

MINUTES

Oceanside Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Monday, June 19, 2023 at 9:00 AM

- A. Call to Order
- B. Attendee Roll Call
- C. Introductions
- D. May Meeting Minutes Approval
- E. Items for Discussion

1. SANDAG Bicycle Locker Program

Daniel Reilly of SANDAG phoned in to the meeting to provide additional information on the SANDAG Bicycle Locker Program. This program is part of our recommendation for bicycle storage at the redeveloped Oceanside Transit Center.

Daniel explained the following points about the program:

- Applications for lockers are done through I-Commute
- Applicants must send in a check for \$25 as a deposit for the Bike Link card that opens the lockers.
- Bikes can stay in the locker a maximum of four days. The vendor running the program removes them after that.
- A maintenance technician checks for storage of junk and puts a notice on the locker if unpermitted items are present.
- There was some question as to whether the larger e-bikes would fit in the lockers. There is also consideration of stacking the lockers if space is tight.
- E-Lock Technologies designed the electronic locking system.
- Committee members asked if it would be possible to have more than a four day limit if someone stores their bike and goes on a trip on the train.

2. El Corazon Development Plans

The Planning Commission's approval of the Oceanside Blvd. Commercial project (with four drive-thru restaurants, a gas station, and a car wash), was appealed to the City Council by the group "Supporters Alliance for Environmental Responsibility (SAFER)". (The Council heard the Appeal on June 21 and denied the Appeal.) The Committee discussed whether the Chair should make an appearance in opposition to the project at the Council meeting. The Committee determined that this was not the preferred course and recommended that the Chairman instead try to meet with Planning staff to express our concerns about the lack of focus on Active Transportation in this project.

3. RAAM Debrief

Race Across America and Race Across the West were held on Tuesday, June 13 and Saturday, June 17. While there were 52 solo riders, there were only 15 teams, which Howard felt was below prior years' participation. Committee members discussed that the event does not get enough media attention, and that the RAAM organization is not doing enough to promote the event locally. Steve Sims suggested that the Redlands Grand Prix be looked at as an example of better outreach. It was noted that this event is a money maker for the City, as the riders and their support teams are

often here for several days in advance of the event and generate hotel and restaurant business.

4. “gO’side” Shuttle Update

The restart of the “gO’side” NEV Shuttle service had a soft opening today. This year, it costs \$3 per rider, or \$6 maximum for a group. The service area covers all of the City west of I-5, from Harbor to Vista Way. The service area has been expanded to also include east Capistrano and Canyon. Operating hours are 10:00AM to 10:00PM. During “high” season, four vehicles will operate; during “low season”, three vehicles will operate. Currently available funding will continue the program for two years. SANDAG, Visit Oceanside, and the City are each contributing operating funds.

5. Safe Routes to School

- a. Laurel Street Elementary Caltrans Cycle 4 Grant – A trial using traffic cones to simulate a roundabout is being tested to gauge community reaction.
- b. Sharrows on California and Coast Hwy – The Sharrows on Coast Highway are complete but the paint is fading fast. The City has decided to use thermoplastic signage going forward due to far better wear resistance.
- c. E-Bike 3 hr. classes – The June class had to be cancelled. However, the class has a lot of demand.
- d. Bike Rodeos: San Luis Rey, Mission and Laurel Street elementaries

6. Grant Updates

- a. Coastal Rail Trail Oceanside Blvd to Morse, Caltrans Cycle 6 Grant Request (includes Loma Alta Creek bridging) – Caltrans Active Transportation grants come out every two years. We are hoping this year they will re-look at the Cycle 6 project applications and look favorably on this one, which will be closer to shovel ready.
- b. Coastal Rail Trail Improvements Morse to Carlsbad, Caltrans Cycle 5 – Study is in progress, Technical Advisory Committee held its first meeting July 19 to review alignment options and outreach methods.
- c. Resubmittal of Inland Rail Trail Alignment Study Grant Request – Caltrans scored this project very high this time; we are hoping for good news by August.

7. Crowne Height Projects

- a. Sidewalks
- b. Brooks St Bridge
- c. Pump Track

8. Other Matters

9. Public Communications

10. Adjournment