

Bicycle Advisory Committee

Sandag offices, 7th floor, 401 B St.
Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, December 2, 2015
Minutes

Members present: Andy Hanshaw (AH) (Chair, Mayoral Appointee), Nicole Burgess (NB, District 2), Kathleen Keehan (KK, District 5), Jacqueline Ward (JW, District 6), Everett Hauser (EH, District 7), Nicole Capretz (NC, District 1), Samantha Ollinger (SO, District 8), Michael Brennan (MB, District 3), Monique Lopez (ML, District 4), Randy Van Vleck (RV, District 9)

Members absent: John Holder (Mayoral Appointee)

Call Meeting to Order – AH at 6:39 PM

- 1. Approval of minutes from last meeting.** JW Motion to amend to include absence of NC. Motion to approve with amendment: KK, second: NB. Approved unanimously with abstention from MB, ML, NC.
- 2. Non-agenda public comment**
 - None
- 3. Committee administrative items/follow up (AH)**
 - Reach out to council offices to ask for permanent standing for committee (currently we are a temporary committee).
 - EH: Support from mayor's office? AH: Will reach out to them
 - NB: Lorie Zapf's office thought it was permanent already
 - KK: Mark Kersey's office expressed some concern with proliferation of permanent committees.
- 4. SANDAG Regional Projects Update – Chris Kluth (CK)**
 - Pershing Bikeway: high priority project in Regional Bike Plan
 - 2.6 mile bikeway and separate pedestrian facilities along the bulk of Pershing in addition to traffic calming measures.
 - Northern boundary at Utah St. and Landis St. Southern boundary at C St.
 - Balboa Park committee and staff have been supportive. Pershing St. within the park boundaries is designated as a park road, not a city road.
 - Will be meeting with local planning groups, Navy, and City College in the next month.
 - Currently developing early concepts and will take those out to community.
 - Community open house to present project to major stakeholders on January 20, 6-8 pm at The Great Room at Balboa Park Golf Course.
 - Contact: KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/PershingBikeway; chris.carterette@sandag.org; (619) 699-7319.
 - NC: Does this include the freeway interchange? CK: Entire project could be taken to the east side the whole way down to C St. to avoid freeway interchange at south end of Balboa Park. Still working on more detail. If bikeway switches to east side, the class II bikeway would be maintained on the west side.
 - ML: Timeline? CK: If all goes well, final design could be within a year. There are no huge issues (eg. parking). There may be some pushback with travel lane reduction.
 - KK: Voice of San Diego op-ed about closing off Florida, might divert some traffic to Pershing. May come up in discussion.
 - North Park/MidCity/Uptown projects: will be split into phases for final design and construction. Will return to community groups in January/February to discuss environmental documents.
 - ML: Is 54th and University part of this modification? CK: Not in first phase.

- First phase in Uptown: 4th and 5th, eastern end of University (163 to Normal), 2 connectors on Georgia St (Lincoln on N. River and Robinson on S.)
- First phase in North Park/Mid-city: Robinson, Landis, Georgia, Meade
- RV: What part of Landis? CK: Past SR15, almost to Euclid (to what original alignment was supposed to be).
- ML: Factors determining phasing? CK: Ease of implementation, connectivity. Still some controversy on Orange at eastern end (regarding parking and removing travel lane). Will share scoring and evaluation matrix at community meetings.
- RV: Heard that 54th and University has been pushed back to 2018. Would like to hear more about how “ease of implementation” is defined. Community support should also be taken into account. ML: Over 1000 signatures on petition in support of that particular alignment. SO: Echoes disappointment for second phase.
- NC: Could this be an action item for next meeting? AH: Will put it on agenda.
- MB: 4th and 5th project updates? CK: Parking losses are still being analyzed internally and in community. Hope to take that information forward within 2 weeks. Operating under assumption that they are moving forward with project from B St. to Washington. NC: Where is the best way to formally weigh in on these things? MB/AH: We can send a letter voicing concern.
- Rose Creek is going into final design; environmental documents should be done by Spring. From Mission Bay to Santa Fe. Officially integrated into the first part of construction of midcoast trolley (beginning of 2017). Utility realignment starting in spring.
- Planning on Imperial from downtown to 47th/Euclid will start this spring.
- Border to Bayshore planning will start this spring. Slated to go to community meetings in late spring
- NB: Rose Creek path will connect to transit station on Balboa? CK: No. Part of midcoast construction but not part of the project. Not part of the environmental document. Working with the city to better connect that station.
- RV: Updates to budget for North Park/Midcity? CK: Same budget. Different environmental documents for North Park/Midcity, Landis Bridge, and all of Uptown. Should all be done by end of March. Looking to get on community agendas for meetings starting in January.

5. City staff update (Brian Genovese [BG])

- Quarterly performance measures on map from first section on Nimitz to today and how they coincide with high priority projects and early action projects from Sandag.
- Kathleen Ferrer (public): Plans to be put online for public? BG: We can. Haven't yet.
- SO: Drivers drive on buffered bike lanes, is there a way to put in a barrier? BG: Have been looking into it. Buffered bike lanes can be retrofitted to class IV lanes. On the horizon. SO: Can that be requested? BG: Can be requested, but each bollard is about \$100, so cost can be preventative.
- NC: What can we do to facilitate the implementation of these bollards? Can this come from discretionary funds? BG: There are some areas that could be converted that would be part of the next phase of the bike program. NC: Conversion of class II to class IV would be its own program. Likely won't be considered until next year. Specific projects within each district that *could* be requested can be quantified for cost, but not from a network-wide perspective. A 2-3 ft buffer is necessary for bollards. Street swiping cannot be interfered with. KK: First candidate could be Mira Mesa Blvd. west of Black Mountain Rd. RV: Certain criteria: BG: No parking, with 2-3 ft buffer. Posts would need to be mounted 9 ft away from curb for street sweeper.
- CK: Considering other types of barriers? BG: Looked at other types of barriers—with cost differentials, safety, and maintenance.
- NB: Would like to have maps with upcoming projects as well.
- Road diet implemented on Clairemont Dr. Paint is still drying. Unique situation since this road was mainly a safety issue.

- Report card from Bicycle Friendly Community. AH: Nowhere to go but up. KK: Hard number of fatalities (6.7/10K daily bicyclists) is too high.
- SO: New design plans for intersections being implemented? BG: In the future.

6. SDPD update (Lt. Leonard Flake [LF])

- 151 bike thefts in November. Most in western division. No repeat locations; spread out all over. Many are unattended, no locks.
- Pedestrian on Clairemont Dr. crossing street and struck by driver. Driver identified, but no witnesses. Need a witness to verify driver was behind the wheel (especially when driver is intoxicated).
- Grant for bike/ped enforcement. Need feedback on hours, locations. Bicyclists riding the wrong way in traffic are a large part of hazardous activity right now. Contact by email with suggestions. ML: Hope SDPD is not targeting cyclists/pedestrians. LF: Understands the lack of infrastructure for crossing in some areas, but trying to strike balance between education and enforcement.
- KK: Enforcement for drivers encroaching on crosswalks? LF: Will take any suggestions.
- RV: Updates on 54th St. case? LF: No update. Difficult to prosecute cases without witnesses.
- NB: Participated in Ride the Point and was told SDPD made riders stay entirely on sidewalk. LF: Will investigate with special events officers.

6. BMP Implementation Strategy update

- KK: combined CalEnviroScreen and Bike Plan Priority projects in one master list, ranked by overlap. It seems like all BMP high priority projects are part of the city's CIP list—so not that helpful for ranking projects.
- ML: Thank you to BG and KK—especially since none of these projects are in D5.
- NB: How do we support what work will be done by Sandag? CK: It's very easy to be defeated by opponents. NC: Once projects are prioritized, we should come up with the top 5 projects (or so) for 2016, and then people from this committee need to show up to community meetings to support. MB: Paragraph within implementation plan to indicate how support will be offered for the priority projects.
- EH: Need to filter out projects that aren't being done by other people, etc. and come up with a top 10 list.
- Other layers to add on to analysis: Sandag early action plan, part of resurfacing, other projects that are already in the pipeline.
- NC: Timeline for 2017 budget process. ML: Councilmembers are to give early budget drafts to mayor in January for 2017 budget. Mayor has final budget by April. Top 3 projects are pretty clear.
- AH: By January meeting, we need memo for top 3/5 projects including budget for each of the projects.
- BG: 5th Ave. is probably not a contender since it's being worked on by Sandag.
- MB: Perhaps city can work on 5th that is outside of the Sandag plan.
- KK: Even if there is a combination of plans, we should still prioritize the projects that need it in order to work better and faster.
- ML: The projects on El Cajon Blvd. (10 and 11 on Bike Plan rank) should be purple even though they are not part of CalEnviroScreen.
- AH: Can dedicate all of January meeting to this.
- EL: Top 5 right now could be 5th from Elm to Harbor, University from Utah to Fairmount, University from Fairmount to La Mesa City Limit, El Cajon from 43rd to Montezuma, and El Cajon from Utah to 43rd.
- CK: Sandag developed a method to estimate costs for certain phases of projects that can be shared with city.
- MB: The discussion can be more about feasibility for these certain projects if cost cannot be estimated right now.

- AH: next meeting will have clarification from BG on top 5 and update to language in plan.

7. Updates from represented constituencies

- RVV (D9): City Heights got first buffered bike lane on Fairmount Ave. from Olive to Home with road diet (with support from Marti Emerald).
- NC (D1): Environment committee supported Environmental Action plan—will ensure budget has resources for it.
- JW (D6): Clairemont Dr. has road diet as well
- MB (D3): Uptown Planning Board supported east-west protected bike corridor through Hillcrest (not specific to which street), 1st to Park along University should be slated for cycle tracks.
- AH: Bike coalition holiday joy ride upcoming and advocate of the year will be Monique Lopez.

Adjourn – 8:57 PM: Motion by RV, second by MB.

Submitted 12/30/2015 by:

Jacqueline Ward, secretary
Bicycle Advisory Committee