

Community Plan Update Subcommittee (CPUS)
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Mar 11, 2016**

Members Present:

Deborah Bossmeyer, Paul Brown, Terrence Fox, Alan Grant, Ryan Holborn, Rob Hutsel, Derek Hulse, Elizabeth Leventhal, Andrew Michajlenko, Patrick Pierce, Michael Richter, Karen Ruggels, Rebecca Sappenfield, John Schneidmiller, Nate Smith, Dottie Surdi

Members Absent:

Perry Dealy, Richard Ledford, Marco Sessa, Rick Tarbell, Karen Tournaire

San Diego City Planning Staff and Consultants present:

City: Maureen Gardiner, Nancy Graham, Tara Lieberman, Carly Macias, Naomi Siodmok
Chen Ryan Associates --Monique Chen
SANDAG - Scott Strelecki

Governmental Staff:

Karen Reilly, San Diego Public Library

Others in attendance:

Izamar Hernandez Hook, Stacy Hudson, Cindy Moore, Jim Penner, Daniel Smith, John Zierbarth

A. Call To Order

Nancy Graham called the regular meeting of the Mission Valley Community Plan Update Subcommittee (CPUS) to order at 3:08 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library Community Room located at 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego, CA.

B. Mobility Issues and Options

Nancy Graham introduced Monique Chen, Chen Ryan Associates, to review mobility issues and options.

1. Chen Ryan Associates recapped the primary modes of mobility needs from the January 2016 Mission Valley Community Plan Update Subcommittee meeting.
 - a. Street and Freeway Needs
 - b. Transit Needs
 - c. Walking Needs
 - d. Cycling Needs

2. Chen Ryan Associates reviewed mobility options for the primary modes of transit throughout Mission Valley (see distributed planning diagrams).

- a. Roadways
 - i. Improved connectivity via new roadway segments, especially North-South connectivity.
 - ii. Improved freeway interchange connections.
 - iii. Signal coordination for improved traffic flow.
 - iv. Strengthen street grid to reduce congestion.
 - v. Implement a “Main Street” concept.
 - vi. Traffic calming devices to reduce speeds and improve bicycle and pedestrian safety.
 - vii. Road diet to right-size roadway segments and improve bicycle and pedestrian safety.
 - b. Public Transit
 - i. Consider a new light rail station at Riverwalk.
 - ii. Provide improved transit access for increased ridership.
 - iii. Provide new transit routes for convenience and increased ridership.
 - iv. Consider a community circulator on Camino de la Reina for local trips.
 - v. Consider an aerial tram connecting to UCSD Hospital (Hillcrest) and to Trolley Barn Park (University Heights).
 - vi. Consider dedicated transit lanes and bus priority signals.
 - vii. Consider a mobility hub where multiple modes of transit may interconnect.
 - c. Walking
 - i. River trail completion will enable a contiguous East-West pedestrian pathway.
 - ii. Improve connectivity to trails, especially North-South connectivity.
 - iii. Improve pedestrian roadway crossing distances by incorporating:
 - 1. Pedestrian medians and bulb-outs
 - 2. Pedestrian signal controls
 - 3. Improve pedestrian visibility by use of signaled crosswalks, Hawk, and lead pedestrian interval signals
 - d. Cycling
 - i. Leverage River trail completion and provide separated bike lanes.
 - ii. Improve connectivity to trails, especially North-South connectivity.
 - iii. Provide bike lanes (Class 2), buffered bike lanes, one-way cycle track (buffered), two-way cycle track (buffered) and raised tracks (buffered).
3. Nancy Graham shared a video of the proposed Downtown to Balboa Park aerial tram concept study. An aerial tram would have the following benefits:
- a. Estimated 10 min travel time between Mission Valley and UCSD Hospital.
 - b. Could interconnect with the light rail.
 - c. Could enable medical office development within Mission Valley with direct connectivity to the Hospitals in Hillcrest.
 - d. Trams run continuously offering low wait times as compared to other transit modes.
 - e. Infrastructure light in comparison to other modes of public transit.
 - f. Approximately 1/3 cost of light rail.

C. I-8 Corridor Study (SANDAG Presentation)

Nancy Graham introduced Scott Strelecki, SANDAG, to review the I-8 Corridor Study (see distributed SANDAG planning document).

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1. The SANDAG I-8 Corridor study was developed to improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities and access to transit stations along Hotel Circle and provide connections to Taylor St, Fashion Valley Rd, the Fashion Valley Transit Center, the San Diego River Trail, and the Uptown Regional Bikeway at Bachman Place. Improvements include:
 - a. Construct two-way cycle tracks, widen sidewalks, and provide improved transit stop amenities along Hotel Circle North and South.
 - b. Construct the San Diego River Trail through the Riverwalk development site. The Hotel Circle cycle tracks will connect to the San Diego River trail at Shelton Field, Via Las Cumbres, and Fashion Valley Rd.
 - c. Construct a Class-1 trail bridge connection between Shelton Field and the Mission Valley YMCA.
 - d. Construct a Class-1 trail along the West side of Fashion Valley Rd with connection to the Fashion Valley Transit Station.
 - e. Widen existing sidewalk on Hotel Circle under I-8.
 - f. Close existing I-8 hook ramps and provide new interstate interchanges that intersect Hotel Circle at right angles for improved pedestrian and bicycle safety.
 - g. Provide a one-way westbound roadway segment on Hotel Circle North.
 - h. Provide a one-way eastbound roadway segment on Hotel Circle South.
2. SANDAG's next steps:
 - a. Outreach to Community Planning Groups
 - b. Collaboration with the MVCPU
 - c. Final report targeted Fall 2016

D. Open Discussion

1. Nancy Graham distributed a Mobility and Options Worksheet for the Subcommittee to complete as a homework assignment. Participant responses will be reviewed by the City and the City's consultants and incorporated into future work product.
2. Members of the Subcommittee raised concern with the speed at which the City and City's consultants are proceeding without interactive feedback from the Subcommittee. It was recommended that a longer meeting period be scheduled for an interactive Subcommittee workshop.

E. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm. Next Regular Meeting Date – Friday, April 8, 2016 at the Mission Valley Library, Community Room.