

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE**

February 7, 2024

These meeting minutes represent an “action minute” format. The Active Transportation Committee of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in a regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7, 2024.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taboada called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: Chair Ralph Taboada
Member Andrew Barnes
Member Jose Gomez
Member Flo Martin
Member Michaela Teissere
Member Trace Yulie

Committee Members Not Present: Vice Chair Bridget Gleason
Member Jennifer Vavra
Member Jimmy Vivar

City Council Liaison: Council Member Arlis Reynolds

Newport-Mesa Unified School
District Liaison/Representative: Assistant Superintendent, Jeff Trader

Staff Present: Raja Sethuraman, Public Works Director
Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager
Brett Atencio Thomas, Active Transportation Coordinator

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Resident Kaylie Holke requested improvements to a pedestrian crosswalk near Whittier Elementary.
- b. Resident Rick Huffman spoke in favor of capital improvements along Fairview Road. Mr. Huffman spoke favorably of Village Way and Fairview Road crosswalk and signal.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Special Meeting on December 6, 2023
 1. Member Barnes moved to approve the December 6 minutes. Motion seconded by Chair Taboada.
 2. Chair Taboada noted the spelling of Bil Petersons' name. Trace Yulie noted agenda inconsistencies regarding her attendance at the December 6 Special Meeting.
 3. Motion passed unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Committee Goals for 2024
 1. Chair Taboada opened the discussion on Committee Goals for 2024. Discussion ensued.
 - Member Barnes spoke favorably of reviewing staff goals prior to developing Committee goals.
 - Public Works Director Raja Sethuraman provided an update on staff projects and activities for the year.
 - i. Mr. Sethuraman indicated that staff are working to complete CIP projects that are currently funded and underway along with other initiatives which include:
 - Development and Implementation of the Bicycle Safety Education Program;
 - Development of the Safe Routes to School Action Plan;
 - Design and construction of the OC Complete Streets Grants for the Adams Avenue Multipurpose Trails Project, the Adams Avenue Bicycle Facility Project from Harbor Boulevard to Fairview Road, and the Fairview Road Active Transportation Improvements Project from Fair Drive to Adams Avenue;
 - Construction of the Adams/Pinecreek Intersection Improvements Project;
 - Construction of the Fairview Road Active Transportation Improvements Project from Newport Boulevard to Fair Drive;
 - Implementation of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grant for the Multimodal Signal Modernization Project including Leading Pedestrian Intervals and Pedestrian Countdown Heads;
 - Updating citywide speed surveys with Assembly Bill 43 revisions including new speed counts on West 19th Street and Placentia Avenue;
 - Development of videos and messaging regarding bicycle and pedestrian improvements and programs; and

- Implementation of the Clean Mobility Options (CMO) Grant for a pilot project to provide on-demand transit services.
 - Council Member Reynolds requested suggestions on how the Committee can assist in the implementation of the active transportation projects.
 - Chair Taboada suggested walk audits for Safe Routes to School and to expand upon the Pedestrian Master Plan.
 - Chair Taboada spoke to a Paularino Channel bicycle facility.
 - i. Councilmember Reynolds spoke to advocacy in the Mesa Del Mar community.
 - Member Barnes spoke favorably of a public outreach opportunity Ad Hoc Subcommittee for specific projects.
 - Council Member Reynolds spoke favorably regarding Committee goals surrounding access and accessibility to transit stops.
 - Committee members discussed exploring committee recommendations at the next meeting.
- b. Committee Recommendations for FY 24-25 Active Transportation Projects
1. Chair Taboada walked through a draft list of committee recommendations and provided updates to the status of projects based on staff feedback.
- c. Municipal Code Updates
1. Active Transportation Coordinator Thomas provided a brief update on the effort to update the Costa Mesa Municipal Code to be congruent with the California Vehicle Code following the implementation of Assembly Bill 1909.
 2. The item will be discussed in further detail at a future Committee meeting following City Attorney's Office review.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER AND LIAISON COMMENTS

- a. Member Martin spoke to the pedestrian crossing at Fairview Road and Adams Avenue and requested yield to pedestrian signage. Ms. Martin spoke to the large number of bicyclists observed on Wilson Street.
- b. Member Gomez spoke about bike lanes on Baker Street. Mr. Gomez spoke favorably of bicycle safety education pertaining to electric bicycles.
- c. Chair Taboada thanked staff for following up with resident Bil Peterson on the stop sign request.
- d. Member Barnes spoke favorably of an update to the City Bicycle Map and requested confirmation of the timing for the signal turn-on at Wallace Avenue and West 19th Street and on West 18th Street at Lions Park. Member Barnes requested an ATP CIP update on the Committee webpage. Mr. Barnes spoke favorably of additional bicycle lane treatments at Victoria Street and Placentia Avenue.
- e. Council Member Reynolds thanked the committee for their work and indicated that she would coordinate with the City Attorney's Office related to Ad Hoc Subcommittees.

8. STAFF COMMENTS

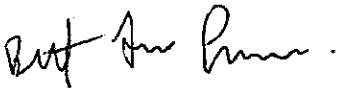
- a. Active Transportation Coordinator Thomas indicated that he would be sending out an email requesting Committee member volunteers for a Bicycle Safety Education Program Task force that will meet quarterly.

9. NEXT MEETING – March 6, 2024

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Submitted by:



FOR

RALPH TABOADA, CHAIR
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE