



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIKEWAY AND WALKABILITY COMMITTEE

February 2, 2022

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, February 2, 2022.

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 Bridget Gleason
Member Richard Huffman II
Member Flo Martin
Member David Martinez
Member Michael Moses Nolf
Member Ralph Taboada
Member Trace Yulie

Committee Members Absent:

Member Emily Webb

Alternate Committee Members:

Member John Lux (not present)
Member Jimmy Vivar

Chamber of Commerce Liaison:

Brent Stoll (not present)

Newport-Mesa Unified School
District Liaison:

Dr. Kirk Bauermeister

City Council Liaison(s) present:

Arlis Reynolds, Council Member

Staff Present:

Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director
Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services
Manager
Brett Atencio Thomas, Active
Transportation Coordinator
Ramin Nikoui, Associate Engineer

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Meeting on November 3, 2021
 - 1. Moved/Second: Committee Member Taboada /Committee Member Gleason.
 - 2. Minutes approved: 10 yes, 1 no, 1 absent.

- b. Meeting on December 1, 2021
 - 1. Moved/Second: Committee Member Estrada /Committee Member Erickson.
 - 2. Minutes approved unanimously.

- c. Meeting On January 19, 2022
 - 1. Moved/Second: Committee Member Taboada/Committee Member Huffman
 - 2. Minutes approved unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Active Transportation Projects Staff Update
 - a. Transportation Services Manager Jennifer Rosales opened up the floor for discussion on the Active Transportation Projects update sent to committee.
 - i. Councilmember Reynolds spoke on the date of next Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP) public meeting, and posting PMP Draft for public comments.
 - ii. Committee Member Taboada noted desire for additional Committee review of the PMP.
 - iii. Committee Member Taboada spoke on bicycle improvements on the north side of Adams Avenue between Fairview and Pinecreek.
 - iv. Council Member Reynolds spoke on Hawk Signal at Lions Park
 - 1. Discussion ensued with Committee Member Martin and Committee Chair McDonald adding comments.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. FY 22-23 Proposed Capital Improvement Projects presentation
 - 1. Transportation Services Manager Jennifer Rosales reviewed existing list of projects in the planning and implementation phase, the proposed projects for FY 22-23 were shared and discussed.

- i. Committee Member Estrada spoke on Mesa Del Mar Multi-Modal Access and Circulation Improvements.
- ii. Committee Member Erickson spoke on bike racks on private property and on hosting bike events in April leading to Bike Month in May.
- iii. Committee Member Taboada spoke on Bike Racks.
 - 1. Discussion ensued with Committee Member Huffman and Committee Member Martinez adding comments.
- iv. Councilmember Reynolds spoke on the implementation of OCTA STEP (Safe Transportation Education Program) in the City.
- v. Committee Member Taboada spoke on residential parking program and on Cycle Tracks on Placentia Avenue and Fairview Road by Orange Coast College.
- vi. Committee Member Martinez spoke on Hawk signal at Lions Park.
- vii. Committee Member Martinez spoke on costs of Open Streets.
 - 1. Discussion ensued with Committee Member Vivar adding comments.
- viii. Committee Member Martinez noted desire for Hawk Signal on Victoria Avenue.
- ix. Committee Member Martin spoke on planned improvements to Mesa Verde Drive.
- x. Committee Chair McDonald spoke on residential permit parking program.
- xi. Member Trace Yulie spoke on bicycle education for adults.
- xii. Council Member Reynolds noted desire for SRTS infrastructure, neighborhood slow streets, Victoria Street traffic calming, and traffic calming at the intersection of 18th Street and Pomona Avenue.

b. Citywide Class II, III and IV Bicycle Projects Prioritization

- 1. Presentation by Committee Member Taboada on ATP Implementation Subcommittee review of projects outlined in ATP. BWC ATP Project Prioritization List and BWC ATP Project Prioritization Memo was sent to Committee Members prior to the meeting.
 - i. Projects are prioritized by Class I-IV, but also need to be prioritized overall.
 - ii. Committee Member Bryan Estrada noted desire to upgrade all possible Class II lanes to buffered Class II or Class IV.
 - iii. Committee Member Flo Martin noted desire for Class IV on Fair Drive.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (2 MINUTES EACH)

- a. Public Outreach
None.
- b. Government Regulatory/Grants
None.

- c. Safe Routes and Accessibility
Committee Member Erickson noted that the subcommittee would like to formalize discussion on Safe Routes as an agenda item at the next Committee meeting for new business.
- d. Economic Growth
Committee Chair McDonald noted that the subcommittee plans to connect with the Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce and engage businesses with the cycling community.
- e. Mobility Share
None.
- f. Walk Audits
None.
- g. Open Streets
Council Member Reynolds noted the potential of combining Open Streets with other events such as Fish Fry.
- h. Active Transportation Plan Implementation
None.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)

Committee Member Erickson spoke on sharrows on Monrovia Avenue and improvements on Industrial Way and Newport Blvd.

Committee Member Vivar noted excitement for Open Streets.

Committee Member Gleason spoke on crossing at Arlington Drive and Junipero Drive.

Committee Member Huffman spoke on perceived increase in bicycle use in Costa Mesa.

Committee Member Martin noted that the public can contact Costa Mesa PD about concerns over aggressive driving.

Committee Member Martinez announced opening of Ride Free Program and Making Better Connections program from OCTA.

Committee Member Taboada spoke on perceived increased volume of bicycles on City streets.

Committee Chair McDonald noted that she has witnessed cars in bike lanes and spoke on digital sign boards to message bicycle safety.

9. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)

Council Member Reynolds encourages increased collaboration with schools. Council Member Reynolds made an announcement that applications for Walking College are open. Council Member Reynolds thanked staff and Committee for ongoing work and visible successes.

10. STAFF COMMENTS

Public Services Director Sethuraman thanked the committee for their work and dedication and indicated that the committee has been instrumental in pushing forward bike projects. Mr. Sethuraman noted staff's appreciation for the committee's hard work.

Transportation Services Manager Rosales noted that the Bikeway and Walkability presentation to City Council is scheduled for March 15. Ms. Rosales noted open advertisement for Committee applications from the City Clerk. Ms. Rosales noted that there are 6 openings for members of the Bikeway and Walkability Committee, which will go to City Council for consideration and appointment. Ms. Rosales noted that there is an upcoming staff meeting with Costa Mesa PD regarding Ebikes and noted speeding concerns.

Active Transportation Coordinator Thomas noted ongoing efforts to site bicycle racks in the City. Mr. Thomas noted that the Committee's assistance in the siting of racks would be beneficial to the program. Mr. Thomas asked for the Committee to provide recommendations on locations by close of business Tuesday, February 8.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2 at 4:00 PM.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Submitted by:

Cynthia McDonald
Cynthia McDonald, Chair