

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIKEWAY AND WALKABILITY COMMITTEE

May 5, 2021

These meeting minutes represent an “action minute” format. The Bikeway and Walkability Committee of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in a regular session at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5, 2021.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cynthia McDonald called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. via a City-organized virtual Zoom webinar.

2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Members Present:

- Chair Cynthia McDonald
- Vice Chair Jim Erickson
- Member Bryan Estrada
- Member Richard Huffman II
- Member Flo Martin
- Member David Martinez
- Member Michael Moses Nolf
- Member Ralph Taboada
- Member Emily Webb
- Member Trace Yulie

Committee Members Absent: Member Bridget Gleason

Alternate Committee Members Present: Member Jimmy Vivar

Alternate Committee Members Absent: Member John Lux

Chamber of Commerce Liaison Present: Brent Stoll

Newport-Mesa Unified School
District Liaison Present: Dr. Kirk Bauermeister

City Council Liaisons Present: Jeff Harlan, Council Member
Arlis Reynolds, Council Member

Staff Present: Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director
Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager
Ramin Nikoui, Associate Engineer

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaker, spoke on the Costa Mesa Municipal Golf Course for low income housing.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Meeting on March 3, 2021

Vice Chair Erickson and Member Martinez provided amendments to the March 3, 2021 meeting minutes. Vice Chair Erickson moved to approve the minutes as amended. Member Martinez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Special Meeting on April 7, 2021

Chair McDonald, Member Martin, and Member Martinez provided amendments to the April 7, 2021 special meeting minutes. Vice Chair Erickson moved to approve the minutes as amended. Member Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried: 8 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Active Transportation Projects – Staff Update

Ms. Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, stated staff will email updates to committee members and invited committee members to contact her with any questions or comments.

b. Pedestrian Master Plan Update – Staff Update

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, stated staff will email the update to committee members and invited members to contact her with any questions or comments.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Adams Avenue at Pinecreek Drive Intersection Project and Adams Avenue Bicycle Facility Project

Ms. Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, presented the project background and introduced the project consultant, KOA Corporation. KOA invited committee members to provide input and comments into project design concepts for both the Adams Avenue at Pinecreek intersection project and Adams Avenue Bicycle Facility project from Harbor Boulevard to Fairview Road.

b. Proposed Right-of-Way Easement Vacation at 154 Broadway
This item will be rescheduled to a future committee meeting.

c. Bike Registration/Licensing

Member Martinez spoke on the existing bicycle licensing rules and procedures in the City Municipal Code. He requested that the next committee meeting agenda focus on bike licensing. Chair McDonald moved that a draft letter be prepared to City Council from the Bikeway and Walkability Committee to cover the issues of bicycle licensing, bicycle parking, and identify any City's ordinances and general plan changes that the committee recommends to be updated and amended by the City Council. Member Taboada seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Subcommittees Organization

Chair McDonald spoke on potentially adding new subcommittees such as a subcommittee to monitor the budget and prioritization of projects, a safety subcommittee, and a subcommittee for demonstration projects. Discussion ensued on broadening the scope of the Safe Routes and Accessibility Subcommittee to include safe routes for adults.

Chair McDonald moved to add a new subcommittee called Active Transportation Plan Implementation. Member Ralph Taboada seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Public Outreach
None.
- b. Government Regulatory / Grants
Chair McDonald highlighted AB 34, AB 550, and U.S. Senate Bill 425.
- c. Safe Routes and Accessibility
None.
- d. Economic Growth
None.
- e. Presentation
Chair McDonald presented examples of preferred Class II and Class III bicycle improvements. Member Taboada presented a conceptual street cross-section to consider for improving bicycling on Fairview Road.
- f. Mobility Share
Chair McDonald shared an article on e-scooters with committee members. Vice Chair Erickson discussed a future demonstration project on BIRD electric scooters.
- g. Walk Audits
None.
- h. Open Streets
Member Taboada would like to plan an open streets event for next spring.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Alternate Member Vivar shared that the Federal Highway Administration comment period is still open for proposed changes to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Member Martin reviewed the 2020 annual report for the updates to the General Plan's Circulation Element and noted several items had "ongoing" responses.

Member Martinez attended all of the pedestrian master plan walk audits in April except for one of the walk audits. He shared that he received the COVID-19 vaccine and was accepted into the America Walks Walking College as a fellow. Member Martinez shared his appreciation for the opportunity to review City projects early, is partaking in the OCTA Bike Everywhere Challenge during Bike Month, and excited for Council Member Reynold's May bike ride.

Vice Chair Erickson commented on AB 122, which is the Idaho stop bill. He spoke on cyclists yielding to stop signs and its potential to reduce accidents and improve traffic flow. He spoke on the need for bike racks at Fairview Park and that the Fairview Park Steering Committee should not decide on

whether bicycle racks can be installed or not. Vice Chair Erickson spoke on the need for school principals to be informed of bicycle routes to and from their schools.

Member Taboada spoke in support of AB 122.

Member Yulie thanked everyone who attended the pedestrian master plan walk audits.

9. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Council Member Reynolds invited committee members to join her and Vice Chair Erickson on a 25-mile bike ride. Council Member Reynolds noted that May is also Mental Health Awareness Month in addition to May Bike Month. Council Member Reynolds invited committee members to participate in the May Community Bike Ride that she is organizing.

10. STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, discussed that May is National Bike Month and the City will be sharing social media posts to promote bicycling and bicycle safety. She shared that Public Services is deploying changeable message signs to promote bicycle safety and to allow 3 feet for bicyclists. She shared that a leading pedestrian interval was recently implemented at the intersection of Bristol Street at Bear Street.


Ms. Rosales thanked committee members for participating in the walk audits and let members know that the online survey for the Pedestrian Master Plan closes on May 17th. She clarified that improvements to the Arlington at Junipero intersection are included in the proposed Mesa Del Mar Improvements in the proposed CIP projects for FY 21-22.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Items for the next agenda: draft bike licensing letter to City Council, subcommittee appointments, and recommendations on legislative bills.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by:


Cynthia McDonald, Chair