

MINUTES

Oceanside Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Monday, September 18, 2023 at 9:00 AM

1. Call to Order

2. Attendee Roll Call - Mike B, Jim C, Pete P., Kevin G., Steve S., Ralph N., Rick C (NCTD), Mike B, Mitch S, Ross D (consultant Chen Ryan), Howard G, Tom L + 2 late arrivals whose names I did not catch

3. Introductions

4. August Meeting Minutes Approval* - Approved

5. Items for Discussion

a. College Blvd. Class IV Bike Lanes Update

Consultant Chen Ryan has been preparing the concept design for the College Blvd Improvements project. Ross Duenas of Chen Ryan will present the current design, including the intersection of College Blvd and Oceanside Blvd.

- Working towards concluding design phase before moving into design sequences. Project area from Waring Dr/Barnard Rd to Old Grove.
 - Estimate another year to finish design, then construction
- Proposed improvements from [Waring to Roselle \(click link for image\)](#) - street buffer separates a raised protected bike lane from car traffic.
 - Some concerns from cyclists about this, concern about intersections/riders going the wrong way (need signage), etc.
 - Envisioning some type of softscape for the buffers. If hardscape, would need detectable edge for vision-impaired
 - Concrete envisioned for cycle track (as opposed to asphalt).
 - Concrete lasts longer without need for repair. 5-7 years for asphalt before it needs maintenance, 20 for concrete.
 - Root barrier proposed for any trees. City has list of acceptable trees to plant for softscape depending on width of area for potential root issues
 - Public works currently has no device (street sweeper, etc.) for a narrow protected bikeway. Looking at using landscape contractor to “blow it.”
- Proposed improvements from [Roselle Ave. to Thunder Dr.](#)
 - This portion includes onstreet car parking. Bike lane buffer will be hardscape and at least 3 ft wide for car doors
- Proposed improvements near [Oceanside Blvd. & Aztec St.](#)
 - Additional vehicular traffic lane proposed in this section
 - Area is very backed-up currently as people use College as a

thoroughfare between 78 and 76

- Some discussion re: addition of vehicular traffic lane vis-a-vis current climate crisis and the need to reduce gas-powered driving to stabilize climate (backed by various state laws and CARB scoping plan, etc.)
- A new 6,000 seat arena also planned for area at Rancho Del Oro.
- Another concern - 3 lane to 2 lanes could create another traffic bottleneck where the merge occurs
 - College Blvd and Oceanside Blvd have many bottlenecks as-is
 - Concerns about induced demand, in 5 years it will be just as congested as it is today
 - Signage to remind cyclists to ride on correct side re-emphasized, posting speed limits for 20mph to control downhill speeds in the protected lanes also suggested
 - Wider bike lanes welcomed (6 ft+), sidewalks too. Area is also part of city's smart corridors
 - Some questioning of how many pedestrians will realistically be using this corridor... not to mention riders? A much-wider Class 1 might be a simpler solution if it's not projected to get much use (class 1 is shared bike/ped path)
- Proposed improvements near Avenida De La Plata and Old Grove
- Proposed improvements - [Intersection at Roselle Ave.](#)
 - Bike signals proposed along w/ a separated right turn lanes, lane ramps down from raised elevation to roadway level at turns
 - Green painted bike lanes through intersection for bikes continuing on College or Roselle
 - Plans to have visible *no right turn on red* signage - similar to ones at Carlsbad Blvd drive in Carlsbad Village.
 - What about roundabout? Death rate is much higher for traffic light intersections. May not be feasible for a 2-lane each direction, high traffic road. Not any 2-lane roundabouts in SD County to our knowledge.
 - Sharrows planned for Roselle which currently lacks bike lane and does not have space for one (according to Ross)
 - Several members would like to see sharrows as well for cyclists
- Proposed Improvements - [Intersection at Oceanside Blvd and College](#)
 - Project scope does not include Oceanside Blvd.
 - Includes existing dedicated right turn lane from College onto

- westbound Oceanside Blvd.
 - Someday will need to accommodate inland coastal rail trail users to cross College, since an overpass or underpass for cyclists is likely not feasible.
 - 2-way bike lane discussed, but creates complications at intersections and driveways due to bike traffic coming from both directions
- Proposed improvements - Intersection at Avenida de la Plata
 - Concern about cyclists transferring from raised, protected lanes into the main road (sharrow, class 2). They can design “cut-throughs,” still exploring strategies on how to accommodate cyclists of different abilities
 - 2 uncontrolled intersections (stop signs, no light signals) - how to protect riders from right hooks?
 - Proposing a speed bump for cars at the right turns to slow vehicles down + yield to bikes/peds signage. They will widen right turns as much as possible to slow vehicle and square it up with their new lane for visibility

b. Loma Alta Creek Bridge Design and Connections

This key link in the Coastal Rail Trail is in design. Staff will brief the Committee on the status of design.

