



## City of Santa Barbara Transportation and Circulation Committee

### *Staff Report*

**DATE:** January 23, 2014  
**TO:** Transportation and Circulation Committee (TCC)  
**FROM:** Derrick Bailey, Supervising Transportation Engineer  
**SUBJECT:** West Side Bike Lanes - Update

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#### **Recommendation:**

That the Transportation and Circulation Committee receive a report on the status of the West Side bike lanes.

#### **Background**

Approximately 35 years ago, part-time bike lanes were installed on the City's West Side on Valerio, Robbins, Mission, and Gillespie Streets. The purpose of these bike lanes are to provide a bike route through the neighborhood for students. Parking is prohibited on the route in the westbound direction (towards La Cumbre Junior High School) during the A.M. peak (7:30 and 9:00 AM), and eastbound (route away from La Cumbre Junior High School) during the P.M. peak (2:00 and 4:00 PM). The route is illustrated in *Figure #1*.

The City has received requests from residents living along this route to review the operations of the bike lanes. Due to the parking prohibition associated with the part time bike lane, residents that utilize on-street parking are required to relocate their vehicle several times per day. On street sweeping days, both sides of the street can have a parking prohibition, meaning residents must park their vehicles on nearby streets. Additionally, many years ago, the bike lane stripes disappeared with a street slurry and were never repainted, although the signs remained.

In July 2012, this matter was brought before the TCC for discussion. At the time, the TCC approved a motion to repaint the bike lane striping, and continue to operate the bike lanes for a year, with the intention of reviewing bike lane usage after one year.

#### **Discussion**

In October 2013, staff recounted the bicycle usage along this route. *Figures 2 and 3* illustrate the updated counts, and also illustrate the bicycle usage along the route as counted in March 2012.

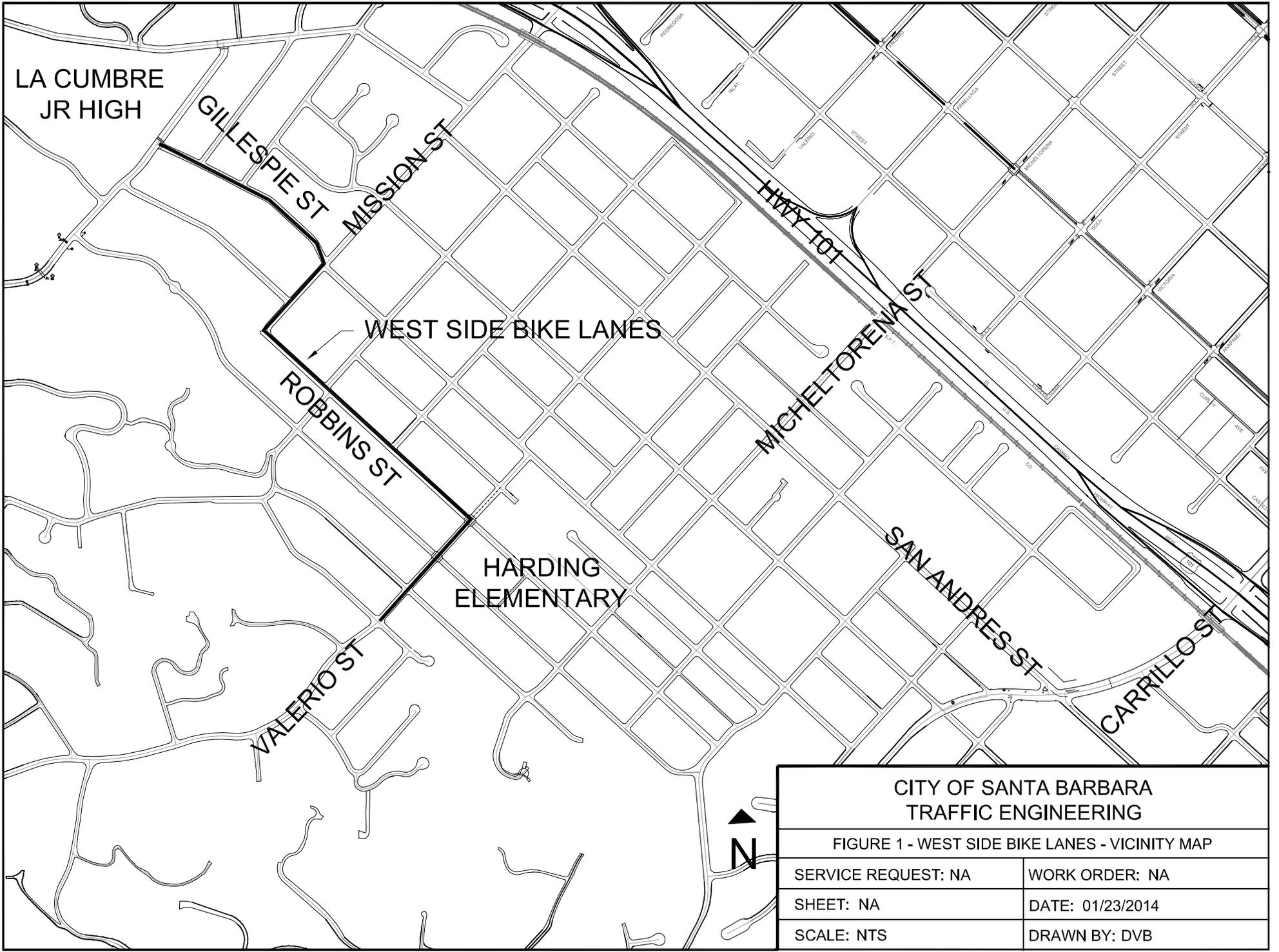
As shown in these figures, bicycle usage has not changed significantly, and the route along Valerio, Robbins, and Mission Streets continue to have almost no utilization by students, for whom the route is intended.

