

MINUTES

Oceanside Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Monday, March 20, 2023 at 9:00 AM

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

1. USACE Geotech presentation re: upcoming work on SLR Levee

U.S. Army Corp of Engineers will do drilling on the levee supporting the San Luis Rey trail to test for its ability to do its job under flood conditions. This is in preparation of the trail becoming the property of the City. Chris Chabot, PhD is doing the work, as a Corp employee. He has figured out how to drill without shutting down the trail. Howard was in communication with him about the importance of minimizing the impact on users. The truck holding the equipment will partially block the trail, requiring users to slow down and use the reduced width. There will be signs to warn users. Only one drilling operation will happen at a time. Barbara noted that Bike the Coast uses the trail. That will be on a Saturday. There may need to be extra coordination.

- 3 months estimated work from 9/15 for 3 months
- Propose to work around the clock to get it done quickly, USACE needs to do all these tests before handing levee over to the City.
- Link to the previous inspection done by USACE:
https://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Portals/17/docs/LeveeSafetyProgram/San_Luis_Rey_River_6_Levee_System_PI_Report_No1_ES_U_20171215r.pdf

2. College Blvd. Improvement Project

Ross Duenas of Chen-Ryan Consulting discussed this College Ave project from Vista Way to Old Grove Road. A Class IV (Cycle Tracks) bike facility is being recommended. He presented slides that formed the basis of that recommendation. The Average Daily Trips (ADT) is high, exceeding 12,500.

- Survey, "level of traffic stress" LTS
- 4 categories, 1 being least stressful and 4 being gnarly
- ADT is average daily traffic
- So because College Blvd is super high ADT and super high LTS, a Class IV lane is recommended.
- FHWA BIKEWAY CLASSIFICATION GUIDE
- Showed cross-section, one-way protected lanes on either side of the road (Waring & Roselle). Onstreet parking not included in the image though
- 2015-18, 57% and high 30% bicycle & pedestrian fatalities occurred at intersections.

- Considerations. Proposing tier 3 countermeasures to keep cyclists safe from “motorized right turn into bicyclist”
- More space between car & cyclist at right turns so they see us
- “Protected intersection” - incorporates little car-free islands at turning zones at the intersection to protect bikes & pedestrians
 - Ralph - “still seeing right hook conflict” at faster downhill sections.
 - Ross shows some signage options - no right on red signs, bike stoplights, etc. In CA you cannot have a bike green light w/ any other conflicting greens for other modes.
 - Ralph - worried about longer cyclist waiting time with separated lights. Ross thinks that managing wait times is possible
 - Bo - what’s the capacity of the proposed bike lanes? Hope is that it will accommodate a cyclist button at every single red light. The bike lights only come into play when a cyclist pushes a button.
 - Member asked about flexibility for potential future developments etc., Ross’ reply that it would require add’l CIP but that the flexibility is there.
 - Carlsbad cyclist - a doctor was killed in 2004 at a left turn by an SUV. So what about left turn dangers?
 - Encinitas planning a Class IV where 2 private driveways occur, and they’re putting stop signs for cyclists. Transferring responsibility from motorist to cyclist, not ideal.
 - Steve - can we ensure that shopping center driveways are using lower foliage for landscaping (or larger setbacks for foliage), it blocks cyclist vision of cars coming out the driveway into traffic
 - Ralph - how do we minimize motorists breaking these rules and potentially killing a cyclist? Also concerned about the add’l wait times at these busy protected intersections. Howard points out that cyclists will have options to use the Class IV or Class II and even switch between for uphill (slow) and downhill (fast).