- Design engineer (Kymberly) not available to provide update for today’s meeting, but will attend next month’s meeting.
- City funding design element to finish project up to shovel-ready
- City will apply for funding next year, design to be finished by end of year. Estimated costs \$11m, up from \$6m from 10 years ago
- Main design challenge - how to get down to the park once you cross the creek

c. SANDAG 2025 Regional Plan Community Workshop

On September 13, SANDAG conducted a community workshop for the 2025 Regional Plan under development. The Chairman attended and will review the highlights of the Workshop.

- Meeting was more SANDAG telling community what to expect, as opposed to listening to community attendees (Chairman’s opinion)
- Regional bike network - *will eventually be an interconnected system...*
 - Key word is eventually - when?
 - 3 priority Oceanside projects to advocate for
 - Inland Rail Trail
 - Coastal Rail Trail
 - Coast Highway Corridor Project
 - Finish Inland rail trail

- Not in SANDAG's "early action program" so they don't have dedicated funding for construction - thus city must continue to seek funding from other sources
 - SANDAG staff expressed a desire to participate in Inland Rail Trail alignment study grant which the City just won.
 - Highway 78 improvements
 - Bike path improvements - 21 miles of separated bikeway from O'side to Escondido
 - LOSSAN improvements - Del Mar rail relocation
 - No mention of doubletracking across BV Lagoon
 - New neighborhood shuttles
 - Several other regional projects & programs
- Feedback opportunities -
 - 1700 comments so far on interactive map.
 - Oct-Dec will have opportunities to make public comment at SANDAG meetings. Virtual commenting still open for public, but if non-agenda public comment exceeds time limits they get held and continued at end of meeting
- Take-aways
 - Staff more focused on telling than listening (at this meeting)
 - Reemphasized interactive map
 - Not many opportunities to verbally express opinions
- Discussion: add protected bike lane to Bonsall to list of items to advocate for, it's been on SANDAG's to-do list for 20 years with little to no action.
- Car parking cash out => paying people not to drive. Several studies done on this, the worst outcome was 15% reduction in driving.

d. Active Grants Status

i. Laurel Elementary

- \$1.4m grant 4 years ago, slowed down due to Covid
- Roundabout demonstration project went pretty well, less criticism
- Roundabouts require a lot of outreach due to community concerns, unfamiliarity with them
- Project will not be easy to get done by March/April 2026 (deadline for funding)

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

- Doubletracking will include a bike path alongside the bridge.
- Recently heard from President of BV Audubon.
 - Need to find out more about this path because it will need to harmonize with Coastal Rail trail additions from Morse to Eaton

e. Grant Applications

i. Inland Rail Trail – A major announcement will be made by staff.

- 4th attempt to get funding was successful!
- Almost \$500K to study the alignment on Oceanside segment - need to see if this is feasible or not
- Still a significant workload for staff to manage these studies - lots of administrative work required at every part of project, requests for proposals, council approval, etc. Almost a full-time job
- Need someone from SANDAG on the technical advisory committee

ii. Green California – Crowne Heights

- Mainly landscaping?

f. Coastal Rail Trail – Oceanside Blvd to Morse St. including Bridge over Loma Alta Creek

i. Design Status – Covered under Item b.

ii. Caltrans Cycle 7 Grant announcement

- Still disappointed that we were not selected for funding last round, hopeful for this cycle to get funding from state.

g. Sharrows – Coast Hwy and Pacific St – Update on thermoplastic paint

- Longer lasting than paint

h. Bike Education Programs

i. E-Bike 3 hr class

- Looking for how to improve process due to demand

ii. Adult Smart Cycling

- 40 signups, highest ever
- Class must be engaging to keep them interested through entire 9-hour course
- OPD under a lot of pressure also to get education program out for ebikes
- Ebike video prepared by Alta will be distributed
- City schools not yet willing to require a certificate like Encinitas did. But considering allowing OPD to write diversion tickets - you must attend a class.
- What about paying the instructors? Currently it's Howard & Pete, need more LCIs. They will pay \$600 for an LCI to teach this class.

iii. Bike Rodeos: Pablo Tac, Mission, Laurel

i. gO'side Shuttle: Staff will provide an update on the performance of the shuttle service.

- Stats are down from last year, probably due to rider charge
- \$100K advertising contract with Ting Mobile

- Project cost to operate , per year:
- SANDAG \$250,000
- City \$161,911
- Visit Oceanside \$100,000

TOTAL \$511,911

SANDAG and Visit Oceanside have committed to fund for two years.

j. Project/Program/Initiatives Tracking /Sheet: Attached to Agenda

I. Public Communications

● **Bike the Coast**

- looking for committee to work the family ride on the 7th and 15th. 1900 riders signed up last year, 1700 showed. Looking at similar turnout this year. Some concern about USACE drilling at the same time. Bike MS official charity. Doing outreach to local restaurants etc. Working w/ Visit Oceanide’s Dine Oceanside program, about 5 restaurants participating. Biergarten too. The 100 mile ride is a 50 mile course doubled. “It’s a very good 1st century.”

- **Ionis** – Committee member heard that they’ve pulled out of the deal to move into El Corazon offices. Sudberry is company developing the land.

m. Adjournment

The Next Meeting of the Oceanside Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Monday, October 23, 2023, 9:00AM, in the Oceanside Library Community Rooms.

