

MINUTES

Oceanside Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Monday, November 15, 2021 at 9:00 AM

A. Call to order for the **FIRST IN PERSON MEETING IN ALMOST TWO YEARS!**

B. **Attendee Roll Call** – See Sign-In Sheet

C. **Introductions**

D. **October meeting minutes - Approved**

E. **Items for discussion**

a. **Annual Election of Committee Officers**

Those present elected the following Officers for 2022:

- i. Chair- Tom Lichterman
- ii. Co-chair- Jim Curl
- iii. Secretary- Mindy Martin
- iv. Community Outreach- Mike Bullock
- v. Publicity officer- Michelle Martini-Brown

b. **OPD Bicycle Registration Program**

- i. Ashley Sanchez, OPD, presented this item.
- ii. OPD has partnered with the App 529 garage
- iii. All digital
- iv. If something goes missing, the OPD is able to search continually, across cities. Any bike into the evidence facility is going into the system as found.
- v. Steve explained how they put their name and number inside the handlebars.
- vi. You can upload using all different kinds of identifiers- pics, serial numbers, etc.
- vii. Todd: would you actively go get a bike out of a homeless encampment, for example? Ashley says this bike enables BOLO (be on the lookout) and that enables the investigation. Todd notes that, as a bicycle-friendly community, the loss of bikes is a meaningful loss.
- viii. Officer Kos: 529 recommends you add pics of you with your bike, along with distinguishing marks, secret marks, etc. It is difficult to make arrests at encampments because it is hard to pin on a specific person. At least, however, the bike can be returned. Officers advise against stealing bike back from a dangerous situation.
- ix. What do they recommend for bikes that show up on Craigslist? Property detectives will set up reverse sting, buy the bike and then are able to prosecute. This often leads to other bikes on the same property.
- x. Officer Sanchez- partial serial numbers can be searched, any kind of specializations. Put as much contact info as possible. Phone number most efficient.

- xi. Some bike shops register as they sell. Howard says they have distributed this program literature to all the bike shops in town.
- xii. Airtag- a beacon that can track bikes.
- xiii. What about skateboards? They are going to contact 529 regarding this.
- xiv. Oceanside is the first city in SD county. Any individual can register but having our local law enforcement agency involved gives them access to run serial.
- xv. Todd: what about when Caltrans or sheriff's department clears an encampment?
- xvi. Contacts: ajsanchez@oceansideca.org 760-435-4440

c. Hamid Bahadori reports on Assembly bill 43, New Speed Law

- i. Passed in both houses and signed by the governor and will be in effect Jan 1, 2022
- ii. Law changes the way speed limits are set
- iii. Hamid serves on the Zero Traffic Fatality taskforce, Bill spearheaded by Assemblywoman Friedman.
- iv. Gives local flexibility for setting speeds, even on roads in the California Road System. Historically, there was incentive for federal funds to put local streets on this federal map, which ceded authority to speed settings to the fed system.
- v. This new plan will identify a “business activity district”: this would allow for a prima facia designation of speed. (ie residential are automatically 25 mph)
- vi. Allows cities to identify High Injury Network HIN (this comes from Vision Zero Program). For example, in LA, 75% of accidents happen on 6% of streets. This allows modifications in those areas. They can also reduce the speed limit- not prima facia but the posted. You can go 8-9 miles below 85%. Legislature still struggling to codify the HIN that works for all cities. This part is deferred to the traffic control device committee.
 - 1. This means how we implement may be delayed until we nail down what constitutes a HIN
- vii. Teamsters opposing changes to speed law. Tickets on personal license is reported to employers (for commercial drivers)
- viii. Senate amendments: They want a good adjudication process for challenging tickets under this law. They have until June 30, 2024.
- ix. Third quarter in 2022 is a good timeline for us to anticipate changes for our speed limits.
- x. This year we are applying for \$250k traffic calming funds.
 - 1. Typically we do not use on arterials, but depending on how the HIN is defined, we may be able to implement speed controls and or other traffic calming measures on these roads.
 - 2. NOTE it all comes down to enforcement
- xi. Speed creep. If a street qualified for 30mph six years ago, now it may test as 33. The old state law tied the City’s hands to raise to 35mph.

