

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

June 5, 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, June 5, 2024, in the Community Room at Costa Mesa City Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Andrew Barnes called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: Chair Andrew Barnes
Vice Chair Michael Moses Nolf
Member Alex Campoli
Member Farhad Edward Khosravi
Member Flo Martin
Member Robert Morse
Member Michaela Teissere
Member Trace Yulie

Committee Members Not Present: Member Jose Gomez

City Council Liaison: Council Member Arlis Reynolds

Newport-Mesa Unified School
District Liaison/Representative: Shelley Humphrey

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Resident Nick Siesman spoke favorably of bicycle facilities on Santa Ana Avenue.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER AND LIAISON COMMENTS

- a. Vice Chair Nolf thanked staff and spoke favorably of being back on the committee after a two-year absence.

- b. Member Khosravi provided background on his career and spoke favorably of being appointed to the committee.
- c. Member Martin made comments about Town Center Drive and inquired on responsibility for traffic control in the South Coast Plaza.
- d. Member Teissere spoke favorably of Bike to School Day and spoke to speeding on Mendoza Drive.
- e. Member Yulie spoke to crossing at Maple and Bernard.
- f. Chair Barnes spoke to the SCAG Technical Assistance Database and spoke favorably about community outreach. Mr. Barnes spoke favorably of procuring an Active Transportation Booth for community events. Mr. Barnes spoke to the all-way stop at Monrovia and West 19th Street.
- g. Newport Mesa Unified School District Liaison Shelley Humphrey spoke favorably of outreach to middle school-aged youth regarding E-bikes.
- h. Council Member Reynolds announced the approval of the FY 24-25 budget. Ms. Reynolds spoke about the joys of biking on car-free infrastructure. Ms. Reynolds spoke unfavorably of parking mandates, and the bipartisan support for safe walkable streets.

5. STAFF COMMENTS

- a. Transportation Services Manager Jennifer Rosales announced that she will be resigning from the City effective June 13. Ms. Rosales thanked the Committee for their commitment.
- b. Public Works Director Raja Sethuraman thanked the Committee and Ms. Rosales for their work.
- c. Active Transportation Coordinator Brett Atencio Thomas thanked Ms. Rosales and the Committee for their work. Mr. Thomas welcomed the new Committee members and spoke about the results seen by Ms. Rosales and the Committee over the course of the last 8 years.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. May 1, 2024
 - 1. Member Morris moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Martin. Chair Barnes made an amendment to revise item 6(b)(2) to include mention of the project being in the 30% design phase.
 - 2. The motion passed as amended with 7 yes and 1 abstain.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Active Transportation Projects – Oral Staff Update
 - 1. Active Transportation Coordinator Brett Atencio Thomas provided an update on the Bicycle Safety Education Program:
 - i. Woodland Elementary Bike Safety Event.
 - ii. District 5 Bike Safety Festival.
 - iii. Next Steps

2. Mr. Thomas provided updates on the Safe Routes to School Action Plan, Fairview Road Active Transportation Improvements, Adams Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation Project, Adams-Pinecreek Intersection Improvements, and the Bicycle Wayfinding Signage Program.
3. Ms. Rosales provided an update on the West 19th Street Improvements Project.
 - Chair Barnes inquired about the schedule.
 - Discussion ensued:
 - i. Member Nolf spoke to cars blocking the bike lane and spoke favorably of bollards.
 - ii. Chair Barnes spoke favorably of bollards where feasible.
 - iii. Council Member Reynolds spoke favorably of bollards and announced the positive feedback that she has received for the treatments along West 19th Street.
 - Public Comment
 - i. Resident Mae Huble indicated that they only ride the bikes west of their residence on Maple Avenue and do not drive in the area of the City.
 - ii. An unnamed resident spoke favorably of bollards on West 19th Street.
 - iii. An unnamed resident spoke favorably of West 19th Street Improvements and indicated that they have encouraged her to drive less and bike more.
 - iv. Resident Nick Siesman spoke favorably of West 19th Street Improvements and indicated that he now rides his bike with his son from their home on Anaheim Avenue to school at Whittier Elementary, and spoke unfavorably of any changes to the corridor.
- b. Bike to School Day Recap
 1. Mr. Thomas gave a presentation on Bike to School Day Events held on May 8 and 15.
 2. Committee Members provided feedback on the events that they volunteered at.

8. NEW BUSINESS


- a. Santa Ana Avenue
 1. Mr. Sethuraman gave a brief presentation on a proposed project to add bike lanes to Santa Ana Avenue.
 2. Public Comment
 - Resident Nick Siesman indicated a view that the proposed improvements are better for biking and parking because of the removal of the parking restriction on the west side of the street and because the project would result in a continuous bike lane. Mr. Siesman spoke favorably about adding a bike lane south of Broadway.

9. NEXT MEETING – August 7, 2024

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Submitted by:



ANDREW BARNES, CHAIR
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE