

MINUTES

Oceanside Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Monday, May 17, 2021 at 9:00 AM

- A. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 9:02AM
- B. **Attendee Roll Call** – Tom Lichterman, Howard LaGrange, Mike Bullock, Jim Curl, Hamid Bahadori, Michelle Martini-Brown, Steve Steward, Pete Penseyres, Russ Cunningham, John Daley, Barb Collins, Joel West.
- C. **Introductions**
- D. **April Meeting Minutes Approval** - ok as submitted
- E. **Items for Discussion**
 1. **Update on Major Oceanside Programs and Initiatives**

Russ Cunningham, Principal Planner with the City, updated the Committee on the status of several major Oceanside programs, including:

 - Climate Action Plan Implementation – Concerns have been expressed that the CAP is not being implemented in a prompt manner. Issue is adequate resources to implement. Have adopted four implementing ordinances, including TDM ordinance. Where we are short is measures that involve local community in CAP. In transportation area, CAP has measures for complete streets, TDM. What can business community implement voluntarily? Mike – has city considered a TDM plan for its own employees. Russ – telecommuting would be good way to reduce VMT but not much support at City. Mike – pricing component is key if fewer people are driving due to telecommuting, making driving easier. Barb – Carlsbad and Vista are being more ambitious on TDM measures than Oceanside. City should consider hiring consultants to help implement the CAP.
 - Coast Highway Corridor Study Implementation – Corridor Plan and Incentive District – Remains mired in Coastal Commission reviews. Incentive District will go before the Commission in July (current plan). City engineering division has significant funding for the design phase of the roadway improvements, totaling about \$1.3 million for design. Working on an RFP for design services. Incentive District sets new standards for development, divides corridor into three types. Next steps – get this certified with Coastal. Coastal is in not in synch with other state agencies, is still following LOS approach vs. VMT approach called for in SB 743.
 - Status of the General Plan Update – Mobility Element. Now in second phase of the update. Does see active transportation as having economic and environmental benefits. See reference guides on website. Second phase involves updating of all elements, including mobility element (formerly circulation element), Conservation/open space, housing, safety & noise and Community facilities element which will include biking and walking measures. City received a \$500K grant to help with adding an Active Transportation Plan to the update and a Trails Master Plan.

2. San Luis Rey River Trail Safety Issues

Staff leads a discussion on possible measures to address safety issues on the SLRRT in light of the recent jump in e-bike usage and higher speeds. Hamid Bahadori, City Traffic Engineer, started the discussion. Dilemma about whether these are bikes or motorcycles from regulatory viewpoint (Non-human Powered Vehicles NHPVs). Some cities have started restricting e-bikes on certain facilities such as boardwalks or trails. Some are putting in speed limits (8 MPH on SD boardwalk). These are not “moving violations” governed by the CVC so city can do this. But if speed limits are posted, it has to be enforced or it will be ignored. Enforcement would be difficult. There is no state speed limit for a class 1 bike path. 20mph (class 1 and 2 e-bikes). Current state regs are that Class 3 e-bikes are not allowed on class 1 bike paths. Howard suggested we start with some trail etiquette signage. Also work with local bike shops to encourage etiquette. Do we know what the rental shops are renting? Maybe restrict against Class 3 bikes. Consensus seems to be to start with etiquette signage. Howard to come up with some proposed signage statements and to check with local rentals what is being rented. Pete – SANDAG has issued blanket rules for CRT, including speed limit of 15 mph. Anyone under 18 has to wear a helmet. Barb – check with rental companies and develop tracking of number of complaints. Jim, Howard, Michele & Pete will work up words and images for signage and info pieces. OK to have City paint SLRRT surfaces. Enforceable speed limit needs City Council approval. Hamid – on separate note, AB 43 passed in assembly, now on the senate. If it passes the state senate, this will help reduce the “speed creep” of the 85th percentile approach to setting speed limits.

3. Coastal Rail Trail – Loma Alta Creek Bridge/Connectors Project

We recently learned of a possible State \$2B supplemental funding program for Active Transportation Projects that did not make the cut in the last Caltrans funding cycle, and that the Loma Alta Creek Bridge/Connectors Project could receive final design and construction funding at a California Transportation Commission Meeting in June. Staff confirmed that this augmentation is still going forward in June at the CTC and that both the CRT project and the Palmquist/Lincoln SRTS project are in the list of Augmentation projects.

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

Update on status of Caltrans A/P grant application request for funding a study to widen the CRT in this area, if any. Update: No news yet on this grant application, will hear in June.

5. 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. RAAM is happening 6/15 & 6/19. Spectators allowed. And Bike the Coast will be happening. November 6.

6. City Annual Budgeting Requests – Update

Staff provided an update on the preliminary funding approvals for the Committee’s Budget Requests. The CIP went to Council workshop; the active transportation items we requested are still in the budget.

7. 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. Should hear in June.

2. 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. Final report has been received. All the intersections are doable. Looking at doing some experimentation. Follow up on monthly basis regarding this testing.

8. 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)** – Discussion of South Morro Hills Community Plan Draft Policy Framework Council Meeting. It appears the Council majority is inclined to move forward with allowing significant increase in development in the South Morro Hills area, despite the result of the previous voter referendum turning down the North River Farms project by a 2 to 1 margin. Further complicating this is a recent Superior Court ruling stating that the previous referendum conflicts with state housing policies and is thus not constitutional. Barb indicated this will likely be appealed.
- b) **Safety Sub-Committee (Pete, Jim)** – Pete noted that riding a bike on Old River Road and North River Road in the South Morro Hills area is as unsafe as ever, and the proposed development out there will make it worse.
- c) **SRTS Sub-Committee (Bill, Howard)** – Release of Final Study Report. Report is out, will be on City website.
- d) **Mountain Bike Park/Pump Tracks for existing parks (Steve, Nancy, Diane)**
- e) **Public Awareness and Community Outreach (Michelle, Jim, Mike Bullock, Mike Bone)**

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

9. Update of ongoing projects:

1. Update on status of the coastal cities' joint BikeShare/ScooterShare programs, SANDAG's guidelines development, and Oceanside's ordinance. Update – As reported in the UT, Encinitas awarded a contract to BCycles (subsidiary of Trek Bikes) for a pilot bikeshare program using Electra e-bikes in a docking-based system. The story in the UT indicated a September 2021 start date.
2. Status of the Bike Storage Facility grant implementation – Project complete, ribbon cutting being considered.
3. Mainstreet Downtown Shuttle Demonstration Project

10. Project/Program/Initiatives Tracking Sheet*

We have included a "Project/Program/Initiatives Tracking Sheet" attached to this Agenda. We will include this each month and update it as new information becomes available, to ensure we don't lose track of the many items the Committee has discussed.

11. Other Matters

12. Public Communications

13. Adjournment – Adjourned at approximately 11:10am. Next meet on ZOOM 6/21/21 9am.