- xii. Defining the school area is needed.
- xiii. Hamid is most concerned about the streets with the most bikes and pedestrians.
 - 1. This relies heavily on Howard's work analyzing the accidents.
 - 2. We can focus on the issue- speed, visibility, lighting.
- xiv. The import of the law is that the 85% rule combined with speed creep meant limits always increasing. Now, we can set based on the most vulnerable user.
- xv. Approx 35,000 traffic fatalities a year. Other countries in the same time period (15yr) have cut fatalities by 80%. The key is they set the speed and enforce.
- xvi. We have two issues of enforcement- the officer and the judicial side. If judges won't uphold tickets, the officers won't waste their time writing the tickets.

d. Proposal to install sharrows on Coast HWY

- i. Part of the delay on improvements on our Coast Hwy is that we agreed to do the Vision plan (agreed to in 2019), but that is taking so long (no funding as of yet) that we need to take measures in the meantime.
- ii. Survey five years back on how many people know what the sharrow means. Folks don't know what it actually means
- iii. Language BIKES MAY USE FULL LANE is helpful
- iv. Markings are right after an intersection and then spaces at intervals not greater than 250'
- v. Hamid has agreed to do the markings. We have to agree on spacing, prob at 250'. The question is where did they get the language.
 - 1. Pete: two different engineers (Carlsbad and Encinitas) told them that they can use the language from signs and put onto the road and that they would prefer it to the sign.
 - 2. Highway design manual offers some guidance.
 - 3. Pete refers Howard to Abe in Encinitas
 - 4. Project Limits: Vista Wy to Morse and Oceanside Blvd. to Harbor Drive.

e. Bike the Coast 2021 Recap

- i. 91 people on the 7-15 mile ride.
- ii. 450 registrants for 25 miler
- iii. 661-50 miler
- iv. 185-100 miler
- v. 1400 total
- vi. Note city waived all the fees this year for the ride.
- vii. Get the photos from Howard*

f. Follow up on SANDAG Regional Plan- meeting with Councilman Rodriguez

- i. Discussed committee concerns with the regional plan, namely that the completion of the Inland Rail Trail is slated 2035! We urged prioritizations. Councilman agrees.

- ii. Multiple other cities have completed. We need work in this city in terms of planning, engineering etc, and the rep must push for.
- iii. His priorities are- interchange improvements at 78/5, completion of the I-5 widening project through Oceanside, and completion of Inland Rail Trail.
 - 1. *Tom to reach back out to remind ahead of next meeting.
- iv. Tom also discussed that the City applied for a planning grant through Sustainable Communities Program to study the tricky areas for the trail. Howard submitting for the third time to do the “alignment study.” Rodriguez says if we don’t get it for this time, he would bring to council for city funding. No project will be approved for building without study and engineering done in advance.

g. Year in review- deferred

h. San Luis Rey River Trail Safety issues-

- i. Safety signage- having trouble finding the signage. Howard will locate and give to public works to install.
 - 1. These signs will be advance notice of stop sign coming up
 - 2. 20MPH speed limit and passing instructions.
 - 3. 3 feet off the asphalt and 8 feet high
 - 4. Suggestion: paint on the asphalt in place of signage? Howard to look in to this alternative.
- ii. Flooding: On the trail segment leading to Pacific Street under the railroad bridge. Reduced flow of river causes brackish water on the trail
 - 1. Public works installed concrete berm
 - 2. What can we do?
 - a. Protected species pose an obstacle for opening the river.
 - b. Pump?
 - c. NCTD is going to double track and move bridge. Plans recently approved? So funding being sought for next year
 - d. Tom: do we need to contact them to include this into the plan?

i. NCTD update from Ricky Cervantes

- i. Ridership increases every month.
- ii. 525,000, increase 39% over last year
- iii. Breeze is a bright spot for September. We met our ridership goal from the annual budget.
- iv. Coaster still increasing largely due to reduced service in 2020
- v. Oct 25 Coaster increase in service effective.
- vi. Howard: can you check on the funding for the double tracking over the SLRRT
- vii. Todd: Any data on how many come on with a bike?
 - 1. Anecdotal experience on Friday- tons of bikes, almost too many.
- viii. Todd: any data on service for visitors?
 - 1. We don’t but we see increased requests for weekend service.

2. Tom Frankum out there as transit ambassador noticing a lot more people saying it's their first time here.

j. Update on Caltrans: SLRRT Highway Bridge

- i. Caltrans appears adamant on replacing bridge as is. Replacing bridge harbor drive to 76 over the SLRRT. This bridge has not been maintained and will not accommodate the traffic we envision as part of the vision plan.
- ii. They say there are no bike lanes on the road now.
- iii. We argue vision plan coming and sharrows coming.
- iv. The City and Caltrans are about 12ft width from each other (Caltrans wants 36', City wants 48')
- v. Caltrans wants \$5 million more from the City to do it.
- vi. They have yet to do the complete streets analysis, so the fight is still alive.
- vii. Caltrans active transport group is trying to assist us.
 1. What about Camp Pendleton? Hotels? Businesses on either side? Letters from committee or residents?
 2. Marriott buying flying bridge

k. Grant Requests

- i. Into cycle 6 for funding on Loma Alta Creek bridge. We are behind.
- ii. Eaton to Morse improvement of CRT and IRT completion feasibility study. Filed end of October. Look for word in Spring. This is what's required for shovel ready.
- iii. Should have everything ready for construction (engineering and planning done).
- iv. Mindy: Reach out to Greg Lipton regarding dedication of bridge.