

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

May 1, 2024

These meeting minutes represent an “action minute” format. The Active Transportation Committee met in a Regular Meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, in the Community Room at Costa Mesa City Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Active Transportation Coordinator Brett Atencio Thomas called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: Member Andrew Barnes
Member Alex Compoli
Member Jose Gomez
Member Flo Martin
Member Robert Morse
Member Michaela Teissere
Member Trace Yulie

Committee Members Not Present: Member Michael Moses Nolf

City Council Liaison: Council Member Arlis Reynolds

Newport-Mesa Unified School
District Liaison/Representative: Not present

Staff Present: Raja Sethuraman, Public Works Director
Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager
Brett Atencio Thomas, Active Transportation Coordinator
Police Captain Bryan Wadkins
Ramin Nikoui, Senior Engineer

3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

1. Member Flo Martin nominated Member Andrew Barnes for Chair and Member Robert Morse seconded the motion. Motion passed with 6 yes and 1 abstain.

2. Member Alex Campoli nominated Member Michael Moses Nolf for Vice Chair and Member Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Ralph Taboada congratulated the Chair and Vice Chair for their nominations. Mr. Taboada made comments regarding proposed Municipal Code statutes 4-26(a)(4) and 4-26(e). Mr. Taboada spoke favorably of walk audits.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. March 6, 2024 and April 17, 2024.
 1. Member Barnes moved to approve both sets of minutes with an amendment to the March minutes to include a note that Police Department data has been corrected due to an error. The motion was seconded by Member Campoli.
 2. Motion passed with 5 yes and 1 abstain.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Municipal Code Updates
 1. Active Transportation Coordinator Brett Atencio Thomas provided a summary of proposed Costa Mesa Municipal Code updates related to recent state legislative action and provided summary of changes to the proposed revisions since the last Committee meeting including:
 - Proposed Costa Mesa Municipal Code 4-26(f) prohibiting the operation of electric bicycles on sidewalks was removed from the proposal.
 - Proposed Costa Mesa Municipal Code 10-41 was added back to the proposal.
 2. Mr. Thomas noted that the next step is to present the proposed Costa Mesa Municipal Code updates via two public hearing readings to the City Council.
 - Chair Barnes inquired about the schedule.
 - Public Works Director Raja Sethuraman indicated that staff plans to take the item in June to City Council.
 3. Committee member comments:
 - Member Campoli commented on Ebike wattage in 4-22(b) and sharrows in 4-26(e).
 - Chair Barnes commented on sharrows in 4-26(e).
 - Member Yulie commented on sharrows in 4-26(e).
 - Chair Barnes requested further clarification on 4-23(e) bikeway definitions.
 - i. Under 4-23(e) staff will change "bicycle facility" to "bikeway".

4. Chair Barnes made a motion to recommend the ordinance as is to City Council. Member Martin seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Active Transportation Projects – Oral Staff Update
 1. Mr. Thomas gave an oral update on Bicycle Safety Education, Safe Routes to School Action Plan, and Bicycle Wayfinding.
 2. Del Mar Avenue Improvements

Transportation Services Manager Jennifer Rosales introduced Senior Engineer Ramin Nikoui, who is managing the Del Mar Avenue Bicycle Facility Improvements Project. Mr. Nikoui introduced LLG, design consultant, and provided a presentation of the project which is in the 30% design phase.

 - Committee member comments:
 - i. Member Yulie spoke to the Southbound Newport Blvd slip lane to Fair Drive.
 - ii. Member Martin spoke in favor for more robust treatments.
 - iii. Chair Barnes spoke in favor of implementing a stop sign at the slip lane.
 - iv. Member Yulie spoke in favor of implementing a raised crosswalk at the slip lane.
 - v. Member Compoli spoke of the high number of pedestrians at the slip lane.
 - vi. Member Compoli spoke in favor for bollards in the buffer.
 - vii. Member Martin spoke in opposition to sharrows and the number of collisions at the slip lane.
 - viii. Chair Barnes inquired about the timing of coordination with the County.
 - ix. Chair Barnes inquired if the presentation will be available online.
 - Mr. Thomas will add the presentation to the Committee Webpage and provide a link via email.
 - Staff requested comments on the project by May 10.
 - Public comment
 - i. Ralph Taborda indicated that he rides a bicycle on this corridor regularly. Mr. Taboada spoke in favor of the incorporation of strong treatments at the slip lane. Mr. Taboada spoke in favor of bollards in the buffer, particularly over the bridge. Mr. Taboada spoke in favor of sharrows and bike route signage east of Elden Avenue. Mr. Taboada spoke in favor of the inclusion of high visibility crosswalks at Perez Park.
 - ii. David Martinez spoke in favor of stronger treatments at the slip lane. Mr. Martinez spoke in favor of stronger treatments on University Drive east of Elden Avenue.
- c. Mr. Thomas provided an update and background on Bike to School Day, and asked for Bike to School Day volunteers for May 8 and May 15.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Mr. Thomas provided an update on upcoming ATC Booth Opportunities
 - 1. May 25 Bicycle Safety Education Event at the Costa Mesa Senior Center.
 - 2. July 21 Majestic Cycling Event in SoCo.
 - 3. Mr. Thomas noted that he will provide details in the lead up to the events.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER AND LIAISON COMMENTS

- a. Member Campoli introduced himself to the Committee.
- b. Member Morse indicated that he is glad to be back on the Committee.
- c. Member Teissere spoke to debris in the Placentia Avenue bike lane.
- d. Chair Barnes spoke favorably of bollards on Placentia Avenue.
- e. Councilmember Reynolds announced Bike Month events. Ms. Reynolds thanked staff and the Committee for their hard work on the proposed Municipal Code updates.

9. STAFF COMMENTS

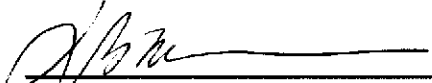
- a. Transportation Services Manager Jennifer Rosales announced that the Pedestrian Master Plan is scheduled for Council consideration on May 7.
- b. Public Works Director Raja Sethuraman welcomed new members.
- c. Active Transportation Coordinator Brett Atencio Thomas thanked everyone for their hard work and welcomed new members.

10. NEXT MEETING – June 5, 2024

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Submitted by:



ANDREW BARNES, CHAIR
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE