

# MINUTES

## Oceanside Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Monday, August 16, 2021 at 9:00 AM

- A. **Call to Order** – Meeting started at 9:00AM
- B. **Attendee Roll Call** – Tom Lichterman, Tom Frankum, Mike Bullock, Howard LaGrange, Steve Sims, Jim Curl, Michelle Martini-Brown, Jose Cervantes, Anthony Taylor
- C. **Introductions** – Tom introduced Anthony Taylor
- D. **June Meeting Minutes Approval\*** - Mike - Check re: City of SD item; Steve – Still planning to go to Otay Mesa facility.
- E. **Items for Discussion**
  - 1. **Final Comments to SANDAG on 2021 Regional Plan\***

Following several reviews and revisions by Committee members who attended the June meeting, a final Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee comment letter (copy attached) was sent to SANDAG. We will review the main points of the letter and also hear from Mike Bullock, who attended some of the SANDAG meetings on this subject. **Discussion:** Tom reviewed the major points of the comment letter with the Committee.
  - 2. **Oceanside Bike Friendly Community Application under League of American Bicyclists**

Howard will brief the Committee on the City’s application. Bicycle Friendly Communities awards are recognized for four years and applications are due by September 1, 2021. Ours was last awarded in 2017 so it is due for renewal. **Discussion** – Howard confirmed the application is due by September 1 and he is working on it now. Will send to Tom L. for a review. Jim reminded the group that emphasizing the advocacy value of maintaining the Silver level recognition in the cover letter, in addition to just “checking the boxes”, should be considered.
  - 3. **City Development Review Process for Active Transportation Concerns\***

We will provide an update on our request to City management (copy attached) to include Active Transportation as one of the formal departmental checkoffs in the development review process for future major projects. Howard will also update the Committee on his success in getting bike racks installed at the new resorts on Pacific Street. **Update:** Noted the new racks installed at Mission and Pacific and near the 333 Restaurant. Another new project – Aquatic Center. Michelle reported after the meeting that no racks were installed at the new Aquatic Center. City Planning staff responded to Tom after the meeting and will discuss the development review process request on August 31.
  - 4. **Proposal to Install Sharrows on Coast Highway.**

The Committee will discuss a staff proposal to place Sharrows on Coast Highway. **Discussion:** Given likely long development period to implement the Coast Highway Corridor Plan, how about sharrows on Coast highway starting from Vista Way to the San Luis Rey Bridge. Howard has reviewed design standards and is working with Hamid to move this forward. Mike B. reminded the committee that Coast Highway was a ‘mobility hub’ which should count towards expediting the Sharrows.

**5. San Luis Rey River Trail Safety Issues**

This will be a further follow-up discussion from two meetings ago regarding the high speed of e-bikes on the SLRRT, information obtained to date from local bike shops, and initial ideas on “trail etiquette” signage language. **Discussion:** Howard displayed three proposed signs for use along the trail, which the Committee endorsed. The Committee also discussed traffic concerns where the trail crosses into the “Presidents” neighborhood, and some proposed warning signs. Jim C. suggested stronger language, i.e.: “CAUTION - Cross Traffic Does Not Stop”. There have also been requests for a Traffic Skills class oriented to e-bike users. Howard has discussed this with Pete and they have agreed this would have to be a new, different class than the one provided currently. (Perhaps the subject for a future SANDAG AT Grant?)

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

In May, we learned of a possible State 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 or July. Staff will update the Committee. **Update:** This is now scheduled for early October and is still looking positive. Environmental should be completed in the next month or two. City may start the final design ahead of the grant approval.

**7. Follow-ups on Grant requests for Coastal Rail Trail Segment between Morse and Eaton and Inland Rail Trail Project Study Report**

Update on status of grant application requests for funding a study to widen the CRT between Morse and Eaton, and to fund the IRT Project Study Report. **Update:** Both of our grant requests were declined. Caltrans said we did not do enough outreach to socially disadvantaged communities. Need some expertise to assist on this in future grant requests. Both consultants agreed to assist with grant re-writes.

**8. 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, and steps for return to “normality”.

**Update:** October service increase for COASTER was approved. The Coaster shuttle van from Poinsettia is not operating at this time but Routes 444 and 445 are operating. OTC redevelopment is still on-going, Jose to follow-up. Bike the Coast and Ironman still in the works.

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

1. Berkeley Study of problematic intersections on Oceanside Blvd. Problematic locations are Crouch, El Camino, and College. Staff to provide an update on implementation of recommendations from the study. Public Works will only do re-stripe, not changes. **No Update.**

**10. 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)**
  1. See SANDAG Regional Plan discussion item
- b) **Safety Sub-Committee (Pete, Jim)**

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

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

Steve mentioned contacts with Chris Sutton from B.C. Canada who designs pump tracks. He will coordinate to try to get this person to attend the October 18 meeting, and if possible, then Howard will ask Mr. Olsen of Parks and Recs to attend also. HLG mentioned that NCTD would give an easement on the plot at Broadway and Cassidy which is now a linear park. Tom F. mentioned some problems with the Seau reconstruction.

**e) Public Awareness and Community Outreach (Michelle, Jim, Mike Bullock, Mike Bone, Howard)**

**11. 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:** Encinitas B-CYCLES to be operating by October, is figuring out bike rack placement locations.
2. Status of the Bike Storage Facility implementation – 21 people applied for membership. Actual usage appears to be light so far.
3. Mainstreet Downtown Shuttle Demonstration Project – Not going to happen. Can't find financing.

**12. 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.

**13. Other Matters – Tom F. – Should we be tracking the federal infrastructure bills? Perhaps City staff get these updates? Mike could check with Congressman Mike Levin. Tom L. mentioned possibly getting the briefings from his consulting company for distribution.**

**14. Public Communications – Mike – this coming up election (recall election) is very important, people need to vote and encourage others to vote also.**

**15. Adjournment**

\* Indicates Item Attachments

***The Next Meeting of the Oceanside Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee will be conducted on ZOOM on Monday, September 20, 2021, 9:00AM. Jim Curl will officiate this meeting.***