

MINUTES
BICYCLE USERS SUBCOMMITTEE

City Hall -----Council Chamber Conference Room
Wednesday, March 16, 2011-----4:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vince Buck
Gene Hiegel
Richard Osborne
Jane Rands
Matthew Leslie
Kent Morris

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Thuy Nguyen, Engineering

PUBLIC PRESENT: Denny Bean

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Nguyen at 4:32 p.m.

CONSENT

1. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2011 MEETING

On page 2, next to last paragraph, Member Osborne wanted the word "lockers" to be "replaced by "racks." With that change, the Minutes of the February 16, 2011 meeting were APPROVED AS AMENDED.

2. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Member Rands was selected as Chair and Member Hiegel was selected as Vice Chair.

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. GRADE SEPARATION PROJECTS

Mr. Nguyen reported that the City of Fullerton is the lead agency for the construction of two grade separation projects located at State College Blvd./BNSF railroad tracks at State College Blvd. and Valencia Dr. and Raymond Avenue/BNSF railroad tracks at Raymond Ave. and Valencia Dr. These projects are scheduled to begin construction in 2013 and will take approximately 30 months to complete. The cost for each project is approximately \$75,000,000. Proposed striping plans for the finished projects were presented to the subcommittee. Raymond was discussed first.

Member Rands asked how wide the lanes will be in both directions, and Mr. Nguyen answered 16 feet for the outside lanes within the project limits and the sidewalks are eight feet wide.

Two bridges will be constructed: one for the railroad tracks and one to connect Valencia Drive. Access to Truslow off of Raymond will be removed; instead, a connector road will be provided. Bicycle accommodation will be improved on Raymond Avenue.

Member Osborne asked if there would be additional signals and Mr. Nguyen answered there would be one added at Raymond Avenue and the Ash Avenue/Valencia connector.

Member Rands inquired if the Traffic Engineer had seen and approved this plan and Mr. Nguyen replied affirmatively. Mr. Nguyen noted that down at the lowest point of the underpass, it is proposed to be entirely concrete, without any joint line along the gutter, which would be an advantage to bicyclists.

Member Buck noted on the State College plan that there were some narrower lanes northbound and wider southbound lanes. Mr. Nguyen explained that an additional space was needed to make left-turn pockets for northbound traffic to enter streets on the west side. Medians will be 12 feet wide to accommodate the proposed bridge columns. Furthermore, State College Blvd. is supposed to be a six-lane divided highway on the OCTA MPAH plans. It is striped for four lanes because the traffic demand does not warrant six lanes. In the future, State College Blvd. may get restriped to six lanes.

Member Morris was concerned with the safety issue of having a buffer for pedestrians, but having a narrower lane for bicyclists. Member Rands suggested making the buffer narrower, but Mr. Nguyen explained that there must be at least three feet for landscaping. Member Buck suggested that rather than having a six-foot sidewalk with a four-foot buffer, install an eight-foot sidewalk next to the 15-foot outside travel lane.

A MOTION was made by Vince Buck to encourage the City to revisit the striping and curb configuration to allow for a 15' wide northbound outside lane by reducing the parkway width. Motion was seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

ITEM NO. 4

MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES (MUTCD)

The City currently uses the 2006 edition of the MUTCD but California is in the process of adopting the 2009 edition. Member Rands asked if the 2009 edition contained language concerning "Complete Streets." Mr. Nguyen replied that there was not in the 2006 edition, but it is contained in the 2009 version.

Member Rands asked if there was a section in the MUTCD pertaining to bicycles and Mr. Nguyen answered affirmatively. The State of California will review and amend the 2009 MUTCD as applicable prior to adopting it.

Member Morris noted that he looked up the MUTCD on the computer and saw that a 2011 edition was being developed also.

Members had questions about complete streets and the current edition of the MUTCD that Mr. Nguyen stated would best be answered by the City's Traffic Engineer.

ITEM NO. 5
SHARROWS

Member Rands noted reported that this item had been scheduled for hearing by the BUSC, but that particular meeting had been cancelled due to lack of a quorum. She asked that staff send each member a copy of the MUTCD section and studies related to sharrows.

STAFF/SUBCOMMITTEE COMMUNICATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on April 20, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

Thuy Nguyen
Civil Engineer