



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

April 6, 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, April 6, 2022.

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 Not Present:	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:	Jeff Harlan, Council Member
Staff Present:	Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager Brett Atencio Thomas, Active Transportation Coordinator Ramin Nikoui, Associate Engineer

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Mark Vukceovich spoke in favor of the committee name change to Active Transportation Committee (ATC), congratulated committee appointments, and announced the California Bicycle Coalition Conference in Oakland.

Resident Erik Emri commented on Mesa Verde Drive East.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Meeting on March 2, 2022
 - 1. Moved/Second: Member Taboada, Chair McDonald.
 - 2. Minutes approved: 9 yes, 1 abstain.

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. Ms. Rosales indicated that the LRSP will be scheduled for presentation to Committee in May, and the 17th Street project has been added as requested to the update and shown as complete (design) without construction funding. Discussion ensued.
 - i. Member Martinez inquired about the timeline for Adams Avenue, and about the 19th Street and Wilson Street design plans.
 - 1. Staff indicated that design plans can be shared when completed.
 - ii. Member Taboada asked about the status of Mesa Del Mar Multi-Modal Improvements project.
 - 1. Staff noted that a Community Workshop will be scheduled this year, tentatively in June.
 - iii. Member Gleason asked about Mesa Verde Drive East and the inclusion of Peterson Place in the project bounds.
 - 1. Staff clarified that the project corridor includes Peterson Place and the project will be initiated to develop design concepts.
- b. Committee Presentation to City Council
 - a. Chair McDonald provided a review of her presentation to City Council on April 5.
- c. Bike to School Days on May 4 and 11
 - a. Active Transportation Coordinator Brett Atencio Thomas reviewed status of May Bike to School Day events and noted that City staff liaisons were assigned. Mr. Thomas asked for volunteers from the Committee to participate in the events.

- d. Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Implementation Subcommittee Prioritization
 - a. Committee Member Taboada reviewed proposed subcommittee prioritization for active transportation projects and shared a draft letter.
 - i. Member Taboada asked staff to send letter to the full Committee.
 - ii. Member Taboada reviewed the updated list and requested a future vote on the prioritization list.
 - 1. Public Services Director Sethuraman discussed the next steps and the upcoming Sunflower Avenue project.
 - 2. Member Martin noted the lack of sidewalk on south side of Sunflower from Bear from Bristol.
 - iii. Member Huffman thanked the ATP subcommittee for their work.
 - iv. Member Erickson requested that the project list be added to the agenda for a vote at the next Committee meeting.
 - v. Member Taboada requested a meeting with staff to review the prioritization list.
 - 1. Staff will review list for potential projects for congruence with CIP, and set a meeting with ATP Subcommittee.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Earth Day Festival
 - 1. Active Transportation Coordinator Brett Atencio Thomas provided details on April 22 Earth Day event at Costa Mesa City Hall which will include an ATC booth. The following ATC Committee Members volunteered to man the booth:
 - i. Member Martin
 - ii. Member Erickson
 - iii. Member Taboada
 - iv. Chair McDonald
 - v. Member Vivar

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (2 MINUTES EACH)

- a. Public Outreach

Subcommittee will hold an upcoming meeting regarding earth day.
- b. Government Regulatory/Grants

Chair McDonald provided updates on bills currently under consideration.
- c. Safe Routes and Accessibility

None.
- d. Economic Growth

None.
- e. Mobility Share

None.

- f. Walk Audits
None.
- g. Open Streets
Member Taboada gave updates on Garden Grove Open Streets event.
- h. Active Transportation Plan Implementation
Report presented during Old Business agenda item.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)

Vice Chair Erickson noted the upcoming OC Parks public comment process for parks along Santa Ana River Trail in the City of Costa Mesa.

Committee Member Gleason provided update on Open Streets in Garden Grove.

Committee Member Huffman thanked Chair McDonald for service.

Committee Member Martin asked staff to send the Caltrans District 12 Active Transportation Plan under public review.

Committee Member Martinez commented on community walks and rides with Council Member Reynolds, Garden Grove Open Streets, asked staff to update the Active Transportation Committee name on City Calendar.

Chair McDonald thanked Member Moses for his service, thanked the entire Committee and staff, thanked Public Services Director Sethuraman for collaboration on ATP, thanked Transportation Services Manager Rosales for her work, thanked Active Transportation Coordinator Thomas for recent work, and thanked Council Liaisons.

Committee Member Taboada thanked Chair McDonald for her service and inquired about potentially meeting in person again.

Committee Member Vivar commented on the community walk, thanked Transportation Services Manager Rosales for the update on LRSP, and thanked Chair McDonald for all of her work on ATP.

9. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)

None.

10. STAFF COMMENTS

Public Services Director Sethuraman thanked outgoing Committee Chair McDonald for all of the work that she has done for the City of Costa Mesa. Mr. Sethuraman thanked outgoing Committee Member Moses for his service. Mr. Sethuraman announced that the American Society of Civil Engineers, Orange County gave the ASCE OC award for Outstanding Transportation Project to the Merrimac Way Active Transportation Improvements Project.

Transportation Services Manager Rosales thanked Committee members for all of their work on Merrimac Way Active Transportation Project, which was instrumental in the success of the project. Ms. Rosales noted that she will send Pedestrian Master Plan public workshop flyers for distribution. Ms. Rosales commented on the meeting with Orange Coast College to review the Adams/Pinecreek project. Ms. Rosales thanked the members of the LRSP Stakeholder Working Group for their participation in the development of the draft plan, which will be presented to the committee in May.

Active Transportation Coordinator Thomas thanked the Committee for their service and commitment to active transportation in the community. Mr. Thomas provided an update on upcoming April walk and bike rides with Council Member Reynolds on April 23 and 24. Mr. Thomas thanked Chair McDonald for her service and noted all that she has given to the City of Costa Mesa.

11. NEXT MEETING

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Submitted by:



Cynthia McDonald, Chair