

MINUTES

Oceanside Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Monday, February 27, 2023 at 9:00 AM

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

1. Oceanside Transit Center Redevelopment – Update and Input Opportunity*

The Committee received an update on the additional input we have provided to NCTD and the Toll Brothers on the OTC Redevelopment Project, including a follow-up letter submitted for the CEQA Scoping Session held on February 1, and attendance at the CEQA Scoping Meeting. We arranged for representatives of the Toll Brothers to attend our meeting and receive input on the proposal. Arlene Tendick and Michael Winter, representing Toll Bros., were in attendance. The following points were discussed:

- Arlene discussed the February 22 meeting on NCTD goals and how OTC fits into the larger plan. Another meeting on March 16, 6:30pm, will discuss mobility issues. A third meeting on aesthetics is also planned.
- The EIR is slated to be out this summer, with 45 day public review from May to Mid-July.
- What Toll has heard from input so far:
 - Sense of arrival needs improvement
 - Ease of multi-modal navigation is important
 - Mobility elements emphasis
 - Parking management
 - Integration of community input
- Discussion of Circulation, Transit, Active Transportation, and Parking:
 - Toll is working with signage company to improve wayfinding
 - The design reduces walk between modes.
 - Toll is trying to bring in life besides transit users
 - Mike B.: Parking should be unbundled – what if apartment residents don't use parking?
 - Travel lanes street width total – 36' on Michigan. Sidewalks are 10-12' wide. Sidewalks should be wider, Committee members suggested.
 - Michael Winter stated widening Michigan will not create a great view corridor.
 - Tree canopy was discussed – more shade trees, fewer palm trees needed.
 - Barb C.: Whole facility needs to be people oriented, not car-oriented.
 - Arlene says changes to the design are stressing pedestrian and cyclist access. But Committee's specific concerns on lack of bike lanes were not addressed at this meeting.
 - Signage plan in progress – how to create a sense of arrival at the transit center.
 - Arlene agrees the transit center is hidden.

- Mike B.: Consider naming conventions for the project, such as “Transit Center Apartments”. This did not seem well received by Toll. Mike stressed project needs to incorporate practices to stabilize the climate
- Howard L.: In his view, this is not a transit development, it is a housing project, as presented. How do we make this a transit-oriented facility?
- Discussion of Public Input Process:
 - Tom stated that public participation was lacking on this project, a major public facility. Only one public meeting was held before the project went into CEQA Scoping. There should be a stakeholder committee representing all interests on this project. Toll Bros. reps did not support that, saying such a group could deter other community input. Barb pointed out that they could do both – a stakeholder committee AND a general public outreach.
 - Additional input can be provided at: outreach@OsideTransit.com
 - Tom thanked Arlene and Michael for their attendance today and stressed that the Committee’s goal is to obtain the best possible project for all users and the community. We will look forward to the March 16 meeting.

2. North County Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP)

Tom provided the Committee a powerpoint presentation (copy sent with these Minutes) on the CMCP as it relates to active transportation. The presentation covered:

- What is the CMCP?
- CMCP observations on current transp. system
- Data considered
- North County’s Mobility Hubs
- CMCP’s Priority Projects and Phases
- Proposed Committee Input (due by Mar. 13)

Of major importance, the CMCP calls for major investments in the Coastal and Inland Rail Trails in the first phase of the Plan (2025 – 2030), which are our Committee’s highest priority projects. Tom reviewed the recommended content of our comments on the Plan, for use in a comment letter to Caltrans/SANDAG. The Committee concurred unanimously with the recommended input and provided several more points for the letter. The final letter is included with these Minutes.

3. Follow-up: Cycling Safety Improvements on Highway 76

Howard reported that he is still trying to follow-up with Seth Cutter at Caltrans and will update the Committee next month on the status of the safety improvements identified two years ago for Highway 76.

4. Safe Routes to School

- a. **Laurel Street Elementary Caltrans Cycle 4 Grant** – This \$1.5 million grant for improvements has been delayed by staffing limitations. Howard is trying to secure ALTA consulting assistance to move it forward.
- b. **Sharrows on California and Coast Hwy** – The Sharrows are in process, with most of northbound Coast Hwy done. Will continue as weather and OT staffing permit.

- c. **E-Bike Video for middle schoolers** – The Video is complete and is being distributed to schools.
- d. **E-Bike 3 hr. classes** – The first class was two weekends ago and was full with 20 students.
- e. **Bike Rodeos:** San Luis Rey, Mission and Laurel Street elementaries

5. Grant Updates

- a. **Coastal Rail Trail Oceanside Blvd to Morse, Caltrans Cycle 6** – This is the bridging of Loma Alta Creek and connections north and south of it. Project did not make cut in last grant cycle but SANDAG has a separate pot of money to distribute and Howard is hopeful it will be funded through that mechanism.
- b. **Coastal Rail Trail Improvements Morse to Carlsbad, Caltrans Cycle 5** - The Coastal Rail Trail Improvement project was funded by Caltrans under Cycle 5 and covers a trail improvement study from Morse Street to the connection south to the Carlsbad Class 1 trail. This project is under way.
- c. **Resubmittal of Inland Rail Trail Alignment Study Grant Request** – Grant application is due March 9, Howard is finalizing the application. It will include our CMCP comment letter which cites the Plan's emphasis on the importance of the IRT.

6. Crowne Height Projects

- a. **Sidewalks** – Caltrans is evaluating ways to improve the Brooks street bridge's sidewalk width and lighting.
- b. **Brooks St Bridge**
- c. **Pump Track**

7. Other Matters:

- a. **NEV Program** – Oceanside is working with SANDAG to get funding to bring the electric vehicle shuttle program back in the summer, May – November. Visit Oceanside has also agreed to provide \$100,000 in support for the program.
- b. **Mike** – Smart Growth Incentive programs could provide funding for Phase 1 of the Coast Highway Corridor Plan. This requires a grant application.
- c. **Tom** – Some of the fence post stubs along the SLRRT right after it passes under I-5 are starting to surface again (cover material washed away) and should be addressed by Public Works.

8. Public Communications – None

9. Adjournment – at 11:10AM.