

MINUTES

Oceanside Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Monday, January 10, 2022 at 9:00 AM

- A. **Call to Order**
- B. **Attendee Roll Call** – Tom, Howard, John Daley, Ricky Cervantes, Mike Bullock, Jim Curl, Tom Frankum, Michelle Martini-Brown, Pete Penseyres.
- C. **Introductions**
- D. **November Meeting Minutes Approval*** - Approved
- E. **Items for Discussion**
 - 1. **Bike Parking Facility Security**

OPD's Officer Ashley Sanchez will discuss bike parking security at the City's two bike storage facilities (OTC and City Hall). – **Deferred.**
 - 2. **The Past Year in Review, the Year Ahead**

The Chairman will lead the Committee in a review of the past year's accomplishments and the new year's proposed initiatives. The Committee may vote to adopt the initiatives for 2022. Discussion – The Chairman reviewed the past year and the proposed initiatives for 2022. Mike pointed out that SANDAG has a "Call for Projects" out for smart growth projects and that the Coast Highway Corridor Plan should be proposed as a project under that program; he had asked Russ Cunningham about pursuing this but was told the City does not have the resources to do so. Howard said he would follow up with Russ on this. The Committee supported the proposed initiatives and also recommended adding a potential Kelly Street bridge over I-5 and cycling improvements on El Camino Real and Vista Way as areas to study further. The Committee also supported sharrows on Coast Hwy.
 - 3. **Pierview Way Pedestrian Bridge Replacement**

The Pierview Way Pedestrian Bridge is the 1920's era concrete and steel bridge connecting Pacific Street to the Pier and is in need of replacement. John Daley has been involved in reviewing replacement options as part of the Historical Society and has been asked to provide an overview to the Committee. **Discussion** – Potential to rebuild according to the original plans (concrete look) is allowed under historical preservation, but with improved technology. Issues include sea level rise and ADA issues. Meetings being organized by engineering department.
 - 4. **San Luis Rey River Trail – Flooding Issue under NCTD Tracks at West End of Trail**

Staff will provide an update on this issue. **Update:** Recent rains opened the sand berm and river is now flowing out to ocean, so the ped/bike underpass is not flooded at present. No plans to do anything else now due to NCTD plans to replace rail bridge over San Luis Rey River.
 - 5. **Coastal Rail Trail – Loma Alta Creek Bridge/Connectors Project – Final Design and Construction funding** – Environmental and prelim design are done, RFP out for final design using City funds.
 - 6. **Follow-ups on Grant request resubmittals for Coastal Rail Trail Segment between Morse and Eaton and Inland Rail Trail Project Study Report**

Staff will update the Committee on the recent grant resubmittals. The Chairman briefed the Committee on recent discussion on the IRT project at Assemblymember Tasha Boerner Horvath's November 29th District Advisory Committee Meeting on Mobility. We are

awaiting word back from the Assemblymember's staff on whether the IRT has funding in the FY22 State budget.

7. 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".

8. 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.
2. Replacement of the San Luis Rey Bridge on Coast Hwy. Staff to update the Committee on on-going discussions with Caltrans to ensure bike lanes will be provided. **Update** – no further progress known. Howard to check with David Toschak. Current bridge has sidewalk on west side only. Caltrans is only willing to replace in kind, wants \$5 million from City to widen it for bike lanes.

9. 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)**
- c) **SRTS Sub-Committee (Bill, Howard)** – Laurel Elementary project submitting cost data.
- d) **Mountain Bike Park/Pump Tracks for existing parks (Steve, Nancy, Diane)** – **Update** - Mark still struggling with location. Ron Ortega Park is favored location but looking at Cassidy and Broadway also. NCTD provided a letter of support to widen trail in Morse to Eaton so perhaps a pump track could be fit in there also.
- e) **Public Awareness and Community Outreach (Michelle, Jim, Mike Bullock, Mike Bone, Howard)** – **Update** – Facebook page – Michelle suggested we start a "group" that would allow multiple conversations rather than just one person posting things as on the current Facebook Bike-Walk site. The Committee unanimously agreed. Michelle volunteered to set up the group and serve as "Administrator".

10. Update of ongoing projects:

1. Update on status of the coastal cities' joint BikeShare/ScooterShare programs, SANDAG's guidelines development
2. Other

11. Request for Volunteer at Oceanside Cub Scout Bicycle Rodeo

The Chairman was contacted by a Troop Leader for Cub Scout Pack 787, requesting support for a Bicycle Rodeo for the Cub Scouts on January 29 from 2:00 – 4:00PM. We are looking for one to two volunteers that could assist the Chairman with this event. **Discussion:** John Daley, Tom Frankum, and Jim Curl all volunteered to assist.

