



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

August 3, 2022

These meeting minutes represent an “action minute” format. The Active Transportation Committee of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in a regular session at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3, 2022.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Bridget Gleason called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. via a City-organized virtual Zoom webinar.

### 2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Members Present:

Vice Chair Bridget Gleason  
Member Andrew Barnes  
Member Bryan Estrada  
Member Richard Huffman II  
Member Flo Martin  
Member David Martinez

Member Jennifer Vavra

Committee Members Absent:

Chair Ralph Taboada  
Member Jimmy Vivar  
Member Trace Yulie  
Member Emily Webb

Alternate Committee Members:

Benjamin Lechler (absent)

Chamber of Commerce Liaison:

Not present

Newport-Mesa Unified School  
District Liaison:

Vacant

City Council Liaison(s) Present:

Council Member Arlis Reynolds

Staff Present:

Raja Sethuraman, Public Works Director

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Olga Zapata Reynolds commented on meeting length, time allocation for agenda items, and requested walking trails be added to bike map.

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. May 4, 2022; b. June 1, 2022; and June 22, 2022 Special Meeting

1. Vice Chair Gleason commented that Chair Taboada asked to defer the approval of the May 4, June 1, and June 22 minutes to the next regular meeting.
2. Member Barnes moved to approve the minutes for May 4, June 1, and June 22. Motion seconded by Member Martinez.
  - Discussion ensued with Member Martin, Member Estrada, Member Vavra and Member Huffman commenting.
  - Discussion of the June 22 meeting minutes included comments regarding the amount of detail in the minutes pertaining to the Pedestrian Master Plan recommendation and discussion.
3. Substitute motion put forth by Member Estrada to approve the May 4 and June 1 meeting minutes and to defer the June 22 Special meeting minutes to the next Active Transportation Committee meeting. Motion seconded by Member Martin.
  - Discussion ensued with Member Barnes, Member Huffman, and Member Vavra providing comments.
  - Substitute motion passed (5 yes, 2 no).

### **5. OLD BUSINESS**

a. Active Transportation Projects - Staff Update

Transportation staff emailed project updates on active transportation projects to Committee members and liaisons with the meeting agenda. Active Transportation Coordinator Brett Atencio asked for comments or questions.

1. Member Barnes provided comments on Neighborhood Traffic Improvements.

b. Subcommittee Appointments and Scopes

The list of subcommittees was provided to committee members prior to the meeting. The nine subcommittees have been consolidated into seven subcommittees. No further comments from committee members.

### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Open Streets

On behalf of the Open Streets subcommittee, Member Estrada provided a presentation on Open Streets including a potential east/west route connecting West 19<sup>th</sup> Street and East 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

1. Member Estrada recommended a route from 17<sup>th</sup> Street to 19<sup>th</sup> Street for an Open Streets event.
  2. Discussion ensued regarding the benefits and challenges of the 19<sup>th</sup> Street to 17<sup>th</sup> Street route.
    - i. Staff suggested an alternative route for an Open Street event connecting Mesa Verde to TeWinkle Park via Orange Coast College with a possible extension to SoBeca.
  3. The Open Streets subcommittee will meet again to discuss further action.
- b. Class III Implementation
1. Active Transportation Coordinator Thomas discussed plans for expansion of Class III signage citywide and requested volunteers from the committee be revisited at next meeting.
- c. Walk to School Day in October
1. Active Transportation Coordinator Thomas provided updates on upcoming Walk to School activities and associated planning efforts. Request for volunteers will be forthcoming.
  2. Member Martinez commented on middle school and high school involvement in the program.
  3. Member Gleason comment on PMP Implementation subcommittee involvement.

## **7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (2 MINUTES EACH)**

- a. Public Outreach
1. Member Martin spoke to participation in Concerts in the Park.
- b. Government Regulatory/Grants
1. Subcommittee plans to meet regarding City bicycle ordinances.
- c. Pedestrian Master Plan Implementation
1. None.
- d. Economic Growth and Mobility Share
1. Subcommittee reviewed meeting materials discussed earlier in month.
- e. Presentation
1. None.
- f. Open Streets
1. Open Streets subcommittee presented in regular meeting.
- g. Active Transportation Plan Implementation
1. None.

## **8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)**

- a. Member Martinez inquired about National Bike Registry and spoke to the

importance of public restrooms.

- b. Member Barnes spoke to meeting deliverables.
- c. Member Martin spoke to public restrooms at Wilson Park.

**9. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)**

None.

**10. STAFF COMMENTS**

- a. Public Works Director Sethuraman noted the upcoming construction bid openings for West 19<sup>th</sup> Street project and signal projects at West 19<sup>th</sup>/Wallace, Lions Park HAWK, and Wilson Park HAWK.
- b. Active Transportation Coordinator Thomas thanked Committee members for their hard work and dedication.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular committee meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2022.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

**Submitted by:**



Ralph Taboada, Chair