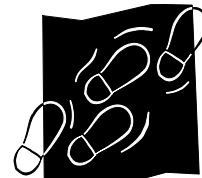


Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

March 18, 2004 – THURSDAY
Minutes



Meeting began at 4:00pm with welcome and introductions.

In attendance: Ron Bishop, Chair; Robert Raburn, EBBC; Dave Campbell; Mike Jones; Carol Levine; Lena Foltz; Sarah Syed, Staff; Sandra Threlfall; Claudia Cappio, CEDA; Lauren Eisele, Port of Oakland; Marcelina Sanchez, EYBP

Item 1. Announcements:

- a. City of Oakland Bike To Work Day May 20, 2004 7-9 am.

Item 2. Appointment of Note Taker:

Marcelina Sanchez of the Office of Parks & Recreations' Children's Bicycle safety Program offered to be note taker.

Item 3. 27th Street/ Bay Place Whole Foods Project:

BPAC members observed the project area early Thursday morning. This is an approved project, which is located on Vernon and Bay Place (Old Cox Cadillac). The size of the location is approved for 40,000 sq ft. The project will ask for an additional 10,000 sq ft, and 50,000 sq ft will be total net. There are issues with traffic i.e. loading and unloading off Harrison St. delivery will possibly be in p.m. hours. The whole foods store is in a constrained site, and there is a five-way intersection. The recommendation by Robert Raburn is to close off 24th not completely but there be a right turn only for students and pedestrians who hang out around store to be safer. A recommendation for the island in the middle of the road on Harrison & 27th to become a pocket park possibly with benches. Photos and slides shown. Question about what to do about mailbox where people drop off mail on corner? Stop signs to be put in on Vernon St. for pedestrian crossing. Suggestion for traffic signal to be put in by bus stop on Harrison St. The parking for the foods store will be located on top. Bike Lanes. What can be done? Q. by Robert. What can be done without repaving in front of St. Pauls Tower? Should incorporate bike lanes. Vehicles should have to go to light then make a right on Bay Place. On Harrison 2 lanes each way. 27th St. turns into 3 lanes. Expand median at intersection. Suggestion: make 2 lanes and include a bike lane. Recommendation by David is to have a roundabout. Interjection and discussion on effectiveness and safety of roundabouts. Comment to reevaluate loading and unloading from Harrison. A suggestion made to have trucks go around back of Whole Foods Store. Pocket Park discussion to be made with OPR.

Item 4. Presentation on the City's Earn Your Bike Program: (Marcelina Sanchez) The Earn Your Bike Program (EYBP) is a bicycle safety program conducted through the Office of Parks and Recreation. It stems from a title the Children's Bicycle Safety Program (CBSP). The CBSP is committed to providing safety education to children and youth in the city of Oakland. The EYBP began 10 years ago from a need to combat accidents and fatalities among children in Oakland. The EYBP is a four-week after school program where youth learn rules of the road, bicycle repair, community service, and practice safe riding skills operated on Tuesday

through Thursday. The program operates one site per month with approx. 20 youth participants' ages 10 through 18 in schools and recreation centers. Upon completion of the EYBP participants receive a registered bicycle, safety helmet, t-shirt, certificate, and promo items. Also stemming from the CBSP is a one-week helmet program for children ages 5-10. Upon completion participants receive a helmet, t-shirt, certificate, and promo items. Bicycle excursions and bicycle rodeos are conducted between the spring/summer hours with program participants. The CBSP also conducts classroom presentations with Elementary and Middle Schools in Oakland. The CBSP is celebrating ten years of providing safety education services to Oakland. Since its inception the CBSP has distributed over 8,000 properly fit safety helmets and over 3,000 registered bicycles to children and youth citywide. Continuing to expand its services and add pedestrian safety to its programming. The CBSP would like assistance or/and suggestions with 10 year Anniversary Events. The CBSP mentioned they would be happy to participate in the bike to work day, set up a booth and donate helmets.

Item 5. *Oakland/Alameda Bicycle Ferry: Presented by Port of Oakland staff*

The Ferry is commercial, subsidized and engines were retrofitted by the Port, the ferry has no insurance, poor track record, and denied license. Mr. Cooper as primary candidate and is currently looking for an agreement. Areas around the Oakland jurisdiction i.e. Estuary Park, Quinn's Lighthouse, grant agencies, or potential operators partnering with Mr. Cooper. Robert mentioned individual trans services. Properties want another operator. Dave- bicyclists to work a deal with Mr. Cooper. Get different operator. Robert asked if Caltrans could operate services? If there is no conflict. On 4/6/04 the advisory is to address the issue. Q. What about Blue & Gold Fleet? Services are too frequent. Environmental mitigation measures. Suggestion to have a brain storm session with planning and Cal Trans at Caltrans headquarters 4/6/04 at 1:30 pm. What about car ferry? Bike Shuttle? Discuss at advisory mtg.

Item 6. *Support for TDA project:*

Applications are due at the end of April. Construction for Bulbouts and crosswalks to be put in along Embarcadero, Harrison & 21st by bus stops. Bulb outs to be put along grand at bus stops. No bulb outs where there is no crosswalk or signal. Ac transit needs big bulb outs. Wheel chairs exit at middle of buses. If there is no bulb out buses will pull over into bike lanes. Ron will review plans with Sarah.

Item 7. *Project Updates:*

- Telegraph Ave. Consultant working on conditions report. City is setting up project to restripe faded bike lanes.
- MacArthur Commuter Bikeway: Park Boulevard to Lincoln Ave, City received \$200,000 BTA grant.

Item 8. *City Racks Bicycle Parking Program:*

The Goal is to get City Racks Program back up and running, racks installed, need a total of 200 locations or racks, surveys, review of locations, and additional locations that need bike racks. Some locations on list may get dropped out after field survey. City may fund City Racks program with \$25,000 of Measure B monies. List to be completed by the end of August 2004.

Item 9. *Communication/ Discussion on Ground Rules:*

What are board policies? Recommendation made for everyone to behave and be professional at all meetings. Put item on for next months agenda.

Item 10. *Chair Nominations:*

No action was taken on this item.

Adjourn

- Submitted by Marcelina Sanchez