3. ABEA Presentation on Cycling Savvy Program (Keri Caffery)

- Lived in Orlando where biking was scary, but learned to assert herself and ride with confidence.
- Cycling Savvy - progression to mastery of bike skills on the road. Develop toolkit around the biggest pain points and issues on the road in a particular city.
- Also went into city’s DOT to inform employees of what bikers need, i.e. 7 ft wide lanes vs 3 ft lanes.
- Work w/ law enforcement as well
- All volunteer funded and powered until now - Pedego coming in to help out w/ ebike education
- Free online courses - safety basics, mastery, free essentials, club essentials. Developing ride leader course too, very cool.
 - Website: www.Abea.bike and cyclingsavvy.org

- Questions
 - Howard - ABEA vs. League of American Bicyclist courses. Especially in re: to youth. Can kids sit through it? Keri replies that it's been successful for all ages. Keri felt the curriculum she was given by the League was effective, switched to ABEA
 - Steve - did you incorporate safe routes to schools programs into the curriculum? Keri: not specifically these curriculums are targeted at the adult market. Steve feels it's important to ensure cross communication there. Keri - agrees, important that parents and their kids are learning the same stuff so as to not create conflicts.
 - Ralph - would like to set up group ride between ABEA and League riders to compare and contrast tactics. Some cross pollination would be great, essentially.
 - Member - what are your plans w/ this program moving forward?
- Keri willing to put on a class for the committee.
- Howard - Ebike issue is of paramount importance, the revolution isn't quite here yet like in neighboring communities - but it's coming.
- Steve - has been a member for 15-20 years. How many people here have heard of the ABEA? It's a great group and he recommends us to get involved.

4. NEV Go-Side Program

- Funding commitments for the program for the next two years: \$100K from Visit Oceanside, \$500K from SANDAG
- Plan to start this program end of May
- Run 4-5 NEVs from Harbor area to Vista Way, will go Far East at Canyon
- \$3 fare rather than being for free as it was in the past
- Goes to Council likely in April
- Questions/Comments
 - Vouchers for low-income would be welcome
 - How can we collect data on ridership, etc.?
 - We have when rides are requested, where, etc. but getting the User info is more difficult
 - Previously ran 7k rides per month, average wait from 6-9 minutes.

* Not a bus, more like an Uber but within a fixed area and w/ a fixed price. Really cool actually.

5. OTC Redevelopment Follow-ups (Arlene)

- * Looking at pulling out the customer service area to be less hidden, more welcoming
- * Public parking within residential parking garages initially seen as a good idea, but they're reconsidering due to concerns about residents gobbling up all those spots
- Can residents lease out their assigned spots for day-use, etc.?
- Gonna meet w/ Mike Bullock to discuss unbundling parking from residential units

- Recent Changes to the plan:
 - Widen all sidewalks, anywhere from 7-25 ft. Encourages multi-use?
 - Dedicated pickup & drop-off spaces
 - Enhanced crossings
 - Traffic calming elements
 - Shorten walk from bus service to train service from 7 min to 3-5 min
 - “Will trees be high enough to not block view?” Arlene not sure.
 - Bo - circles back to changing undercrossing off Cleveland
 - Adds wayfinding, package delivery, water refill stations, etc.
 - Recommend dropping speed limit from 25mph to 15mph because that seems way too fast for a road with so many different types of use
 - Howard - what about bike commuting parking options, shelters?
 - May need to replace existing bike station since it was a pre-heavy ebike solution
 - Arlene is open to our input on bike stations.
 - 3 types of bike parking - public, hotel & retail, resident (this is fantastic)
 - How many bikes do we want to accommodate?
 - We can always take over parking spaces for more bike stations if needed
 - Arlene wants our input - pencil in ideas over the design, send her photos, help her with location, etc.
 - Howard - 2 bikes stolen out of bike lockers so far
 - What’s the right amount of bike stalls? Need to be nimble to expand & contract as necessary. Howard - city has good data on how many use metro or coaster w/ bike.
- osidetransit.com is where you can find all the design blueprints, etc.

6. Sharrow Draft Writeup for Publication in Oceanside Magazines/Newsletters

- Draft distributed - all feedback can be handed or sent to Tom and Jim
- Ralph - Pacific can get aggressive. May need better sharrows.

7. CMCP Letter has been sent

- Reinforce need for the Inland Rail Trail, it’s a priority item
- Is it just lip service?
- Howard - hard to understand what SANDAG says and supports. Funding applications for the CRT bridge have been repeatedly denied in lieu of projects in City of SD area, a real bummer for North County’s needs. Has not given up though.

8. Adjourn

1. Next meeting is April 17!