

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

August 7, 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, August 7, 2024, in the Community Room at Costa Mesa City Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair 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 Jose Gomez
Member Farhad Khosravi
Member Flo Martin
Member Robert Morse
Member Michaela Teissere

Committee Members Not Present: Member Trace Yulie

City Council Liaison: Council Member Arlis Reynolds

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

Staff Present: Raja Sethuraman, Public Works Director
Brett Atencio Thomas, Active Transportation Coordinator

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Community member Ralph Taboada thanked City departments for recent majestic bicycle races in South Coast Metro and requested a staff update regarding trail lights on Cornerstone and Joann Trail. Mr. Taboada spoke favorably of adding striping on the Cornerstone Trail, and adding bollards on Adams Avenue. He thanked the Public Works staff for their work.
- b. Community member Bob Masuzmi thanked the committee and staff for the progress in the City regarding bicycling and spoke favorably of bicycle detours

around construction areas. He also spoke favorably of adding a bike route and “look both ways” signage along Arlington Trail.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER AND LIAISON COMMENTS

- a. Vice Chair Nolf spoke favorably of construction zone bicycle detours and thanked staff for their work.
- b. Member Gomez indicated that he is happy to be back on the Committee after a short absence.
- c. Member Khosravi announced his attendance at the Santa Ana Avenue Bicycle Facility Community Workshop.
- d. Member Martin spoke favorably of traffic improvements at the intersection of Arlington Avenue and Junipero Drive including a raised crosswalk.
- e. Member Morse spoke favorably of messaging regarding e-bike batteries, and disposal centers for them.
- f. Member Teissere indicated that she is happy to be back on the Committee after a short absence.
- g. Chair Barnes spoke favorably of implementing pedestrian and bicycle counts throughout the City, particularly as it pertains to new construction projects. He also spoke favorably of bicycle lane detours for construction projects.
- h. Council Member Reynolds announced that bike counts are being completed by OCTA in the City of Costa Mesa and indicated that she would forward the information to the Committee. She also announced the Costa Mesa Historical Society community bike ride on September 28 and the community walking tour on December 14.
- i. NMUSD Liaison Humphrey spoke favorably of messaging regarding bicycle related ordinances and safety messaging regarding e-bikes.

5. STAFF COMMENTS

- a. Public Works Director Raja Sethuraman spoke on Traffic Control Plans (TCP) for construction projects and the City looking at bicycle detours around construction sites where feasible. Mr. Sethuraman indicated that there are space constraints around many construction sites. He indicated that the City would do a review of Arlington Trail signage and announced Shalimar and Ketchum-Libolt park designs.
- b. Active Transportation Coordinator Brett Atencio Thomas thanked the committee for their work and announced the Council’s approval of the Municipal Code updates pertaining to bicycles. Mr. Thomas indicated that there would be upcoming safety videos to highlight the Municipal Code updates.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. June 5, 2024
 1. Member Martin moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Morse.
 2. The motion passed unanimously with 8 yes.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Active Transportation Projects – Oral Staff Update
 - 1. Active Transportation Coordinator Brett Atencio Thomas provided an update on the Bicycle Wayfinding Signage Program.
 - i. Chair Barnes inquired about the construction timeline.
 - 2. Mr. Thomas provided updates on the Fairview Road Active Transportation Improvements Project and the addition of a bicycle signal at Southbound Fairview Road and Wilson Street.
 - 3. Mr. Thomas provided updates on the West 19th Street bidirectional center turn lane.
 - i. Member Nolf indicated that he had witnessed cars blocking the bike lane.
 - 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.

8. NEW BUSINESS

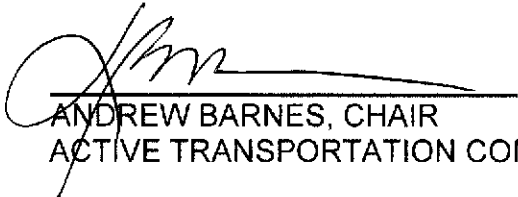
- a. Placentia Avenue Bollards Pilot – Oral Staff Update
 - 1. Mr. Thomas provided an update on a pilot to place bollards in the buffer on Placentia Avenue from Victoria Street to West 19th Street.
 - 2. Mr. Sethuraman reviewed the roadway geometry and the project timeline.
- b. Santa Ana Avenue Bike Lane Projects.
 - 1. Mr. Thomas provided an update on the Community Workshop held on June 25. Mr. Thomas indicated that strong community support was received and that the project design was completed and construction was imminent.
 - 2. Mr. Thomas provided an update on the plan to add a buffered Class II Bike Lane on Santa Ana Avenue from East 17th Street to Ogle Avenue which was spurred by multiple citizen requests for a crosswalk at Ogle Avenue. Mr. Sethuraman provided a project timeline.

9. NEXT MEETING – Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 5:00PM

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by:


ANDREW BARNES, CHAIR
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE