

## **Bicycle Advisory Committee**

Civic San Diego – Wells Fargo building, 401 B St.

Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Minutes

Members present: Andy Hanshaw (AH) (Chair, Mayoral Appointee), Kyle Heiskala (KH, Mayoral Appointee), Nicole Burgess (NB, District 2), Monique Lopez (ML, District 4), Kathleen Keehan (KK, District 5), Jacqueline Ward (JW, District 6), Samantha Ollinger (SO, District 8), Randy Van Vleck (RV, District 9).

Members absent: Petr Krysl (PK, District 1), Michael Brennan (MB, District 3), Everett Hauser (EH, District 7).

- 1. Call Meeting to Order – AH at 6:30 PM**
- 2. Approval of minutes from last meeting.** Change start time on Feb. minutes from 6 to 6:30 pm. Approval motion: NB, second: KH. Approved unanimously.
- 3. Non-agenda public comment**
  - A.** Chris Olson from Pacific Beach planning group traffic subcommittee. Working to support PB Pathways: routes through neighborhoods utilized by alternative transportation. Considers bicyclists to be grouped together with pedestrians/skaters.
  - B.** Sandra Pimentel from Decobikes. Issues from decobike riders: Strategy/campaign for awareness of 3 ft. law through BAC or city? Lack of signage to indicate what sharrows mean. Are there traffic-calming conditions in specific corridors? Is there a place for people to see what's in the pipeline for bike infrastructure?
  - C.** Judd Curran, resident of Golden Hill. The ability to bike from Golden Hill to downtown is very important in this generally low income neighborhood. Urges consideration of bike infrastructure on Broadway and Market as main thoroughfares in future planning.
- 4. Board administrative items (AH)**
  - A.** November 2015 meeting: Civic San Diego space is unavailable. Different location or perhaps postponement.
  - B.** BAC group DecoBike ride, potential date March 22.
- 5. City staff update (Brian Genovese [BG])**
  - A.** Working on a graphic for project progression
  - B.** Graphs presented represent (1) bike program efforts in coordination with street resurfacing efforts, (2) capital improvement projects (CIPs): group projects in coordination with utilities (eg. trench cuts made by pipe renovation projects)
  - C.** Decobike update: 1 month in operation, record numbers of ridership, 80 stations implemented, system is growing
  - D.** Q&A:
    - a.** KH: When can the public access the information from maps presented to BAC at previous meetings? BG: Requires coordination with IT dept.
    - b.** KK: Who is in charge of resurfacing projects? BG: In the short term, the streets division. GIS mapping is using to screen for coordination between projects. Design work comes from engineers at the bike program.
    - c.** NB: Staff number at bike program? BG: 3 assistant engineers, 1 associate engineer that do design work, assess conditions, CEQA analysis; 2 non-engineers that do things like bike corral placement, etc; several vacant positions. NB: Can staff be reallocated from other places? BG: It's up to Linda Marabian.
    - d.** RVV: There are 200 miles a year resurfaced, how can we take greater advantage of these opportunities? BG: The bike program needs more

resources to be able to get in front of the resurfacing projects. RVV: How much time is needed beforehand to catalyze this process? BG: It needs to be reprioritized from the top down.

**6. SDPD Update (Officer Troy Gibson [TG])**

- A.** Education/enforcement: There are sharrows signs around town that indicate they are meant to share the road. SDPD will host a booth at the May Bike Festival. 3 ft. law is very difficult to enforce in practice as it's a challenge to prove in court. The biggest effort will be in education.
- B.** Bike theft: 146 bike thefts in February. Most in beach communities, 12 taken in residential burglaries.
- C.** Bike/pedestrian collisions: 5 serious collisions investigated in February. (1) 47<sup>th</sup> and Market, (2) Navajo Rd., (3) 4300 Imperial Ave., (4) Ted Williams Parkway, and (5) pedestrian at Rosecrans and Lilton.
- D.** Q&A:
  - a.** Audience member, Chris Olson: How is the decoy program helping bike theft? TG: No information yet. It is difficult to positively identify a bike unless there is a very specific distinguishing characteristic, making it difficult to return bikes to people if they are found. RVV: Best way to get bike back to owner?: TG: Serial number. NB: SDPD auction frequency? TG: On the SDPD website. Audience member: suggestion for GoPros as an implementation strategy for 3 ft. law as has been done in Houston.

**7. Downtown Mobility Plan Update (Brad Richter [BR])**

- A.** Downtown community plan adopted in 2006 with rapid growth goal. Outreach performed through website, surveys, and public workshops. Plan maintains current street system and leaves intact the couplets to freeways. Identified 6 streets that could be pedestrian-focused corridors. Bicycling on sidewalks is a big issue downtown. Because of street parking, bike lanes didn't seem to be the best solution. Cycle tracks are the best alternative for cyclists downtown. Presentation of map with bike routes through downtown; public map forthcoming. The 6 corridors were highlighted with proposed cycle tracks. State St., 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., B St., and C St. would have 2-way cycle tracks on 1-way streets. Beech St. and J St. would have 2-way cycle tracks on 2-way streets with 4-way stops at intersections. Park Blvd. north of C St. and Broadway west of 3<sup>rd</sup> would eliminate parking and install bike lanes. There is a proposal of closing Broadway between 3<sup>rd</sup> and Park, but it really needs community buy-in as he anticipates pushback from businesses. This idea is currently on the backburner. Ideally, all 6 corridors will be implemented at one time to reduce confusion.
- B.** Q&A:
  - a.** SO: When will this happen? BR: It will be in front of city council this fall. If approved it then goes to BG and bike program. Ideally, it would be implemented all together with a short pilot program on C St. Wayfinding signage will go in this summer
  - b.** RVV: Does a painted buffered bike lane constitute a cycle track? BR: No. It will be a separated track from parking otherwise drivers get confused.
  - c.** SO: What about "way finding" parking signs? BR: There are currently parking apps for smartphones and garage counters being implemented.
  - d.** AH: When plan is approved, where does the funding come from? Development implementation fees and traffic funding. Bike program is in charge of implementation.
  - e.** RVV: It would be beneficial to emphasize connections from Golden Hill and other communities.

- f. KH: What about Market St. east of the I-5? BR: Would require changes in community plans. Need to consider existing connections and what can be improved.
- g. KK: Has C St. been considered as part of Broadway vision? BR: Problem with trolley stops and pedestrian conflicts KK: Bike boulevard on Island around the ballpark? BR: Being considered because of low traffic. KK: Gaps in bike path network connection to Barrio Logan north of trolley tracks? BR: 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. between K and Imperial may be worked on as part of ballpark. Or 14<sup>th</sup> St from City College to Barrio. KK: There is a bridge to City College, but needs to be better infrastructure out of City College.
- h. JW: Is this available online? BR: [www.downtownsdmobility.com](http://www.downtownsdmobility.com)
- i. NB: Is there a Pacific highway or Kettner connection?
- j. BG: Public utilities commission requires certain treatments at railroad crossing.
- k. Audinece member (Judd Curran): Pershing connection doesn't really connect to Golden Hill. BR: C St. connects to 19<sup>th</sup> to come down Broadway. Not exactly shown on map.
- l. AH: Is there an interest list? BR: Email alerts available on downtown SD mobility website.

**8. BMP Implementation Strategy Update: BAC budget request for transportation funding for BMP (Action)**

- A. NB: Goal is to tie funding to modeshare percentage = 6%. Budget committee meets in the next few weeks. Current budget memos: districts 4,8, and 9 called out specific streets, district 3 wants to utilized unused SANDAG money, districts 1 and 5 called for sidewalk repairs, and unmentioned in districts 2, 6, and 7 memos. Budget finalized in early May. We need to establish meetings with council members.
- B. Memo drafted by Kyle Heiskala, slight changes requested to include a more clear connection that transportation funding is on goal with the Climate Action Plan by 2020. Slight grammatical changes.
- C. KH: Budget committee meeting on March 18 at 9 am.
- D. Motion by ML that BAC supports draft letter and aforementioned edits to be made by AH. Second: RVV. Approved unanimously.

**9. Bicycle Friendly Community Application Discussion**

- A. Tabled until next meeting. Application deadline is Aug. 31.

**10. Updates from represented constituencies**

- A. PK (Dist 1): no updates
- B. NB (Dist 2): Bollards on Nimitz?
- C. ML (Dist 4): no updates
- D. KK (Dist 5): no updates
- E. JW (Dist 6): Clairemont community planning group unanimously supported San Diego County Bicycle Coalition efforts to build a bridge across Rose Creek bike path.
- F. SO (Dist 8): no updates
- G. RVV (Dist 9): SANDAG accelerating efforts to I-15 bike path, construction will begin in June.
- H. KH (MA): Upcoming Uptown planning meeting
- I. AH (MA): City will not participate in Mayor's challenge. Upcoming National Bike Summit will have several BAC attendees; will report back next meeting.

**10. Adjourn – 8:30 PM**

Submitted 12/26/2014 by:

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Bicycle Advisory Committee