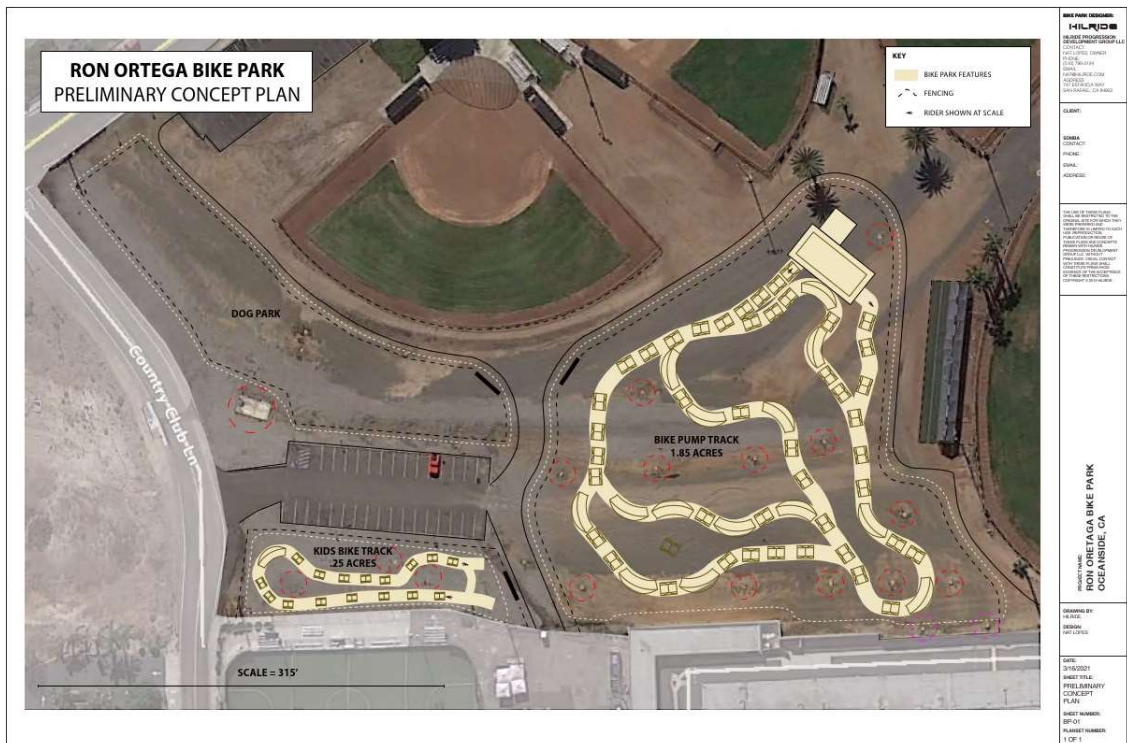


# Minutes

## Oceanside Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Monday, April 19, 2021 at 9:00 AM

- A. Call to Order – 9:00am
- B. Attendee Roll Call – Tom Lichterman, Howard LaGrange, Jim Curl, Michele Martini-Brown, Mike Bullock, Steve Sims, Ralph Nelson, Mark Olson (City of Oceanside)
- C. Introductions – Mark Olson: Director of Parks and Recreation Department City of O, Ralph Nelson: O’side resident, 55 yo bike rider, daughter involved in Olympics.
- D. March Meeting Minutes: Approved.
- E. Items for Discussion:
  - 1. Pump Track Location Map: Mark Olson, Director of Parks and Recreation discussed options and presented a conceptual map for possible location of a Pump Track at Ron Ortega Park near downtown area off Country Club Lane. He emphasized this is a concept only, not an approved project. Olson has used experts including SD Mtn. Bike Assn. to work on a feasibility study which was approved in 2021 budget. (275K). Next step is engineering. Temecula, Carmel Valley, Orange County has installed tracks. HLG recalls the efforts to start this 10 years ago. Ortega is a good site b/c it serves an underserved community. City of Escondido is working on one for Jesmond Dene park. Parks in other locations have good usage by children and teenagers. One of the challenges are concerns about safety. These are very safe facilities. Facilities in disadvantaged communities fare better on grant requirements. City has a “healthy” capital fund in parks and recs department. This project would cost around \$275,000, which the City has in per-capital funds. So issue is not so much funding but level of comfort with this type of facility due to liability concerns.



2. **Follow-ups on Discussion of Coastal Rail Trail Segment between Morse and Eaton:** SANDAG picked Vista as IRT project – confusing; conflict between SANDAG and CALTRANS on standards. Jeannie Russo is CALTRANS contact. Loma Alta Bridge not funded. HLG will start process with CALTRANS. Will invite Hamid from O’side to discuss next steps.
3. **Update on Hwy 76 Signal Timings Issue:** Howard to draft letter for Hamid for sending to Caltrans.
4. **Continuing Impact of the Pandemic on Cycling and Walking Activities in Oceanside:** RAAM is still not 100% on as it starts on 6/14 and 6/17. No call for Vols yet. Most other spring events moving to Fall 2021. Club rides have started again (no permits needed). RN: SDBC rides have masks before and after. Several hundred riders, multiple starts. (Chairman’s Update: After the April 19 meeting, Michelle Martini-Brown received confirmation that RAAM is going forward.)
5. **City Annual Budgeting Requests:** HLG says our requests are still in City budget – stimulus helped.
6. **Update on Caltrans/Other Grant Requests:**
  1. Inland Rail Trail Project Study Report – update on status of submitted grant application for IRT Project Study Report. Update – No news on grant application yet, which is also Caltrans. SANDAG provided a letter of support. Jeanie Russo is SANDAG staff. Howard to follow up with Hamid.
  2. Coastal Rail Trail Loma Alta Creek Bridge and connections final design & construction – update on possible funding alternatives now that Caltrans has again failed to fund this project. SANDAG did not choose to fund it with their leftover funds either. Need to come up with an alternative or interim plan. Caltrans had rated it 87 points but SANDAG rated it lower.
  3. Berkeley Study of problematic intersections on Oceanside Blvd. Problematic locations are Crouch, El Camino, and College. Staff will provide another update on possible implementation of recommendations from the study. Update: Crouch street just needs striping changes. College has traffic challenges but solvable. El Camino is the hard one in eliminating the second left turn lane, may still be doable.
7. **Sub-Committee Reports\***
  - a) **Advocacy Sub-Committee: (Tom, Pete, Mindy, Barb)** – See AB 43 Support Letter from Chairman to State Assembly Committee on Transportation. Update: Mike attended last Friday’s SANDAG meeting, adopting a resolution calling for a 30% reduction in 2005 VMT by 2035. They will have to take significant actions to help cyclists and pedestrians. Second issue: County meetings on Climate Action Plan update, on Wednesday at 6:00PM; also a meeting on going from LOS to VMT per SB 743 and how they will change their environmental impact reports. We should invite Russ back regarding the CAP and to find out how City is implementing SB 743.
  - b) **Safety Sub-Committee (Pete, Jim)** – No Updates.
  - c) **SRTS Sub-Committee:** Release of Final Study Report. Update: Grant is closed out on study, and final report going to Caltrans. Moving forward with Laurel Street Elementary improvements funded by \$1.5 million grant funding.

d) **Public Awareness and Community Outreach (Michelle, Jim, Mike Bullock, Mike Bone)** – Howard to discuss social media outreach with Michelle.

1. **RAAM for June 2021 – Need for Volunteers**

8. **Update of ongoing projects:**

1. **BikeShare/ScooterShare programs:** Encinitas project going forward with Trek cycles. May require Coastal Commission approval. Oceanside and Carlsbad waiting on how this goes in Encinitas.
2. **Bike Storage:** In place need ribbon cutting (MMB?) RN: any sites for casual temp storage? Not in O'side and no plans. SANDAG has maintenance role if cities build. "Regional Passcard".
3. Status of the Loma Alta Creek bridge preliminary design and environmental
4. Mainstreet Downtown Shuttle Demonstration Project.
5. SLRRT – Ralph concerned about the paving getting rough and striping is fading. Also, trail is very busy, with electric bikes and a lot of kids. Howard has discussed with local bike rentals shops about telling their clients to watch their speed. Discussion item for a future meeting. Ask Hamid to attend.

9. **Other Matters:**

- + Michele Martini-Brown of Visit Oceanside reports on Hiring fairs for new hotels which has a need for 900 people. There has been a problem with low attendance. Stimulus?
- + HLG responded to RN's issues about SLRRT involving re-surfacing efforts going ahead.

10. **Adjournment:** 10:50am. Next meeting by Zoom – Monday May 17, 2021.