

# MINUTES

## Oceanside Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Monday, November 14, 2022 at 9:00 AM

- A. Call to Order
- B. Attendee Roll Call
- C. Introductions
- D. October Meeting Minutes Approval – Minutes were approved
- E. Items for Discussion

1. **Annual Election of Committee Officers**

As required by the Committee By-Laws, each year at the last meeting, the Committee elects its officers for the following calendar year. The following members were elected as officers for 2023:

- Chair** – Tom Lichterman
- Co-Chair** – Jim Curl
- Secretary** – Tom Frankum
- Community Outreach Lead** – Mike Bullock
- Publicity Officer** – Michelle Martini-Brown

2. **Deployable Bike Infrastructure**

Bogart Bockman, an Oceanside resident, made a presentation to the Committee on “Deployable Bike Infrastructure”, principally, concepts for easy-to-install and secure bike racks and storage systems. Key to this approach is that the system should be installable with a minimum of time and effort. Some of the concepts presented included:

- Park-let options in street parking spaces with rack
- Solar-powered lighting for security at night
- Rack off sidewalk with camera and lights powered by solar panel
- Charging capability given the growth of e-bikes

The Committee discussed these concepts and identified the need for investors or other companies to design and offer such products, as the City is not in a position to design and manufacture these systems. It was suggested that Bogart also consider discussing this with SANDAG for possible grant opportunities.

3. **Oceanside General Plan Update – Mobility Element – Comment Letter**

The Committee discussed a draft comment letter to the City regarding the General Plan Update – Mobility Element, which was handed out at the meeting. After discussion and some suggested revisions, the Committee voted to approve sending the letter to the Planning Department with cc: to the City Council.

4. **Oceanside Transit Center Redevelopment – Update\***

The Chairman provided an update on the efforts to date to provide input to NCTD on the proposed Transit Center Redevelopment, which has nearly completely overlooked active transportation needs. No formal response to the Committee’s letter has yet been received. Efforts will continue to ensure that changes are incorporated into the

final plan. The importance of the transit function at the facility must be stressed. The Committee will be updated as our efforts proceed.

**5. City Project Review for Active Transportation**

It was reported that Russ Cunningham had discussed the Active Transportation Review issue with the Planning staff and reminded them that current Planning Policies already require a review for bicycle parking on all significant developments. He will work to ensure these occur. Separately, Howard reported that he has now started to receive development proposals for review as part of City Departmental reviews.

**6. Bike the Coast**

Saturday, November 5, the annual “Bike the Coast” event was held. There were approximately 1,900 riders. Overall, the event went well. The Chairman requested that next year, the 25, 50, and 100 mile events not use the La Costa-Saxony-Encinitas Blvd. detour but instead stay on Hwy 101.

**7. Safe Routes to School**

Howard provided updates on the following projects:

- a. Laurel Street Elementary Caltrans Cycle 4 Grant – Project design continues.
- b. Sharrows on California and Coast Hwy – Sharrows on California have been installed; Coast Hwy will be next.
- c. E-Bike Video for middle schoolers
- d. E-Bike 3 hr. classes
- e. Bike Rodeos: San Luis Rey, Mission and Laurel Street elementaries

**8. Grant Updates**

- a. Coastal Rail Trail Oceanside Blvd to Morse, Caltrans Cycle 6 – This project includes the Loma Alta Creek Bridge and is now estimated to cost \$14M. The grant application was again turned down by Caltrans; however, Caltrans allocated a separate pot of funding to SANDAG to use for projects that did not make the cut, and Howard believes the City has a good chance of getting those funds for this project.
- b. Coastal Rail Trail Improvements Morse to Carlsbad, Caltrans Cycle 5 – This alignment and feasibility study has begun.
- c. Resubmittal of Inland Rail Trail Alignment Study Grant Request – Call for projects on this study has not been issued yet.

**9. Coast Hwy Sharrows**

**10. Crowne Height Projects**

- a. Sidewalks
- b. Brooks St Bridge
- c. Pump Track

**11. NEV Project: go’Side**

Howard reported that, while ridership and public popularity with this project have been excellent, the Council voted not to continue funding it after December 6, which will be its last day. Funding to date had come from COVID funds.

**12. Cycling on the Coast of Maine**

The Chairman shared photos from a recent cycling trip in Maine, including the unique “Carriage Roads” of Acadia National Park.

**13. Adjournment – 11:00AM**