committee Member Taboada requested to have all funded projects including projects to be initiated to be added to update.
 - iv. The Local Road Safety Plan update was discussed.
 - v. The Wilson Street crosswalk adjacent to Wilson Park was discussed.
- b. Active Transportation Plan Subcommittee Prioritization
 - a. Committee Member Taboada reviewed proposed subcommittee prioritization for active transportation projects and presented materials sent to the Committee prior to the meeting.
 - 1. Public Services Director Raja Sethuraman noted that some current projects in design are not listed on the documents including Adams Avenue, Placentia Avenue, and Newport Boulevard frontage roads.
 - b. Discussion ensued on prioritizing a project list.
 - c. Vice Chair Erickson moved to send an Active Transportation Project Recommendations letter to City Council.
 - i. Motion/Second: Vice Chair Erickson, Committee Member Martin.
 - ii. Passed unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Safe Routes and Accessibility Subcommittee Presentation
 - 1. Vice Chair Erickson provided a presentation from the subcommittee.
 - i. Council Member Reynolds commented on the strong relationship between the City and Newport Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD).
 - ii. Liaison Bauermeister commented on the strong relationship between the City and NMUSD and future direction.

- iii. Committee Member Vivar commented on Early College.
 - iv. Member Taboada thanked the subcommittee for their work.
 - 2. Mr. Erickson noted the potential to work with PTAs.
- b. Bike Month Activities for May
 - 1. Active Transportation Coordinator Brett Atencio Thomas discussed upcoming plans for two Bike to School days in May.
 - 2. Proposed flyers including dates for the 13 schools to be sent to NMUSD Liaison Bauermeister and Costa Mesa PD for review.
 - 3. Mr. Thomas will coordinate with Mr. Bauermeister and Vice Chair Erickson to reach out to PTAs and to Committee Member volunteers for participation on the day of event.
- c. Committee Presentation to City Council
 - 1. Chair McDonald walked through the Draft Committee Presentation to City Council tentatively scheduled for March 15, 2022. Chair McDonald will be leading the presentation to the City Council.
 - i. Council Member Reynolds commented on sending the presentation to the City Council before the meeting.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (2 MINUTES EACH)

- a. Public Outreach
None.
- b. Government Regulatory/Grants
None.
- c. Safe Routes and Accessibility
Nothing to report beyond presentation under New Business.
- d. Economic Growth
None.
- e. Mobility Share
None.
- f. Walk Audits
None.
- g. Open Streets
Council Member Reynolds noted that the Garden Grove Open Streets event is scheduled for Saturday, April 2.
- h. Active Transportation Plan Implementation
Nothing to report beyond presentation under Old Business.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)

Vice Chair Erickson noted the Community Alliance for Bike Safety (CABS) meeting is scheduled for March 16 and commented on Industrial Way and Newport Blvd.

Committee Member Yulie spoke on social media for bike month activities.

Committee Member Vivar spoke on the importance of civic engagement.

Committee Member Gleason spoke on Vision Zero program in Richmond, CA.

Committee Member Martin noted increased infractions for drivers.

Committee Member Martinez noted that there have not been any bike license infractions for the last three months and noted upcoming bike-related state bills.

9. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)

Council Member Reynolds spoke on the relationship between bus stops and walkability, and post-COVID bus ridership. Council Member Reynolds noted upcoming community bike rides and walks.

10. STAFF COMMENTS

Transportation Services Manager Rosales noted an upcoming staff presentation to Orange Coast College to provide updates on the Adams/Pinecreek intersection, Adams Avenue Bicycle Facility, and Merrimac Way Active Transportation projects. Ms. Rosales noted that staff will be attending the South Orange County Multimodal Transportation Study (SOCMTS) meeting hosted by OCTA on March 16.

Active Transportation Coordinator Thomas thanked the Committee for their service and commitment to active transportation in the community.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 6 at 4:00 PM.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Submitted by:


Cynthia McDonald, Chair