

## Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Dec. 2, 2013

5:30 – 7:35 p.m.

Present: Chair, Tom Modic; Members Celeste Burrows, Betsy Cooley, Scott Donahue, Laura McCamy, Ken Bukowski, Brian Donahue, David Kritzberg, Svante Rodegard; Staff Marcy Greenhut, Public Works; Miroo Desai, Planning; Sara Billing, Planning; Charles Bryant, Planning; Joel Hannon, Police Dept.; Council Liaison, Jac Asher.

II. Public Comment about items not on the Agenda (5 min.) None

III. Approval of November 4, 2013 BPAC minutes (Group- 5 min.): Minutes accepted with the following changes: Correct spelling of Brian Donahue's name and addition of point made by Brian that the Public Market project sidewalks will be converted from public to private; and two typographical errors.

IV. Information Items

A. Discussion of the Process for putting items on Advisory Body agendas (Greenhut- 10 min.)

**Outcome: Committee requested more time be allotted this topic at the next meeting.**

Requested that this item be tabled and placed on the agenda for next (Jan. 2014) meeting, to discuss this item at more length, and determine whether the City's Advisory Body Rules of Procedure can be changed, perhaps to revert to former way of putting items on the agenda without approval by Committee members and staff.

Council Liaison agreed to discuss this with City Manager. Discussion by committee included: Procedure has changed from previous staff who took items for agenda by phone and didn't bring those items for Committee to discuss before placing said item on the agenda for the next meeting; that it could take 3 months to put an item on the agenda, this taking too long in case of emergency situations. Staff advised committee members of existing Council-approved rules and staff-preferred procedure of introducing new agenda items at the prior meeting, for discussion of next meetings agenda, and that if an item was an emergency, it could be placed on the agenda more quickly.

B. Avalon Bay project: Presentation;

**Outcome: Developers and City Planners heard and noted feedback from BPAC members.**

Presentation by Jeff White and Clay Frye MBH Architect of project planned at north end of Shellmound St. Questions/suggestions from Committee members included: Emery Go Round extending route to this site; moving interior bike parking to adjacent to front (Shellmound St.) entrance; explore way to improve pavement on Shellmound St., in this area and on approach to Aquatic Park entrance; Bike Link Lockers and bike parking should be well-signed so that it is utilized; ensure that bike traffic is separated from vehicular traffic in/out of project and on the approach and exit.

C. Review of Horton St. design with Alta- Brett Hondorp: Committee member Brian Donahue requested Mr. Hondorp attend to discuss the Horton St. traffic calming project. Mr. Donahue was concerned that the City was going to "study the study" when this was not necessary. He had discussed this with Mr. Hondorp on the phone, and reported that Mr. Hondorp had said that the proposed changes could be done very inexpensively and quickly. Mr. Hondorp clarified that the cost is not necessarily in the materials in this case, but in the planning and engineering of the measures to be implemented. The study to be funded by Alameda County Transportation Committee, is to develop plans for a pilot project at the site in question (Horton in the vicinity of 53<sup>rd</sup> St), and then to observe the impact for potential permanent installation. Mr. Hondorp stated, in disagreement with Mr. Donahue, that you can't just "stick down bollards", you have to develop a design that's safe, effective and attractive, even though it's a "temporary" measure, for people to respond well to it. Staff Mike Roberts pointed out that the Pedestrian Bicycle Plan doesn't include engineering, and thus that is needed.

Councilmember Asher suggests when CIP is up to Council, that Committee members activate interest in this item among their neighbors, and others who will be impacted by this project.

D. Bay Bridge Trail Signage Plan: Staff Mike Roberts updated the Cal Trans Bay Trail (better) signage project: in concert with the Bay Bridge Trail opening. There will be, in January 2014 signage on Frontage Rd. along Rt. 80, Powell St. and Shellmound directing people to the Bay Bridge Trail. There will be signage directing cyclists west on Shellmound Way, south on Christie & west on Powell, on the sidewalk, a Class I bikeway.

