

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIKEWAY AND WALKABILITY  
COMMITTEE**

**March 2, 2016**

These meeting minutes represent an “action minute” format. A copy of the meeting audio tape can be obtained at the Public Services Department’s front counter located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Costa Mesa City Hall. The Bikeway and Walkability Committee (BWC) of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in a regular meeting session at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2016.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ralph Taboada at 6:31 p.m. at the Costa Mesa Senior Center 695 West 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Costa Mesa, California.

**ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Committee Members Present:	Chair, Ralph Taboada, Vice-chair, Cynthia McDonald, Member Tony Capitelli, Member Jim Erickson, Member Leah Ersoylu, Member Richard Huffman II, Member James Kane, Member Andrea Marr, Member Flo Martin, Member John C. Merrill, Dr. Kirk Bauermeister, NMUSD
Committee Members Absent:	Member Jim Kerins, Member Brian Valles, Brent Stoll, Chamber of Commerce
City Council Liaison Absent:	Katrina Foley
Staff Present:	Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Services Manager, Pritam Deshmukh, Associate Engineer, Elizabeth Palacio, Engineering Technician II

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Residents Clay Epperson, Jim Garmin, Linda Stenis, Matt Stenis, John Fletcher, Ralph Odenwald, along with several other residents of the tracts located north and south of Adams Avenue, east of the Santa Ana River Trail spoke in strong opposition to the opening of the Greenville Banning Channel access road adjacent to their homes.

## **3. STAFF COMMENTS**

1. Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Services Manager, addressed the public and clarified that there was no item on the agenda for the committee to consider or approve regarding opening the Greenville Banning Channel access road for public use. He explained the process that would have to be observed to ultimately approve opening the road. He assured the residents that they would be informed throughout the process, if it were ever up for consideration.

## **4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

1. Member Flo Martin stated that cyclists yelling "on your left" or "on your right" are yelled out for the safety of pedestrians and other cyclists.
2. Chair Ralph Taboada mentioned that he reviewed the W. 19<sup>th</sup> project site.
3. Member Andrea Marr thanked the residents for attending the meeting.

## **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Ralph Taboada opened the item for discussion. Member Flo Martin made a motion to approve the February 3, 2016, meeting minutes with the suggested corrections, Vice-Chair Cynthia McDonald seconded the motion, the motion passed 9-0, Members Andrea Marr and Leah Ersoylu abstained.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Adding Fifth Member to the Community Outreach Subcommittee – Discussion

Chair Ralph Taboada opened the item for discussion. After discussion by the committee, Member Leah Ersoylu volunteered to be the fifth member of the Community Subcommittee.

- b. Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan – Discussion

Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Services Manager briefly updated the committee on the timeline of the approval of the General Plan.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. OC Bike Coalition Presentation – Presentation by Stacy Klein

Stacy Klein, from the OC Bike Coalition, gave a presentation of the bicycle education program offered by the coalition. Stacy answered several questions asked by the committee members regarding several items featured in the presentation.

b. Arlington Bioswale Project – Presentation by Raja Sethuraman

Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Services Manager updated the committee on the Arlington Bioswale Project. He answered the committee's questions regarding the project details.

c. Master Plan of Bicycle Facilities - Update

Transportation Services Manager presented the committee with an updated Master Plan of Bicycle Facilities. After discussion by the committee, Member John C. Merrill moved to file the map as conceptual and seek funding for CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) review, Vice-Chair Cynthia McDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Pedestrian Opportunity Zones – Discussion

Raja Sethuraman presented the Pedestrian Opportunity Zones included in the General Plan Update to the Committee. There was discussion regarding expansion of these pedestrian zones to other areas of the City, particularly along Fairview Road adjacent to Orange Coast College.

e. Future Meeting – Discussion

There was no discussion by the committee.

f. Items for Next Agenda

1. Community Fun Run – Discussion
2. Harbor Boulevard Bike Trail Project

**8. NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Next regular meeting April 6, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Costa Mesa Senior Center, 695 West 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Costa Mesa, California.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Submitted by:



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Ralph Taboada, Chair