

**MINUTES
BICYCLE USERS SUBCOMMITTEE**

City Hall - Council Conference Room
Wednesday, May 15, 2013 - 5:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gene Hiegel, Chair
Beth Trimble, Vice Chair
John Carroll
Matt Leslie
Karla Reinhardt
Jane Rands
Vince Buck

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Jay Eastman, Senior Planner
Dave Langstaff, Traffic Engineering Analyst

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hiegel at 5:06 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public present.

MINUTES

MOTION made by Member Carroll, SECONDED by Member Trimble, and APPROVED 5-0, with Members Rands and Buck abstaining.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Bicycle Accident Data

Senior Planner Eastman provided background of the item. Traffic Engineering Analyst Dave Langstaff passed out copies of a list started in January showing bicycle accidents within the City of Fullerton. Langstaff discussed data reflected on the handout and line items changes made since January. Langstaff clarified corrections on the spreadsheet – on the first page one of the columns has a heading of “street”, which means the bicyclists was riding in the

street; second page says "sidewalk", but should also read street. There was extensive discussion between the staff and Committee members regarding correlating and using age and race data; riding bikes on the sidewalk; identifying CVC violations; determining accident fault; average number of accidents a year; and consistent reporting of accidents by City, CSUF and Fullerton College. The Committee identified that the use of the data is unknown at this time, but it would be helpful to map the location of accidents to determine if there are certain streets that need attention. Mr. Langstaff stated that an updated 2013 report will be ready at the end of January or February, 2014. Member Carroll stated that he has a CSUF student mapping the accident data from 2012, and hopes to have the map at the next meeting. Member Buck wants staff to ensure, to the extent possible, that the data reflects the direction of the bike rider and whether the bike rider is on the sidewalk.

2. BIKE FULLERTON, safety and education program

Senior Planner Eastman reported the objective of this item, stating the BIKE FULLERTON program includes four (4) goals, as previously established, and that current discussion is to brainstorm potential school related activities related to the goals. Member Trimble clarified that she asked this item to be agendaized, and would like to develop a program that starts small and initially focuses on just one school. There was discussion related to using schools to inform the parents of children; coordinating school programs with accident statistics; first developing a list of things the program should deal with; history of prior programs at local schools; consideration of schools that have existing infrastructure (bike racks, lockers, and nearby routes); distributing flyers to parents (Trimble referenced NHTSA information); funding of the project with grants (Eastman distributed a grant list for future reference) and the need to develop a program prior to pursuing grants; coordinating bike routes with road improvements; determining which bike routes need to be improved first; and a SCAG planning grant for the bicycle boulevard concept on E. Wilshire Avenue.

Vice Chair Trimble questioned where to start a BIKE FULLERTON school program. Vice Chair Trimble suggested picking two schools to pursue, one with a bike lane, and one with a need for bike education. The BUSC clarified a need to identify what a program is prior to pursuing a grant. Chair Hiegel suggested that the BUSC start small by printing and distributing NHTSA flyers at one school, and then grow from there. Raymond and Acacia Elementary schools were identified as two potentials. Member Carroll suggested that school selection could benefit from more data, including accidents. Vice Chair Trimble volunteered to look at bike racks at schools to determine which schools would be good opportunities. Member Rands summarized that the program will start with one school and be a small pilot program.

Vice Chair Trimble stated that she will visit potential school sites prior to the next BUSC meeting; Member Leslie said he would do research on-line for existing programs to see if he can find a model the BUSC can follow; and Member Buck stated that he will contact a former Fullerton teacher who was previously involved with student-bike programs.

3. Bicycle Route Signage

Senior Planner Eastman provided a brief report regarding the potential for Class 3 bike route signs on Puente, Wilshire and Valencia Mesa Avenue, and the cost of "Share the Road" signs. Vice Chair Trimble questioned the benefit of share the road signs; Member Rands suggested the signs be strategically placed where there is a special circumstance, such as

the end of a bike lane or at undercrossings. Member Buck felt sharrow chevrons more effectively alerting drivers to bicyclists than share the road signs.

Eastman stated approximately six (6) or seven (7) locations on Valencia Mesa Avenue could have class 3 signs; six (6) locations on Puente Avenue; and approximately fourteen (14) on Wilshire Avenue. There was discussion on where signs should or could be placed. A cost estimate for the installation of signs is pending. There was a discussion regarding wayfinding signs, including arrow signs as part of a class 3 sign, and more informative wayfinding signs that specify destinations and mileage. Eastman stated that destination wayfinding will likely be part of the Bike Boulevard concept. Subcommittee discussed sign standards and costs. Senior Planner Eastman to return to BUSC with Maintenance's cost estimates for Class 3 route signs.

4. Bicycle Route Maps

Chair Hiegel suggested three routes that could be on an official City map, (1) including signed routes, (2) approved routes and (3) recreation trails. Approved routes would be those that are in the General Plan but not signed yet. Senior Planner Eastman passed out an OCTA route map that is available on-line. Member Rands asked if the OCTA and General Plan maps are consistent; Eastman stated that OCTA is asking the City to provide them updated information by Friday. It was suggested that the OCTA map, or a link to the OCTA map, be posted on the Fullerton City website.

The Subcommittee agreed that "signed" routes on the map are to include Class 2 and 3 routes, and not necessarily distinguish the two types of routes. Planner Eastman suggests a solid line on the map for signed routes, dashed line for unsigned routes, and green line for recreation trails. The subcommittee discussed recruiting students to produce the map and using sponsorships to pay for the reproduction. Member Buck felt it is critical that the correct Class 2 and 3 routes be shown on the map. Chair Hiegel and Vice Chair Trimble agreed to meet and review the approved Bicycle Master Plan map. Once the Bicycle Master Plan is clarified, then Hiegel and Trimble will work with City staff to define a directional map.

STAFF COMMUNICATION:

Chair Hiegel asked staff to forward the signed Bicycle Users Subcommittee Bylaws to the BUSC members.

Items to be considered on the next agenda included a return of the BIKE FULLERTON Educational Program; the review of a map showing 2012 accidents; costs for Class 3 signage on Puente, Valencia Mesa and Wilshire; and an update on the public bicycle route map.

It was announced that today is "International Ride of Silence" day.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM in memory of people killed or injured while riding.



Jay Eastman, Senior Planner