# MINUTES BICYCLE USERS SUBCOMMITTEE

City Hall ------Council Chamber Conference Room Wednesday, February 17, 2010------5:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Hiegel, Chair

Davis Barber, Vice Chair

Edmundo Duvignau

Kent Morris Richard Osborne Jane Rands

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: James Donovan

STAFF PRESENT: Thuy Nguyen, Civil Engineer

Bob St. Paul, Senior Planner

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hiegel at 5:32 p.m.

#### CONSENT

## MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2010 MEETING

The Minutes of the January 20, 2010 meeting were APPROVED as written.

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

#### WORLD CITRUS PARKING STRUCTURE PLAN

Thuy Nguyen updated the committee. This project is suppose to be a design-build but there are funding issues with the State. The City is pursuing a consultant to move forward with the design for now. Mr. Nguyen explained that this project consisted of 20 lockers, 40 spaces inside the structure, and potentially adding more racks outside if needed.

Chair Hiegel asked if the design will allow them to install the racks outside without increasing the cost of the project.

Mr. Nguyen explained that there is plenty of room in the front, a 10-foot-wide sidewalk without trees, and the shops lining the front with plenty of room to ride your bicycle.

## **PUENTE STREET BIKE PATH**

Mr. Nguyen informed the committee that Parks and Recreation Commissioners recommended that the design and lighting come back to BUSC for review and recommendation.

Member Jane Rands asked why this project was under Parks and Recreation's purview, and what would happen when they decide to close the path at night even though this is a Class I bikeway and under BUSC.

Mr. Nguyen explained that this project is located in the Brea Dam area which is Parks and Recreation's recreational area. Also, the project is partially funded by the Brea Dam Funds from Parks and Recreation Department. In the event Parks and Recreation Commissioners vote to limit access at night one year after the completion of the project, it would mainly be due for safety reasons. If the path has to be closed at night, it needs to be verified with various funding agencies associated with this project to make sure that the closure does not jeopardize the funding sources.

Member Richard Osborne asked if this path is ADA compliant.

Mr. Nguyen answered that this issue was brought up at Park's and Recreation Commission meeting. The path is not ADA compliant due to its grade.

Member Richard Osborne stated that according to code of regulations Title 28, all projects constructed after 1992 must meet ADA compliance regardless of cost.

Mr. Nguyen responded that in this case there is a hardship clause; the hardship being the existing topography of the area that would preclude this project from conforming to ADA requirements.

Member Kent Morris said that he preferred to ride straight through instead of trying to navigate around the landscape median.

Member Davis Barber asked if the island was there to slow down the riders.

Mr. Nguyen responded that the island is for aesthetic purposes and the DG areas are for waiting and resting. The intention of the island is not to slow down riders.

MOTION made by Committee member Jane Rands, SECONDED by Committee member Edmundo Duvignau and CARRIED 5-1, with Committee member Richard Osborne opposed to approve the recommendation to straighten out the bike path and move the landscaping island to the outer edges.

# GENERAL PLAN - BICYCLE ELEMENT

Ryan Synder, RBF Consultant spoke on the bikeways map.

Members reviewed the bike map and commented on the proposed paths.

MOTION made by Committee member Kent Morris, SECONDED by Committee member Edmundo Duvignau and CARRIED unanimously with map changes to show existing bike lanes on Bastanchury east of Associated, accurately show bike lane paths on CSUF campus, extend bike route Victoria north to the foot bridge, add Class III bike route on Riverside from Dorothy to Raymond, add a bridge between Victoria and Riverside across the channel, show on map connections to other cities, by means of a designated symbol show that Harbor Blvd. north of Imperial is included in map as part of Fullerton, and show that Acacia to Dorothy is not a Class II bike route.

Mr. Bob St. Paul, Senior Planner presented the draft goals, policies, and action.

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Chair Hiegel recommended that the City needs to have a map of these routes made available to the public under Section 9.5.

Committee member Richard Osborne recommended exploring opportunities to reduce bike theft such as theft-proof bike racks.

Mr. St. Paul explained that as we develop the criteria, we will keep this issue in mind and explore opportunities to provide safe and secure places for bikes.

Mr. Synder explained that bike theft has become a bigger problem in the recent years. Lighting and visibility seem to offer better safeguard against theft. Bike station or automated bike parking facilities such as those in Spain and in Japan work best.

Mr. St. Paul stated that we will explore those opportunities as part of public safety in the General Plan as well as within the Bicycle Element as new projects come along.

MOTION made by Committee member Edmundo Duvignau, SECONDED by Committee member Kent Morris and CARRIED unanimously with the changes to add maps to Section 9.5 and explore opportunities to reduce bike theft.

Member Jane Rands asked about priority of the proposed changes and project.

Mr. St. Paul responded that our consultant, Mr. Synder will work with staff and BUSC on this issue. Priority of a project is heavily dependent upon availability of funding.

Member Jane Rands asked for clarification and documentation of what the purview is for the Parks and Recreation, BUSC, and Trails Committee.

Mr. Nguyen responded that Parks and Recreation Department will bring to BUSC issues as they are related to trails.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one from the public wished to speak.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 17, 2010.

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