E. Recap – Items from recent Regional Organization, Transportation Committee, City Council and Planning Commission Meetings: Staff Billing reported from Staff Diana Keena, Transportation Committee: EBOT at the Planning Commission Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, City Council Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> & website updates coming; discussed the need to postpone Sales Tax vote, to allow for more inclusion of tailored improvements to Measure B 2016; Sherwin Williams at Council tomorrow. UC Study to be forwarded electronically to Staff Greenhut to send to the Committee on Non-conventional road treatments.

F. Tracking Table Update:

Regarding the change in Ca. Vehicle Code requiring cyclists to stop at stop signs, to something similar to the Idaho (non) stop requirement for cyclists: Staff Billing suggests Emeryville combine efforts with other jurisdictions, to carry more weight, she will follow up to move letter to Transportation Committee for delivery and approval at City Council, CBC and State. Robert Prinz reports that the California Bicycle Coalition (CBC) establishes an annual legislative agenda and that this item is not included for 2014, is political football they don't want to take on at this time. He recommends the BPAC send a support letter to the CBC, Executive Director, Dave Snyder.

Regarding the item suggesting a change in law to allow a diversion for cyclists who get traffic tickets, to take a Road Safety Class instead, Robert Prinz reports that the CBC did include in the 2014 legislative agenda change in (one) word change to Ca. vehicle code to allow for this.

Regarding the Horton St. loading zone, Joel Hannon, P.D. reports they are enforcing the no parking regulation there. Tickets don't change the behavior, unfortunately.

Re: Horton St. pinch point, Committee member Donahue requests Staff Greenhut find out what happens if we don't get the grant, and how long the plan will take if we do get the grant.

G. Requested Agenda Items:

**Outcome: Committee voted to add the following item to the agenda list:** Suggested by Laura McCamy: on a future agenda when time allows, the Committee views and discusses the NACTO webinar. Committee elections for Chair and Vice Chair will be on the January 2014 agenda. Brian requested assistance from staff to invite a Pedestrian –Walkability representative, Staff Greenhut requested Brian send an email with pertinent contact info and content desired.

V. Staff Comments: Update on Bike Rack application: Staff Greenhut reports that Staff Kevin Laven submitted the application for Bike Rack Voucher program today.

VI. Committee Member Comments: 3 foot passing law starts Sept. 2014, for both cyclists and motorists to put 3 ft. between each other when passing. Jac Asher reports that this will be her last meeting, as she needs to reduce her committee activity and may be appointed Mayor for the next period. Council will decide tomorrow night who will be the new liaison.

VII. Adjournment 7:35 p.m.

## Suggested FUTURE Agenda Items for the BPAC

Date added

Agendized Date

10/25/13

- Bike Parking Design at new and existing projects
- Lighter Colored Pavements: revisit (Cooley)
- Sidewalk Bike Riding Ordinance
- Modification of 61st Street Between Doyle and Vallejo Streets – One way to two way
- Saving the Bike Ped Bridge (Bukowski)
- Add funding for small jobs in CIP; fill gaps in Bike/Ped Plan (McCamy)
- Height of vegetation in streetscapes where vision may be obstructed – Rodegard
- Cycletrack on east side of Shellmound Street (BPAC + Billing -staff)
- 65th Street Bay Bridge Take off
- Art Bike Tour
- Make approach to Bay Bridge Trail more friendly to bikes & peds McCamy)
- Use of green paint to increase safety at intersections, as in Oakland (Robert Prinz)
- Green Bike Pavement markings at Hazard Locations (Prinz)

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- Horton St. discussion with Brett Hondorp (B. Donahue) 12/2/2013
- Staff provide notices to BPAC of anticipated repaving (for discussion)
- Appending the Ped/Bike Plan: how to do it, is is necessary? (McCamy)

12/2/2013

- How items are placed on the BPAC agenda (McCamy, Donahue) 12/2/2013 & 1/6/14
- NACTO Webinar: BPAC view & discuss together? (90 minutes) (McCamy)