

MINUTES

Oceanside Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Monday, August 21, 2023 at 9:00 AM

1. Call to Order

2. Attendee Roll Call – Pete P., Jim C., Joel W., Marcus M., Steve S., Michelle C., Bogart B., Mike B., Mitch S., Tim P., Howard L., Tom L.

3. Introductions

4. June Meeting Minutes Approval - Approved

5. Items for Discussion

a. El Corazon Park Track: It appears there is some positive movement on a Pump Track for the El Corazon Park areas. Staff will provide an update.

- Parks & Rec is proposing a new pump track in El Corazon. NW corner near pickleball courts in Park Site #1. El Corazon group + Planning Commission have approved, funding's been identified. No design or contract yet. Committee would like to have input and there should be opportunities.
 - Question as to how bus service will serve the park. Concerned about long walk through peripheral parking lots, etc.
 - City planners researching an autonomous car system called Beep to connect Sprinter station to park. Not much detail yet. NCTD not in the loop (seems to be a SANDAG project)
 - Committee would like to have input on the circulation of the area

b. [SANDAG 2025 Regional Plan](#): On June 29, SANDAG conducted a kickoff webinar on the development of the 2025 Regional Plan, a key document which guides all future transportation planning including Active Transportation. The Chairman attended the webinar and reviewed the material covered and opportunities for Input.

- [Interactive map](#) allows public to click a specific area and submit a comment/proposal.
 - Comments allow a reference photograph to be attached as well
 - *“Proposed comments” below were agreed upon by attending members and submitted at the meeting. Committee members are encouraged to submit their own comments + echo proposed comments*
 - Sign up for regional plan email updates at bottom of [landing page](#)
 - Email address: regionalplan@sandag.org
- Plan must adhere to Title VI, environmental justice, Clean Air Act, and SB375
 - SB375 requires reducing driving by 19% by 2035

- Comment: CARB scoping plan is more aggressive than SB375 and that should be their benchmark (SB 32)
 - Recommends reading the plan especially Appendix E
 - Wants SANDAG to recognize that they have to achieve what's in the CARB scoping plan - 5 years sooner (2030) and more driving/emission reductions than SB375
 - Proposed comment: *"SANDAG must achieve SB32 and the CARB Scoping Plan requirements to meet the VMT reductions necessary for climate stabilization"*
 - Comment: we can no longer ride bikes thru Camp Pendleton between Oceanside & San Clemente. Forces riders onto I-5 which is NOT ideal. In addition to cars, the shoulder is full of debris hazards for bikes.
 - Proposed comment: *"SANDAG must work with Camp Pendleton and Caltrans to achieve a safe bike path through Camp Pendleton. The Base has determined not to authorize new Base Passes for cyclists."*
 - Caltrans may have secured funding for a Class 1 trail
 - Currently no options to hike/walk from Oceanside and SC
- Lessons from last plan - Prioritize projects that reduce driving/pollution, provide more options, no more freeway expansions
- Upcoming Regional Plan meetings - next one in Oceanside will be 9/13/23 at library (likely same room as our Committee meetings)
- Other proposed comments:
 - asking to fund and prioritize the inland rail trail and coastal rail trail - both can be funded by SANDAG if Caltrans grants fail.
 - *Please work with Oceanside to complete the Coast Highway Corridor Plan, one of the smart and sustainable corridors.*
 - *Create a safe bike and pedestrian crossing of I-5 from Vista Way or Kelly on the east side of I-5.*
 - *Work with Oceanside to complete/upgrade the Coastal Rail Trail between Morse and the city limits of Carlsbad*
 - SANDAG should help fund Cycling Safety Classes including e-bike components to reduce driving and crashes
 - Work with Oceanside and the US Army Corps of Engineers to upgrade and maintain the San Luis Rey River Trail. Extend the trail to Bonsall Bridge and I-15
 - (under category "general comments") - Reward projects that incentivize non-solo auto driving to support the CARB scoping plan and managed parking.

c. Bike the Coast: This annual event is coming up on November 4th. Staff will provide an update on preparations.

