

# MINUTES

## Oceanside Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Monday, January 11, 2021 at 9:00 AM

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

1. **Coastal Rail Trail Segment between Morse and Eaton**

Joel West of the Save South O organization has requested that the Committee consider pursuing the widening of the existing Coastal Rail Trail segment between Morse and Eaton. The current trail is only 7' to 8' wide and is insufficient for use by multiple trail users such as cyclists, pedestrians, strollers, etc. The Committee will discuss this item and may vote to make a recommendation to the City. **Discussion** – 3 issues per Joel. Save South O is concerned with Pedestrian safety. Segment between Buccaneer and Eaton. Trail leading up to the creek is 7 feet wide south of the creek. NCTD is about to fence off the ROW in this area. Will then be harder to move the fences. Ped issues and bike issues. There is an existing fence in this 7 foot segment. Right now, Joel want to get NCTD to give up more ROW. Area is already double tracked so there is a lot of spare ROW. NCTD wants to fence due to trespasser accidents. Fence to discourage trespassing across tracks. Cassidy and at the creek are available crossings. Should we ask NCTD to provide more of the land as open space? Serious cyclists will never use the trail in this area anyway, but casual cyclists and peds will use the trail. Differences between Pacific vs. Broadway segment. Potential for open park space and opportunity for BMX track. HLG - Grant request being made to improve footpath between Buccaneer Park and Coast highway, widen the trail (duplicate around trees), and to put trail through Audubon property from end of Broadway onto Coast Highway, in exchange for ped crossing on Coast Highway. Grant due in February. Maybe include footpath from Morse down to Buccaneer Park? Joel – can the Buc park to Coast Hwy trail be widened? Howard – need to look into constraints of that trail. Creek is a constraint. Grant will look at ways to improve that. **ACTION:** Howard and Hamid to contact NCTD to discuss widening the rail trail.

2. **The Past Year in Review, the Year Ahead**

The Chairman lead the Committee in a review of the past year's accomplishments and the new year's proposed initiatives. Tom Frankum brought up an additional funding source and the Committee discussed possible use of the funds to match the key projects in our budget list. **ACTION:** The Committee endorsed the proposed initiatives, projects, and budgets. Howard to discuss the use of the new funding source further with Parks and Recs.

3. **Virtual Active Transportation Scavenger Hunts**

Sylvie Froncek, Programs Director, San Diego County Bicycle Coalition, described virtual active transportation scavenger hunts which the Coalition has been conducting in other areas of San Diego County. **Discussion** – Trying to do virtual events during pandemic. Gets a lot of families to participate and a safe way to interact in the community. Also provides free

local interest. **ACTION:** Michelle would definitely like to do this in Oceanside. HLG willing to work with Sylvie and Michelle off-line. Maybe use historical aspects of the City. Have done this in IB twice, and in mid-city. Michelle could work in a publicity angle.

**4. Continuing Impact of the Pandemic on Cycling and Walking Activities in Oceanside**

The Committee conducted a continuing discussion on member observations regarding the impact of the Pandemic on cycling, walking, and transportation in Oceanside. Charles – NCTD ridership in November down 56% system wide, from past year. Right now putting together ridership proposals for next year. Will consider vaccine rollout and projections on returning riders. Installed plexi barriers in buses so front door boarding and fare collection now allowed. COASTER schedule was significantly cut back during the pandemic. Will continue at this level at least through March. If reintroduced normal Coaster schedule, would be April or the fall. Not anticipating other service reductions in near term, so they can see how things come out as the pandemic eases. COASTER has been down 90%. Sprinter 49% down. Type of rider is a big factor – have ability to work from home or have a car. Michelle – Still thinking about Ironman, which would normally occur in March. Mike – Brooks pool is being heavily used.

**5. City Annual Budgeting Requests – Update**

Staff to provide an update, if available, on the preliminary funding approvals for the Committee’s Budget Requests. Discussed during Year in Review item.

**6. Update on Caltrans/Other Grant Requests:**

1. Inland Rail Trail Project Study Report – update on status of revised grant application development and pursuit of IRT funding. See related attached letter from the Chairman sent to Caltrans, SANDAG, and corridor Cities. **Status:** In process right now, grant due February. Hoping for Caltrans pre-review.
2. Coastal Rail Trail Loma Alta Creek Bridge and connections final design & construction – update on status of revised grant application. The result of the grant submission should be out in February or March.
3. Berkeley Study of problematic intersections on Oceanside Blvd. Problematic locations are Crouch, El Camino, and College. Staff will provide another update on recommendations from the study. **Status:** Study is nearly done. The study report and findings from the follow-up traffic analysis to be sent to Tom for distribution to the Committee.

**7. Sub-Committee Reports**

Each of the Sub-Committees will provide a brief update on their activities on our planned initiatives, if available:

**a) Advocacy Sub-Committee (Tom, Pete, Mindy, Barb)**

**b) Safety Sub-Committee (Pete, Jim)**

After our last meeting when we reported that Caltrans had addressed the signal timing issue at Hwy 76 and Old Grove Road, Howard indicated the City will formally request the information on the timings at all of the Hwy 76 crossings. **Status:** HLG asked for update from Seth Cutter and was only told they improved the timings, not by how much. Caltrans claimed cyclists were pressing the limits on the timings.

**c) SRTS Sub-Committee (Bill, Howard)**

**d) Mountain Bike Park/Pump Tracks for existing parks (Steve, Nancy, Diane)**

e) **Public Awareness and Community Outreach (Michelle, Jim, Mike Bullock, Mike Bone)** Howard working on getting access to FB and website, he does not have control.

**8. Update of ongoing projects:**

1. Update on status of the coastal cities' joint BikeShare/ScooterShare programs, SANDAG's guidelines development, and Oceanside's ordinance.
2. Status of the Bike Storage Facility grant implementation.
3. Status of the Loma Alta Creek bridge preliminary design and environmental.
4. Mainstreet Downtown Shuttle Demonstration Project.

**9. 2021 Meeting Calendar** – included for reference

**10. Other Matters** – speed limits on SLRRT. Will discuss with Hamid about speed limit signs.

**11. Public Communications**

**12. Adjournment**

***Depending on further changes in the County's Public Health Orders, the Next Meeting of the Oceanside Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee will be conducted on Zoom on Monday, February 22, 2021, 9:00AM.***