



ACTION MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

June 22, 2022

These meeting minutes represent an “action minute” format. The Active Transportation Committee of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in a special session at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2022.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ralph Taboada called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM. via a City-organized virtual Zoom Webinar.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present:

Chair Ralph Taboada
Vice Chair Bridget Gleason
Member Andrew Barnes
Member Bryan Estrada
Member Richard Huffman II
Member Flo Martin
Member David Martinez
Member Jennifer Vavra
Member Jimmy Vivar

Committee Members Absent:

Member Emily Webb
Member Trace Yulie

Alternate Committee Member:

Member Benjamin Lechler (not present)

Chamber of Commerce Liaison:

Not present

Newport-Mesa Unified
School District Liaison:

Vacant

City Council Liaison(s):

Not present

Staff Present:

Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director
Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager
Brett Atencio Thomas, Active Transportation Coordinator

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Fitzpatrick commented on Cannabis licensing, bike parking, and other transportation mitigation measures.

Cynthia McDonald spoke to the Pedestrian Master Plan and previous scope of work revisions.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Pedestrian Master Plan

Transportation Services Manager Jennifer Rosales introduced the Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP) Project consultant team participating in the presentation:

KOA Corporation:	Frank Barrera, Senior Planner/Project Manager
Rock Miller Associates:	Rock Miller, Principal

Frank Barrera presented an update on the PMP including vision and scope of work. The plan is designed to be a toolbox and guide to the implementation of pedestrian projects citywide. Mr. Barrera presented a timeline of public outreach meetings held over the course of the project as well as a review of the project deliverables and work completed beyond the project scope.

Public Services Director Raja Sethuraman provided further detail on the project scope from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) grant and associated KOA contract. Mr. Sethuraman indicated that the Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP) is a framework to begin the process of pedestrian infrastructure development throughout the City, and that it does not specify specific projects. Mr. Sethuraman added the plan does not preclude further pedestrian projects, but provides a toolbox for pedestrian projects.

Rock Miller discussed the changing landscape of Pedestrian Master Plans and future technology and treatments will change over time. The focus of the PMP places the City in a more competitive position to pursue grants.

Committee members and liaisons provided comments on the draft PMP and discussion included:

- Member Vivar spoke to the challenges of driveways built previously and now out of code.
- Director Sethuraman indicated that recommendations in the City's General Plan and PMP include consolidating driveways and upgrading sidewalks.
- Member Barnes inquired about the impact of the plan on future projects and modifications.
- Director Sethuraman indicated the plan allows for future growth and development.
- Member Martin indicated that the plan and its contents appear to be more of a toolbox than a plan.
- Member Huffman recommended a second iteration of the PMP beyond the scope of SCAG and the KOA contract. Mr. Huffman spoke in favor of expanding the project corridors and adding a vision zero element.
- Member Martinez commented on synthesizing the PMP with the General Plan Circulation Element. He inquired about the timing of the next General Plan update.
- Mr. Martinez commented that the plan should move forward to the Planning Commission.

- Member Estrada spoke in favor of robust specific plans for areas of the City. Mr. Estrada inquired about the funding source of the PMP.
- Member Vavra spoke to the need for incrementalism and the timeline of implementing pedestrian improvements as it relates to business and residential communities. Ms. Vavra inquired about available grants, process, and timelines.
- Active Transportation Coordinator Brett Atencio Thomas spoke to webbing plans together such as the Active Transportation Plan and PMP to make grant applications more competitive.
- Ms. Rosales reviewed various regional, state, and federal grants available and Costa Mesa's previous success.
- Mr. Sethuraman discussed upcoming OCTA Measure M opportunities.
- Vice Chair Gleason spoke to the PMP supplementing the ATP. Ms. Gleason discussed opportunities to develop Specific Plans for areas in the city.
- Chair Taboada discussed the timeline of the PMP from initiation. Mr. Taboada spoke to the scope of work and perceived variations. He spoke in favor of future work via an additional plan and for future work on regional connectivity and residential areas.

Comments from members of the public:

- Jim Fitzpatrick spoke on cannabis and inquired to the location of the plan online. Mr. Thomas reviewed the location of the link to the plan on the City website.

Chair Ralph Taboada moved to support the PMP as prepared and to recommend proceeding to Planning Commission with the PMP as-is with a future expansion to include additional areas in the City. Chair Taboada commented for City staff and committee members to work together to expand the PMP in the future. Member Martin seconded the motion.

- Discussion ensued with members Huffman, Barnes, Taboada, Estrada, and Vivar commenting.
- Motion passed unanimously (8 yes, 1 abstain).

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. None

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Taboada thanked staff for the Placentia walk audits. Chair Taboada made an announcement about Concerts in the Park and committee involvement.

Member Martin made an additional announcement about Concerts in the Park.

Member Martinez spoke to tactical urbanism treatments and upcoming City events.

Member Vivar thanked staff for the Placentia walk audits. Mr. Vivar announced the July 9 Los Angeles 6th Street Bridge Opening.

7. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

None.

8. STAFF COMMENTS

Transportation Services Manager Rosales, announced upcoming presentation by Active Transportation Coordinator Thomas to the Orange County Transportation Engineers Council regarding his previous work in Los Angeles and new role in Costa Mesa.

Public Services Director Sethuraman thanked the Committee for their work and dedication. Mr. Sethuraman announced the upcoming construction project of pavement rehabilitation and bicycle improvements on Wilson Street.

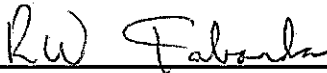
9. NEXT MEETING

The next regular Committee Meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2022 at 4:00PM.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM.

Submitted by:



Ralph Taboada, Chair