



MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION COMMITTEE (TCC)

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA
Thursday, October 23, 2013, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Blackerby called the meeting to order at: 6:01 PM

ROLLCALL:

TCC MEMBERS

Hillary Blackerby
Cynthia Boche
Bob Burnham
Keith Coffman-Grey
Edward France
Susan Horne
Kathleen Rodriguez

Attendance

Present
Present
Present
Present
Present
Present
Excused

CITY STAFF PRESENT :

Rob Dayton, Principal Transportation Planner
Sarah Grant, Mobility Coordinator
Kim Thaler-Strange, Administrative Specialist

LIAISONS PRESENT

Victor Suhr, Access Advisory Committee Liaison

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. Approval of Minutes from the May 23, and June 13, 2013 meetings where a TCC quorum was present.

Thanks for minutes. Please double check the adjourn time on the May 23, 2013 minutes.

Will get minutes from Malcolm Hamilton from Joint Committee Meeting.

Motion: Approve the Minutes from the May 23, and June 13, 2013, meetings.
Motion made to approve the minutes by Mr. Burnham, seconded by Mr. Coffman-Grey.

Ayes: 5

Noes: Abstain: 1 (France)

Absent: 1 (Rodriguez)

3. Receipt of MTD Reports for Quarter 4 of Fiscal Year 2013, and Monthly Reports for May, June, July and August

Recommendation: That the Committee receive the MTD Report for Quarter 4 of Fiscal Year 2013, and Monthly Reports for May, June, July, August.

Mr. Coffman-Grey commented that August was the first month of fare increases but there was reduction in ridership.

REPORTS

4. Status Report on Alternative Transportation Programs

Recommendation: That the Committee hear a report on the Transportation Division's Alternative Transportation Programs.

Sarah Grant, Mobility Coordinator, gave a slide show about the City's Alternative Transportation Programs.

Rob Dayton, Principal Transportation Planner, introduced Ms. Grant and talked a bit about what she does for the Transportation Division.

Ms. Grant talked about the bike racks at City Hall and on-the Street, and described them as "key rack" design. Mr. France pointed out that a lot of complaints he hears about the bike racks is that only having one point of contact causes bikes to lean and asked if something can be implemented in the Bicycle Master Plan (BMP).

Mr. Dayton replied that the work on the BMP would include the architecture of bike racks. The racks for Canon Perdido will be a different style, with two points of contact. Ms. Grant reminded the Committee that the Bike Corral Project would be going to the Downtown Parking Committee in November.

Ms. Grant showed a video that speaks to Pedal Power, which is a kids program, and the benefits of educating kids to learn bike safety and the rules of the road.

Ms. Horne asked about the City's role in helping bicycle riders. Ms. Grant pointed out that 10 years ago, there was no bicycle education program. The City has worked to find people to support our efforts; as the City would need full-time staff to run this on our own. We have utilized connections with the Bicycle Coalition, and the amount of certified instructors in the City has grown; and the City supports development of Bicycle League Certified volunteers. These instructors help with volunteer programs and outreach.

Ms. Horne also pointed out that COAST has been sponsoring bike rodeos and other events long before 2009. Ms. Grant replied that the City works closely with COAST and has given financial support for people interested in volunteering. We have had relationships with local schools through Safe Routes to School since 2000. There is a large stakeholder pool.

Ms. Grant also showed a video on CycleMaynia and Bike to Work Day. She also discussed the Smartride Challenge, and a carpool app called Carma, for dynamic ridesharing.

Mr. Burnham asked if there is anything specific for CycleMaynia. Ms. Grant said that the event occurs in May which is National Bike Month. He then asked about the different modes of transportation such as Vista and Clean Air Express. Ms. Grant indicated that the City does not have much communication with Santa Barbara Airbus (who runs the Clean Air Express), but it would be a good idea to have outreach.

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Mr. Coffman-Grey asked what the City is doing with cruise ships. Ms. Grant said that there is a strong relationship between the City and MTD to provide transit for cruise ships. Other transit vendors have specific services such as trips to wine country. Mr. Dayton pointed out that our program is about getting people two and from work in alternative ways so that congestion is kept to a minimum. Santa Barbara does not want to be like Los Angeles.

Mr. Burnham pointed out that MTD's resources are stretched – they put eight shuttles on the street for cruise ship passengers, which tends to unbalance the shuttle service, particularly the leg from Carrillo Street to Sola Street. It seems like MTD is bending over backwards to accommodate tourists, but maybe there needs to be more coordination and anticipation.

Ms. Boche indicated that MTD coordinates with Brian Slagle at the Waterfront. He calendars six months ahead and the Waterfront subsidizes the extra shuttles, and has an extra supervisor whose job is to keep the system working. The system can, however, get overwhelmed and nothing can be done about that.

Ms. Horne commended MTD for being up to the minute in their scheduling via Google Transit.

Ms. Blackerby pointed out the new Haley bike lane is huge, and very nice. She feels safe riding her bike. She thanked the City for taking that project on. It is safer to drive and bicycle with the new striping.

Ms. Horne asked if Santa Barbara is working with Goleta on bike lanes and alternative transportation. Ms. Grant said that right now nothing is going on.

Mr. France thanked Ms. Grant for her presentation, multimodal tools, and quantifications for the City's internal programs. It is good to see the cumulative impact. He would like to see the TDM project and what impacts can be made, trips reduced and Level of Service Difference.

Ms. Blackerby asked for an update on the BMP. Mr. Dayton said it was our biggest challenge. The City wants to have a community engaged process. Haley may be the last unturned stone of putting paint on the street. The City has doubled the lane miles of bicycle facilities on the street by finding the room and restriping. The next level is different and requires new space on the road. What does the community want? He also noted that we have a Silver standing with the League of American Bicyclists. We aren't the best; there are cities better than ours. What needs to be decided on a community level is do we want more? There will be a new name for this process that will resonate within the community.

Ms. Grant closed by pointing out that this is just a flavor of what we do from a programmatic standpoint. The City can't do all that we do without community support.

Chair Blackerby adjourned the meeting 7:10