

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

**June 1, 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, June 1, 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.

**2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Committee Members Present:	Chair, Ralph Taboada, Vice-Chair, Cynthia McDonald, Member Russell Baldwin, Member Cindy Brenneman, Member Leah Ersoylu, Member Maggie Gallagher, Member Richard Huffman II, Member James Kane, Member Flo Martin, Member John C. Merrill,
Committee Members Absent:	Member Jim Erickson, Member Jim Kerins, Member Andrea Marr Member Brian Valles, Dr. Kirk Bauermeister, NMUSD, Brent Stoll, Chamber of Commerce
City Council Liaison Present:	Katrina Foley
Staff Present:	Elizabeth Palacio, Engineering Technician II

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

1. Member James Kane inquired about the Talbert Sewer Pipeline Project that was recently put on an indefinite hold. He would like to know how the hold will impact the City's West 19<sup>th</sup> Street Bike Trail Project. In order to address the importance of safety in our community, he shared the story of an 8 year old boy who was recently hit and killed by a trash truck, in Newport Beach, while riding his bike. He requested the status of the Bike Events calendar to be posted on the committee's web page. He also shared comments and concerns regarding the proposed project at Harbor Boulevard at Gisler Avenue intersection project. He requested that staff present the project to the committee at a future meeting.
2. Vice-Chair Cynthia McDonald shared some traffic congestion concerns with the Fairview Road bridge over the I-405 freeway due to long-term ongoing roadwork. She suggested using alternative routes when possible.
3. Member Richard Huffman II mentioned a Town Hall Meeting to be held by Costa Mesa for Responsible Government and Costa Mesa First on June 9, 2016 at 6:30pm at the Neighborhood Community Center. The General Plan Update, Smart Growth Initiative, and the Circulation Plan / Bicycle Plan will be discussed.
4. Member Russell Baldwin inquired if there a mechanism to improve bicycle awareness. Chair Ralph Taboada suggested that this is something this committee should advocate for.
5. Member Flo Martin suggested taking pictures of problem areas to help advocate for bicycle safety. She mentioned taking a 4 mile walk on Harbor Boulevard and was very pleased at the courteousness of drivers.
6. Member Cindy Breneman mentioned the bicycle education efforts at previous First Friday Road show. She mentioned that the next First Friday Roadshow will be held at the Fish Fry for the first time, this year. She expressed concern that nobody seems to know about the 3 feet clear law for bicyclist. She mentioned education should be a priority since building bike lanes can take a long time.

### **5. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None

### **6. STAFF COMMENTS**

None

### **7. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Prioritization Subcommittee – Discuss and form

Chair Ralph Taboada opened the item for discussion. After discussing the benefits of forming a subcommittee, Member John C. Merrill made a motion to form a Prioritization Subcommittee. There was no second to the motion, motion failed to pass.

The committee decided to hold two prioritization workshops at the two upcoming regular committee meetings. One workshop would focus on prioritizing projects and trails and the other would focus on prioritizing the Goals and Objectives.

**9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

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

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

  
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Ralph Taboada, Chair