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 – Road User Changes, OTC Mixed-Use Project are potential discussion items for February.

14. Public Communications –

- NCTD launched “NCTD Plus” at Poinsettia Station and Sorrento Valley Station, last mile service by UBER, Lyft. Voucher system. Rider pays the initial \$2.50 through Uber and Lyft’s Apps, NCTD covers up to \$7.50. Geo-fenced boundaries for zones where this is covered.
- Eastbrook to Shell double-track – design almost done but no construction funding yet. This is the railroad bridge over San Luis Rey River referred to earlier.
- Bus bike racks and e-bikes – Can be accommodated on buses, but batteries must be sealed lithium battery, 55 lbs max. Tire size cannot be over 26”.
- Ridership is up 34% compared to last year. Higher ridership on weekends, particularly COASTER weekend ridership.

15. Adjournment

*** Indicates Item Attachments**

The Next Meeting of the Oceanside Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Monday, February 14, 2022, 9:00AM, via Zoom unless Covid conditions improve dramatically.

Oceanside Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
Project/Program/Initiatives Tracking Sheet
Updated January 2022

Currently Tracked Projects/Programs

No.	Project/Program	Status Updates
1	BikeShare Programs: -Coastal cities' joint BikeShare/ScooterShare programs -SANDAG's guidelines development -Oceanside's ordinance	01/05/22 - B-Cycles (subsidiary of Trek) was scheduled to have a kickoff of their program in Encinitas on January 5, 2022.
2	Bike Storage Facility grant implementation.	9/13/21 - Complete - 21 people have applied for membership to date.
3	Loma Alta Creek bridge preliminary design and environmental.	9/13/21 - Environmental anticipated to be done Sep - Oct.
4	Mainstreet Downtown Shuttle Demonstration Project	9/13/21 - Program not going to happen this year. Lack of funding.

On-Going Projects/Programs/Discussion Items

5	Oceanside's Climate Action Plan (CAP) and its Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Ordinance and Plans	11/8/21 - Planning staff reported that they recently hired additional staff and are tackling some of the implementation steps. Staff also advised there will be an update to the CAP in the next year or so and the Committee can provide input on additional active transportation measures.
6	Onward Oceanside Corridor Plan (Part of General Plan Update)	6/14/21 - Updates to mobility element continue. Active Transportation seen as having a positive economic and environmental benefit.
7	LCI Classes (Cycling in Traffic)	9/13/21 - In-person and on-line classes are continuing.
8	Coast Highway Road Diet and Incentive Zone	11/8/21 - Planning staff reported that they continue to work through issues with the Coastal Commission and believe the Plan will get a hearing in January, 2022.
9	Kelly Street Bike Bridge	8/9/21 - This project was proposed as an addition to SANDAG's 2021 Regional Plan Active Transportation Projects in our comment letter. Mike Bullock was able to briefly address this with the SANDAG Board during the RTP approval meeting.
10	SANDAG's 5 Big Moves and their 2021 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)	on the Regional Plan in late October, including responses to our letter. The Committee Chairman met with Oceanside's SANDAG rep on November 2 to discuss our concerns and obtain support. The SANDAG Board adopted the RTP on December 10, 2021, with a statement that there would be a new study of prioritizing the various Active Transportation project proposals, but without any further promise of action on the Inland Rail Trail.
11	SLR River trail ownership and improvement issues	3/15/21 - Dir of Public Works said property not likely to be transferred to the City for a long time. Slurry seal is ok but more permanent fixes may be problematic due to ownership issues. City is potentially liable for suits in event of serious accident.
12	El Corazon Park Trail System	
13	Annual Capital Improvement Program Projects	6/14/21 - As of this date, Bike and Ped budget remains funded at \$170K, to cover Coordinator and other projects/matches
14	Coastal Rail Trail Segment between Morse and Eaton	01/05/22 - Grant request denied. Caltrans said there was not a showing of sufficient outreach to socially disadvantaged communities. City re-submitted this grant request in October.
15	Loma Alta Creek bridge and connections final design & construction	9/13/21 - Still awaiting word of funding through special Caltrans Active Transportation Program supplement.
16	Inland Rail Trail	01/05/22 - Grant request denied. Caltrans said there was not a showing of sufficient outreach to socially disadvantaged communities. City re-submitted this grant request in October.