- Updates moved to September meeting

d. Bike Map Revisions: Staff has been working on a revision to the City Bike Map and will review the changes.

- Updated from the 2017 map.
- Backside is “sharing the road safely” section
 - File will be shared via email for Committee member comments
 - New law coming => to allow bikers to cross intersections at red lights when pedestrian walk signs come up early (could be added to map)

e. Active Grants Status

- roundabout/traffic circle demonstration project installed last month
- Public outreach is extremely important. Ex - a large percentage of the coastal rail trail grant is dedicated to outreach

i. Laurel Elementary

ii. Coastal Rail Trail – Morse St to Eaton St.

- One suggestion was to continue bike plan on the east side of the rail tracks to allow safer access to schools
- Need add'l funding from city to increase access from East side of Morse down the trail to Buccaneer beach (west side of rail). 2-3 months hopefully we'll have access to an alignment study/proposals

f. Grant Applications

i. Inland Rail Trail

- These grant applications require a tremendous amount of work. Very time-consuming, takes months.
- Heard from CalTrans district 11 that our grant is the #1 priority
- Didn't receive it last year despite scoring a 97%. Harder to secure grants now if they don't address underserved communities.

ii. Green California – Crowne Heights

g. Coastal Rail Trail – Oceanside Blvd to Morse St.

i. Design Status

ii. Caltrans Cycle 7 Grant announcement

h. Sharrows – Coast Hwy and Pacific St

- Paint fades quickly, looking into replacing with thermoplastic

i. Bike Education Programs

- Difficult to contain groups of kids on ebikes with only 2 instructors.
- Oceanside has very strict insurance requirements on running courses. Requires molestation insurance for youth which raises price considerably. .
- Goal is ebike instruction with a 5:1 ratio of kids to instructors.

- Separating kids and parents worked well, to talk to parents separately about re-enforcing the lessons, etc.
- Carlsbad & Encinitas require education and permits to students in order to park their bikes at school. Curriculum could use improvement
- Encinitas just hired a mobility manager at their Parks & Rec Dept.. Bicycle and Electra Bikes working w/ City to offer free bike education classes.

i. E-Bike 3 hr class

ii. Adult Smart Cycling

- Coming up next month

iii. Bike Rodeos: Pablo Tac, Mission, Laurel

j. gO'side Shuttle: Staff will provide an update on the re-start of the shuttle Service.

- Go'side is a \$3/fare this year as opposed to free (last year)
- 4 vehicles, expanded area up to East Capistrano neighborhood
- High season is 4 vehicles, low season is 3 units w/ no service on Monday & Tuesday
- July 2022/2023 comparison
 - 2022: 7622 passengers, 10.5 min avg wait time
 - 2023: 6368 passengers, 10.5 min avg wait time
 - Not a bad dropoff when you consider the fee, but rehired drivers are no longer receiving tips due to the fee. Less lucrative, may cause driver retention problems.
 - \$18.75/hr is the starting salary - not a problem for new drivers,
 - Low ride numbers in mornings - could start later to save money
 - Top pickup location is the RV resorts on Coast HWY in South O. Pier is the top dropoff location.

k. Project/Program/Initiatives Tracking /Sheet

I. Other Matters

- Member opinion - the 3 big bike events in Oceanside are not well promoted.
 - Connect w Visit Oceanside as they can help
 - Pertaining to a potential new bicycle race event
- [Let's Go San Diego](#) countywide ballot initiative brought up for anyone who'd like to sign
- Comments on RTP 2021 supplemental EIR due soon. SANDAG board took out road use charge, Caltrans approved, and that's the RTP in effect right now. May not be approved by CARB due to new scoping plan requirement
- Next Weds - City Council will hold public hearing on housing.
- Next Meeting - September 18

m. Public Communications

n. Adjournment