# MINUTES BICYCLE USERS SUBCOMMITTEE

City Hall ------Council Chamber Conference Room Wednesday, August 19, 2009------5:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Hiegel, Chair

James Donovan Edmundo Duvignau

Kent Morris Jane Rands

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Davis Barber, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Thuy Nguyen, Civil Engineer

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hiegel at 5:31 p.m.

### CONSENT

#### MINUTES OF THE JULY 15, 2009 MEETING

The Minutes of the July 15, 2009 meeting were APPROVED with the following changes under the paragraph Bike Lanes While Railroad Grade Separations Under Construction third paragraph adding "and bike lanes may be eliminated during construction."

Secondly, under the paragraph Bike Buttons at Traffic Signals under the last paragraph adding "the concern is whether we are up to date in having push buttons along bike routes where the bike routes intersect major streets".

#### REGULAR BUSINESS

#### BICYCLE ELEMENT IN THE GENERAL PLAN

Thuy Nguyen informed the committee that Ryan Snyder is close to completing the draft goals and policies. Mr. Nguyen said they will be reviewed by staff first and may be ready for BUSC review by the next meeting. Mr. Nguyen stated that Mr. Snyder sent to him a list of approximately 40 streets asking for the curb-to-curb width dimensions to complete his work.

Mr. Nguyen verified with Bob St. Paul that the Bike Element will be a separate section in the General Plan.

Chair Hiegel mentioned that there are subsections in every section within the General Plan and the whole structure of the General Plan is different in that everything is not listed separately as they have been in the past such as the Bike Transit and Recreation Element. Mr. Hiegel stated that City Council was assured that there would be a Bicycle Element.

Mr. Buck asked if Council Members had asked that question.

Chair Hiegel stated that the BUSC was told several years ago that without a Bicycle Element there were certain grants that could not be applied for.

Mr. Nguyen clarified that the placement of Bicycle Element in the General Plan does not affect funding eligibility as long as a plan is updated every five years.

Mr. Buck asked what the basis for the goals and policies that Mr. Snyder had presented.

Mr. Nguyen stated that he believes that part of it comes from the Transportation and Circulation Commission (T&CC) and also suggested they speak to Bob St. Paul for further information.

Mr. Donovan mentioned that it may have come from the survey taken by RBF.

Mr. Buck asked if Mr. Snyder was going to meet with BUSC regarding the routes because his concerns were that even though the revisions were done by the BUSC, the membership was different than the present.

Mr. Nguyen informed the committee that Mr. Snyder will submit the routes for staff's review and then it will be brought to this committee for review and comments.

Mr. Donovan asked Mr. Nguyen if he received information on the Coyote Creek bike lanes master plans. Mr. Donovan stated that there were recommendations about flood control channels and using more of them for bike path connections such as Carbon Creek and portions of Fullerton & Brea Creek.

Mr. Nguyen asked who was involved in putting this together.

Mr. Donovan stated that he was part of the team called Trails for All, a nonprofit organization funded by the Rivers, Mountains, Conservancy.

#### BIKE PARKING AT THE NEW WORLD CITRUS STRUCTURE

Mr. Nguyen informed the committee that Yelena Voronel of the Engineering Department is putting together the World Citrus project and will be forwarding to the developer the comments from Engineering, Planning, and Redevelopment Departments. Once all of their comments are addressed, they will resubmit and they will do their best to accommodate BUSC comments which may be done by the next meeting.

Mr. Buck asked if BUSC wanted to focus on parking at World Citrus or would they prefer to get some places closer to the depot which would free up spaces and allow bicycles to park as close to the station.

Ms. Rands' concern was that this item was presented to Planning Commission and it was mentioned that the traffic flow for this item was projected to change from a one-lane road to a two-lane road for Santa Fe, and a left turn pocket was going to be installed. Ms. Rands stated that whenever a left turn lane or an island is installed, you loose a shoulder and space to ride your bike. Ms. Rands asked if this could be brought to BUSC for review regarding the roadway because Santa Fe is the alternate roadway for the east to west commute because Commonwealth Avenue is not bike friendly and would be the route to meet up with the bike path on Highland Avenue.

### WEST COYOTE HILLS SPECIFIC PLANS

Mr. Duvignau presented the T&CC staff report dated August 3, 2009 along with a copy of the circulation plan of the West Coyote Hills Specific Plan which is from past planning efforts.

Mr. Nguyen commented that Ms. Rands' concern was to make sure there was adequate space for bicyclist and connection from this development to the Transportation Center.

Ms. Rands added that she was also concerned about the removal of the change to the Master Bikeway Plan and that the alternative was acceptable.

Mr. Nguyen explained that the change happened because Coyote Hills Drive and Parks Road were not going to go through.

Chair Hiegel asked for clarification from Ms. Rands whether she was asking if the BUSC should review when there is a new road construction or replacement of a road.

Ms. Rands asked if a road is going to be removed, and they are suggesting that the main bikeway will be on the collector road, then what would the width of the street be and how much space is on the sides.

Ms. Rands asked if this project had private streets, if they were privately maintained, and if this included the collector road. Ms. Rands' concern was if this was going to be the same situation as the St. Jude project being on private streets when the City could not require a project to pay for a bikeway path and if it could be asked for the bikeways to continue through the collector road of this project and make it a requirement for approval.

Mr. Nguyen stated that the collector road is a public street. Mr. Nguyen explained that if it is a new development then as part of the conditions, the City could mandate parkways and ask for the developer to provide bike trails. Mr. Nguyen said that on the information provided, the plan does ask for bike trails.

Chair Hiegel asked if any of these streets are gated.

Mr. Nguyen stated that some of the smaller developments may be gated.

Ms. Rands asked if there was a safe pathway from this development to the transit center.

Chair Hiegel suggested that the Buena Park station may be a closer access from this development.

Ms. Rands asked about the existing trails as being changed with this development and would like more clarification.

Mr. Donovan commented that the direction the BUSC has had in the past is that the trails are under the Parks and Recreation Department and Commission.

Ms. Rands commented that to her understanding, Resolution No. 8366 states that improvements of construction of city streets and recreation trails are under the BUSC's purview and it would be nice to be consulted on that topic. Ms. Rands asked if something could be set up on sharing recreational trails with pedestrians and equestrians and suggest some improvements making it safe. People are concerned that there is a lack of communication. Ms. Rands asked if this could be brought for BUSC review and obtain the same information that was circulated to Parks and Recreation.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public wished to speak.

# STAFF/COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION

Items to be discussed at the next meeting on September 16, 2009.
Bike Racks in the City
New World Citrus
Bike Element
St. Jude bike path
Resolution No. 8366
Resolution No. 8749
Bike safety around construction site during 57 freeway

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hiegel adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held September 16, 2009.

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