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Oceanside Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Monday, February 22, 2021 at 9:00 AM

A. Call to Order

B. Attendee Roll Call

In attendance were: Howard LaGrange, Tom Lichterman, Pete Penseyres, Michelle Martini-Brown, Mike Bullock, Marcus McCreedy, Steve Sims, Doug Bilse, David Pfost, and Vicki Gutierrez.

C. Introductions

D. January Meeting Minutes Approval - Approved

E. Items for Discussion

1. El Corazon Plans for Trails for Bicycling and Walking

Vicki Gutierrez, City Property Manager, shared the active transportation elements (trails for bike and ped) of the El Corazon plan. It will take twelve to 18 months to design/plan trail system, then construction will start with decomposed granite paths first (for ped use only), pavement to come later allowing bikes. Looking for funding for phase 1 construction. Steve brought up issue of enforcement for trails not initially open to bikes. Info to be posted in info kiosks, bike rentals/dealers to be asked to advise customers. Access to trails from Mesa and from Rancho Del Oro. Also Oceanside Blvd. Design is funded but construction money will be needed. Pete – lighting bollards on the trails? Vicki indicated plans call for 14' light standards but can look into using the bollards. Mike pointed out lighting and habitat can be in conflict. Howard suggested we bring in the parks and recs director (Mark Olson) to talk about pump track location potential here and elsewhere in the City.

2. Update on Hwy 76 Signal Timings Issue

Howard presented an update on the status of signal timing changes at major intersections on Highway 76, based on a Caltrans presentation at the last Caltrans Bike and Ped Committee Meeting. Howard provided a historical review of this issue and reviewed the presentation he received from Caltrans. The slide below summarizes Caltrans signal timing changes:

Investigation: Increased Clearance Interval

- Action: Increased Red Times ($CP_{Bicycle} - CP_{Vehicle}$ added to red)

Intersection	Max W	Existing Red Time*	Investigation Red Time*
SR-76/Benet	164 feet	2.5 sec	4.8 sec
SR-76/Old Grove	165 feet	2.5 sec	4.9 sec
SR-76/N. Santa Fe	155 feet	2.5 sec	4.5 sec
SR-76/Melrose	166 feet	2.5 sec	4.9 sec

*Red times shown correspond to width shown. Other phases may have lower red times for existing and investigation periods.

These data show that Caltrans increased the “all red” phase to allow more clearance interval. There was already reportedly four seconds of yellow. So, the four seconds yellow

plus 4.8 seconds all-red gives eight to nine seconds, which is enough for cyclists to clear. David Pfost, the cyclist involved in the February 2020 incident, commented on the issue and changed timings, and expressed his appreciation for Howard's, Pete's, and the City's intervention to get these changes made. It was noted that this presentation did not address all of the Hwy 76 intersections.

Doug Bipse, a former Caltrans traffic engineer, commented on the timings changes and said the all-red phase adds significantly to overall cycle time. However, he is in total support of the changes made. In Carlsbad, there is video detection technology for cyclists. He recommended that this issue be forwarded up the chain of command in Caltrans to get this adopted state-wide, through the Calif. Traffic Control Device Commission run by Caltrans. This committee looks at the MUTCD changes. Tom suggested that Hamid write to the Caltrans staff who provided the signal presentation, thanking them for the changes and asking that it be forwarded to all Caltrans districts for consideration. Doug Bipse agreed that would be a good direction. Howard to follow up with Hamid.

3. Follow-ups on Discussion of Coastal Rail Trail Segment between Morse and Eaton

At the last meeting, we discussed the narrowness of this segment of the Coastal Rail Trail and need to widen it down to Eaton or a connection with Coast Highway. Follow-on discussions with NCTD and a Caltrans Sustainable Communities Grant Request were reviewed. See attached letter of support from the Chairman on behalf of the Committee. Update: The Grant Application was submitted on February 12.

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

Continuing discussion on member observations regarding the impact of the Pandemic on cycling, walking, and transportation in Oceanside. Update: Michelle, our Publicity Officer, stated that the latest word is no major events until the fall at this point. Except, RAAM will occur in June, however.

5. City Annual Budgeting Requests – Update

Staff to provide an update, if available, on the preliminary funding approvals for the Committee's Budget Requests. Update: most of what we put in the longer-term CIP is still in the budget. SLRRT upgrades still in doubt due to future status of that trail. Howard will look into future of trail ownership with staff and report back next month.

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 of support from the Chairman on behalf of the Committee. This Grant Application was a re-submittal on Feb 12.
2. Coastal Rail Trail Widening between Morse and Eaton was also submitted Feb 12.
3. Coastal Rail Trail Loma Alta Creek Bridge and connections final design & construction: Update: Grant request was for \$9 million. We got 87 points but

cutoff was 92 points. This one did not pass Caltrans acceptance. City staff is considering next steps and possible other funding avenues.

4. 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. No Update.
5. Two SRTS grants were submitted. Laurel street was funded. Lincoln-Palmquist was not funded. Was dependent on being disadvantaged area.
SANDAG is receiving \$16 million for projects that did not meet the cutoff in the Caltrans scoring, which SANDAG can choose to fund. This might be able to pay for the Loma Alta Creek project. We will know in about 30 days.

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)**
ZOOM smart cycling on-line portion class a week from tomorrow, March 2. First road session on March 6.
- c) **SRTS Sub-Committee (Bill, Howard)**
- d) **Mountain Bike Park/Pump Tracks for existing parks (Steve, Nancy, Diane)**
Mark Olson, City Parks and Recs Director, to be invited to next meeting by Howard.
- e) **Public Awareness and Community Outreach (Michelle, Jim, Mike Bullock, Mike Bone)**

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. Encinitas is moving forward with B Cycles, a subsidiary of Trek. Hope to get done by the summer. BIRD approached the City Manager for scooter share in the City. City staff has discussed and advised not to do this at this time.
2. Status of the Bike Storage Facility grant implementation. Almost done. Key fobs ready to go. Bike repair station to be put inside.
3. Status of the Loma Alta Creek bridge preliminary design and environmental. Enviro done by this summer.
4. Mainstreet Downtown Shuttle Demonstration Project. No update.

9. Other Matters

Mike, the Committee's Community Outreach Lead, noted the following items:

1. Onward Oceanside is still going forward, the General Plan Update.
2. This spring, SANDAG will adopt their Regional Transportation Plan. Participation and input is possible via the on-line meetings they are currently conducting.
3. County Board of Supervisors is planning to completely revise the Climate Action Plan to make it legally defensible.

10. Public Communications
11. Adjournment – 11:00AM

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, March 15, 2021, 9:00AM.