Given the low usage of the bike lanes on these streets, staff cannot justify retaining the parking prohibition and the impact the part time parking prohibition has on adjacent residents. Staff will be

removing the part time parking prohibition on Valerio, Robbins, and Mission Streets, which will operationally eliminate the part-time bike lanes on these streets.

Staff plans to retain the part-time parking prohibition and part-time bike lanes on Gillespie Street. Gillespie Street has a narrower travelled way, more usage by students, and is also a bus route. Given these traffic characteristics, it is reasonable to retain the route on Gillespie Street.

DVB/ks



LA CUMBRE  
JR HIGH

GILLESPIE ST

MISSION ST

WEST SIDE BIKE LANES

ROBBINS ST

HARDING  
ELEMENTARY

VALERIO ST

HWY 101

MICHELTORENA ST

SAN ANDRES ST

CARRILLO ST



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FIGURE 1 - WEST SIDE BIKE LANES - VICINITY MAP

SERVICE REQUEST: NA

WORK ORDER: NA

SHEET: NA

DATE: 01/23/2014

SCALE: NTS

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La Cumbre Jr High

(1600)

03/12: 10 School Aged  
7 Non School Aged  
10/13: 7 School Aged  
7 Non School Aged

(3800)

03/12: 5 School Aged  
0 Non School Aged  
10/13: 5 School Aged  
6 Non School Aged

(2300)

03/12: 0 School Aged  
0 Non School Aged  
10/13: 0 School Aged  
3 Non School Aged

03/12: 1 School Aged  
4 Non School Aged  
10/13: 0 School Aged  
3 Non School Aged

03/12: 1 School Aged  
2 Non School Aged  
10/13: 0 School Aged  
6 Non School Aged

Daily Traffic Volume = (X,XXX)  
AM Peak = 7:30AM to 9:00 AM Westbound  
Original study performed in March 2012.  
Follow up study performed in October 2013



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FIGURE 2: WEST SIDE BIKE LANES AM USAGE

SERVICE REQUEST: NA	WORK ORDER: NA
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SCALE: NTS	DRAWN BY: DVB

La Cumbre Jr High

(1600)

03/12: 5 School Aged  
4 Non School Aged  
10/13: 11 School Aged  
3 Non School Aged

03/12: 1 School Aged  
3 Non School Aged  
10/13: 0 School Aged  
4 Non School Aged

(3800)

03/12: 8 School Aged  
0 Non School Aged  
10/13: 3 School Aged  
0 Non School Aged

(2300)

03/12: 0 School Aged  
0 Non School Aged  
10/13: 0 School Aged  
4 Non School Aged

03/12: 0 School Aged  
1 Non School Aged  
10/13: 0 School Aged  
1 Non School Aged

Daily Traffic Volume = (X,XXX)  
PM Peak = 2PM to 4PM Eastbound  
Original study performed in March 2012.  
Follow up study performed in October 2013



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FIGURE 3: WEST SIDE BIKE LANES PM USAGE

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