# MINUTES BICYCLE USERS SUBCOMMITTEE

City Hall ------Council Chamber Conference Room Wednesday, February 18, 2009------5:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Hiegel, Chair

Edmundo Duvignau, Vice-Chair

Davis Barber James Donovan Kent Morris Jane Rands

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Ron Bowers, Senior Civil Engineer

Thuy Nguyen, Civil Engineer

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hiegel at 5:33 p.m.

# **CONSENT**

# MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2009 MEETING

MOTION made by Member Donovan, SECONDED by Member Barber, and CARRIED unanimously, that the Minutes of the January 21, 2009 meeting be APPROVED as written.

# **REGULAR BUSINESS**

# **BIKE RACKS IN THE CITY**

Member Barber provided the Committee with a summary of recommended locations, photos, and notes.

Member Donovan stated he had looked at the area of Harbor Blvd. and Orangethorpe Avenue, and had noted locations at three of the four corners. The northwest corner was dense and he did not know if there would be room to install any bike racks.

Chair Hiegel explained that the City had requested pictures of the locations. He commented that more locations could be added to the list, but the current list was probably a good start. Member Barber suggested ranking the locations in order of preference.

Senior Civil Engineer Ron Bowers explained to the Committee that he would forward the list to the Community Development Department, and see if conditions could be added to the St. Jude project and other projects to have bike racks installed.

After general discussion, it was decided the list would be kept by staff for reference as money became available for new projects. Mr. Bowers explained Council would approve the budget in June 2009.

# **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

Mr. Bowers explained that staff was currently working on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) which would be taken to Council for approval in June. The bike racks would be added to the CIP submittal. There was Committee discussion on where the money would come from for the bike racks, and whether Redevelopment had money available now. Mr. Bowers responded bike racks at the Transportation Center had been budgeted and installed, and he would add the new bike racks to the CIP for approval.

The following projects were discussed by the Committee (and Mr. Bowers responded):

- A bridge over the 57 freeway (could be added to the budget as a study)
- Widening Nutwood Avenue under the 57 freeway (it would be looked at as part of the study)
- A connection between Cal State Fullerton and the east side of the City was already included in the General Plan
- Some type of connection between Nutwood Avenue and Yorba Linda
- Possibility of having St. Jude construct the bike trail behind their parking structure as part of their project
- Puente Street bike trail (Council had received a petition with 170 signatures protesting against the trail)
- Adding trail maintenance to the CIP (once the General Plan was adopted the Committee could begin to look at the approved projects)
- The General Plan would not be approved for a year or more; could funding be set aside in this budget for trail improvements (trails are maintained by the Parks & Recreation department once the Bicycle Element was approved there would possibly be more funding opportunities, although most projects came with a \$500,000 cap.
- Any plan to continue the Union Pacific trail toward La Palma and into Anaheim (he believed the property had been purchased)
- State College grade separation project (explained the grade separations at Raymond Avenue and State College Blvd.)
- A bike lane on Commonwealth Avenue near the Jefferson Commons (the project was on hold pending the developer obtaining financing)
- An extension from Rolling Hills behind the cemetery that would tie in the Puente Street bridge with the planned bikeway that would extend west of Brea Blvd. (it would be looked at once the Puente Bridge was complete and the Master Plan had been approved)

A member commented that there needed to be a list of projects in order to ask for funding from the Stimulus Package, and Mr. Bowers explained that the Stimulus projects had to be designed and environmentally clear to move forward; most of the projects discussed by this Committee required a lot of environmental review and were not at that stage.

After general discussion, no action was taken by the Committee.

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one from the public wished to speak.

# STAFF/COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair would be included on the next agenda.

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A member discussed the Bike Summit that would be held at the LA Trade Tech College.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hiegel adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.