



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

September 7, 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, September 7, 2022.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ralph Taboada 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 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
Member Trace Yulie

Committee Members Absent: Member Emily Webb

Alternate Committee Members: Benjamin Lechler (absent)

City Council Liaison(s) Present: Council Member Arlis Reynolds

Newport-Mesa Unified School
District Liaison/Representative: Ashley Anderson

Chamber of Commerce Liaison: Not present

Staff Present: Raja Sethuraman, Public Works Director
Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager
Brett Atencio Thomas, Active Transportation Coordinator

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Fitzpatrick commented on business friendliness of Circulation Element.

Cynthia McDonald commented on the hard work of the Committee on Open Streets.
Jaime Faggella commented on a utility box on Orange Avenue.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Special Meeting on June 22, 2022
 - 1. Member Huffman moved to approved June 22 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Member Gleason.
 - 2. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Regular Meeting on August 3, 2022
 - 1. Chair Taboada moved to approved August 3 minutes. Motion seconded by Member Martin.
 - 2. Discussion ensued with Member Huffman and Member Estrada commenting.
 - 3. Chair Taboada amended the motion to approve the minutes with the removal of references to a motion for Open Streets. Member Martin seconded.
 - 4. Motion passed: 8 yes, 2 abstain.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Active Transportation Projects – Oral Staff Update
 - 1. Transportation Services Manager Jennifer Rosales provided an update on the West 19th Street project. The construction bids were higher than the Engineer's estimate with significantly higher concrete prices. The project will be re-packaged and re-advertised in an effort to bring in lower project construction costs.
 - 2. Public Works Director Raja Sethuraman provided further details on the construction bids and bid packages for West 19th Street and Placentia Avenue.
 - 3. Discussion ensued with comments from Member Barnes and Member Vivar.
 - 4. Ms. Rosales provided update on Pedestrian Master Plan and tentatively scheduled to be presented to Planning Commission in October.
- b. Class III Implementation Project
 - 1. Active Transportation Coordinator Brett Atencio Thomas provided an update on Class III implementation and solicited volunteers to assist.
 - 2. Discussion ensued with Chair Taboada, Member Huffman, Member Barnes, Member Martin, Member Vavra, Member Yulie, and Member Estrada commenting.
 - 3. Chair Taboada, Member Yulie, Member Barnes, and Member Estrada volunteered to assist in implementation and siting work.
- c. October Walk to School
 - 1. Active Transportation Coordinator Brett Atencio Thomas provided an update on October 5 and October 12 Walk to School activities and solicited committee member volunteers for each school.

2. Discussion ensued with Council Member Martin, Liaison Ashley Anderson, Chair Taboada, Member Yulie, Member Martin, Resident Cynthia McDonald, and Resident Jim Fitzpatrick providing comments.
3. Mr. Thomas will send out the list of volunteers for the Walk to School Day activities to committee members.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Bicycle Wayfinding Signage
 1. Mr. Thomas provided an update on the Bicycle Wayfinding Project and input into the project will be requested from committee members after the project is underway.
 2. Chair Taboada reviewed a sample list of potential locations for bicycle wayfinding that was developed by the Active Transportation Plan Implementation Subcommittee and sent to the full committee in advance of the meeting to receive feedback from Committee members and staff on the structure.
 3. Staff indicated that the format and data provided was helpful.
 4. Discussion ensued with Chair Taboada, Member Barnes, Member Vavra, Member Yulie, and Member Martin commenting.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (2 MINUTES EACH)

- a. Public Outreach
 1. None.
- b. Government Regulatory/Grants
 1. Mr. Martinez provided comments on bike related bills in the legislature.
- c. Pedestrian Master Plan Implementation
 1. None.
- d. Economic Growth and Mobility Share
 1. Subcommittee reported looking at ways to get the business community involved in bicycle encouragement.
- e. Presentation
 4. None.
- f. Open Streets
 1. Open Streets subcommittee will be meeting to discuss a route for an Open Streets event.
- g. Active Transportation Plan Implementation
 1. None.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)

- a. Member Gleason announced Beach Streets in Long Beach.
- b. Member Vivar thanked CM Reynolds for discussing bike licensing, and mentioned equity in bicycle wayfinding.
- c. Member Martinez announced current Assembly Bills circulating in Sacramento related to bicycling.

9. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)

CM Reynolds discussed upcoming bicycle related events on 19th Street, progress in bicycle licensing, and lack of shade at bus stops.

10. STAFF COMMENTS

- a. None.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next regular committee meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2022.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Submitted by:



Ralph Taboada, Chair