

MINUTES
BICYCLE USERS SUBCOMMITTEE

City Hall -----Council Chamber Conference Room
Wednesday, July 15, 2009-----5:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Hiegel, Chair
 Davis Barber, Vice Chair
 James Donovan
 Edmundo Duvignau
 Kent Morris
 Jane Rands

STAFF PRESENT: Thuy Nguyen, Civil Engineer

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hiegel at 5:30 p.m.

CONSENT

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 2009 MEETING

The Minutes of the June 17, 2009 meeting were APPROVED as written.

REGULAR BUSINESS

BICYCLE ELEMENT AS A SECTION OF THE GENERAL PLAN

Thuy Nguyen, Civil Engineer informed the committee that the Bicycle Element will be a separate element within the general plan.

BICYCLE ELEMENT PLANS

Mr. Nguyen informed the committee that this item is still pending and no new information has been received.

BIKE ROUTE MAPS FOR THE CITY

Mr. Nguyen referenced a bike map dated 2005 of what is currently existing and what will be the proposed bike routes. This was requested by Ryan Snyder, RBF Consultant for input on what the BUSC would like to be included and to update any additional routes.

Chair Hiegel recommended that the committee members review the map and submit changes by the next meeting.

BIKE PARKING AT PARKING GARAGE AT WORLD CITRUS SITE

Mr. Nguyen informed the committee that this is a design-build and the committee would need to recommend locations and quantity of bike racks and lockers to be implemented.

Recommendations from BUSC will be reviewed by Redevelopment and incorporated into the design since a few parking spaces will be lost in order to make room for bike lockers.

Ms. Rands explained issues of concern such as security, open parking, inaccessibility and that it was undesirable to ride your bike too far into parking garage.

Chair Hiegel suggested lockers, bike racks, and a cage.

Mr. Duvignau suggested that the lockers be located inside the parking structure and racks outside for safety and security.

Chair Hiegel concluded the discussion by recommending locations for 20 bike lockers inside the structure and 40 bike rack spaces outside.

BIKE BUTTONS AT TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Chair Hiegel commented that the sensor on the road does not always function and it is an inconvenience to trigger the signal to change.

Mr. Nguyen commented that the City Traffic Engineer, Mark Miller said that whenever the City has traffic signal upgrades and funding is available, they will look into putting in bike push buttons. The ones that have video detection will detect bikes.

Chair Hiegel commented that the signal at Cal State Fullerton intersection on Dorothy Lane does not change if you are on the white line. You have to have to be within a lane where the cameras can detect a bicyclist. The concern is whether we are up to date in having push buttons along bike routes where they intersect major streets.

BIKE LANES WHILE RAILROAD GRADE SEPARATIONS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Nguyen explained that Raymond Avenue will have a 6-foot-wide sidewalk as part of a 4-lane bypass road during the construction.

Ms. Rands commented that Acacia Avenue was going to be the alternate route during the State College Blvd. and Raymond Avenue construction and another lane for traffic was going to be installed which would remove the bike path.

Mr. Nguyen explained that Acacia Avenue is currently a 2-lane road with parking and during construction they may restripe it to 4 lanes and bike lanes may be eliminated during construction.

Ms. Rands asked what the alternate route solution would be during construction.

Mr. Nguyen stated that Raymond Avenue would have a bypass road during construction. All traffic would be routed to Raymond and Acacia Avenues.

Chair Hiegel asked what the bike access would be once the construction has been completed.

Mr. Nguyen commented that both Raymond Avenue and State College Blvd. will have wider outside lanes to accommodate bicyclists.

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT VALENCIA MESA AND HARBOR

Chair Hiegel explained that this concern came from a fellow bicyclist who said that it is hard to get across Valencia Mesa Dr. with the removal of the crosswalk.

Mr. Barber commented that in order to trigger the sensor at Valencia Mesa Dr., he would ride down the middle of the road to trigger the sensor. A crosswalk may alleviate the problem but could also put a bicyclist in a hazardous position or push them onto the sidewalk and suggested that better signage would be helpful.

Mr. Nguyen commented that according Mr. Miller, the reason for the removal of the crosswalk was in anticipation of the traffic exiting St. Jude turning left to go south on Harbor Blvd.

Mr. Duvignau commented that he would bring up the concern to Mr. Miller at the Transportation & Circulation Commission.

STATUS OF BICYCLE RESTRICTIONS ON SUNNY CREST

Mr. Nguyen explained that this issue has been resolved. The code does not exist and can not be enforced.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public wished to speak.

STAFF/COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION

A member commented that there was a bike theft near Wahoo's & Starbuck's. A bike was stolen by someone cutting the lock emphasizing the need for safer places to lock up your bikes.

Davis Barber notified the committee that he has a conflict and will not be attending the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hiegel adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

Stacy Matsumoto
Acting Administrative Assistant I