



City of Santa Barbara Transportation & Circulation Committee Staff Report

DATE: July 24, 2014

TO: Transportation & Circulation Committee (TCC) Members

FROM: Browning Allen, Transportation Manager

SUBJECT: Update on Eastside Neighborhood Transportation Management Plan Implementation

Recommendation:

That the Transportation and Circulation Committee receive an update on the Eastside Neighborhood Transportation Management Plan

DISCUSSION:

The City of Santa Barbara Eastside Neighborhood Transportation Management Plan was adopted by City Council in July 2013, to improve pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular safety. The Attachment provides information on recently completed projects, upcoming projects and funding recently obtained for capital projects.

The City has installed high visibility crosswalks at the intersections of Montecito and Alisos Streets and Alisos and Carpinteria Streets. Red curb has been extended at the intersections of Alisos and Cacique Streets, Alisos and Carpinteria Streets, and Alisos and Quinientos Streets, to increase site visibility at these intersections.

In August, the Pedestrian Refuge Islands Project will begin construction. The Project involves the construction of six pedestrian refuge islands near Franklin and Adelante Elementary Schools. Refuge islands increase motorists' awareness of crossing and create a center refuge for pedestrians.

In September, the Safe Routes to School Cleveland Project will begin construction. The Project involves an intersection realignment of the intersection at Salinas and Cacique Streets. The realignment will result in a shorter crossing distance and improved starting position, meaning the pedestrians will be more visible to approaching drivers. Following construction of the Project, the City plans to install rectangular rapid flashing beacons at both the Salinas Street at Clifton Street and Salinas Street at Cacique Street intersections to improve the safety for children walking to school along the Salinas Street Corridor.

The City is working with Southern California Edison to retrofit the existing street lights throughout the Eastside with LED lights that will provide better quality lighting for the neighborhood. In early July the first phase of street lights along Cacique and Carpinteria Streets were retrofitted to LED. All neighborhood street lights are scheduled to be retrofitted by fall 2014. Once the existing street lights have been retrofitted, City staff will assess if any additional new lights should be installed.

The City teamed with Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition, COAST, and Traffic Solutions to put on four events: 1) Eastside Rides (May 2013), 2) Franklin Safe Routes to School Bicycle Rodeo and Helmet Distribution/Fitting 3), Santa Barbara Jr. High School for the Family Day and Health Fair - Bici Familia (September 2013), and 4) A Bike for Christmas (December 2013). The objective of these bilingual classes were for families to know rules of the road for bicyclists, how to ride a bike and be safe, how to be visible and predictable riders, and learn motorist understanding of bicycle use. These events were very successful; over 200 people were trained and fitted with bicycle helmets. The City appreciates the continued support of School District staff and allowing our bicycle education team the opportunity to hold some of these events at SBUSD schools.

The City Police Department has also had targeted enforcement near schools on the Eastside in April and October of 2013. Violations consisted of stop sign violations, unsafe speeds and failing to yield to pedestrians. The Police Department continues to have a presence in the neighborhood. Public Works has also placed a speed radar trailer along various streets in the Eastside as a reminder to drive the speed limit.

In April 2014, the Public Works Department submitted five grant applications to the new Active Transportation Program (ATP). Three of the grant applications consist of projects in the Eastside: 1) Cacique and Soledad Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridges and Corridor Improvements Project; 2) Montecito Street Bridge Replacement and Pedestrian Improvements Project; and 3) Lower Milpas Street Pedestrian Improvement Project. All three of these projects provide engineering improvements to facilitate walking and biking to and from school. On August 8, 2014, the Department will be notified if any funds were awarded to these projects.

In winter 2014-2015, Public Works will install 17 access ramps along Voluntario Street between Haley and De la Guerra Streets with \$140,000 of Community Development Block Grant Funds and \$30,000 of Streets Capital Funds.

Transportation Staff will continue to keep the TCC informed with implementation of the Eastside NTMP. Staff plans to have a joint site visit with the TCC, the Neighborhood Advisory Council and City Council in the fall to see the completed capital projects.

Infrastructure - Coming Soon in Summer 2014!

-  Safe Routes to School Cleveland Project - Intersection Realignment & Pedestrian Rapid Flashing Beacon
-  Safe Routes to School Cleveland Project - Pedestrian Rapid Flashing Beacon
-  Pedestrian Refuge Islands

Infrastructure - Complete

-  Haley Street Bike Lane connecting downtown from Chapala St to the Eastside at Alisos St: October 2013
-  High visibility crosswalk painted at the intersection of Montecito and Alisos: December 2013
-  Extended red painted curb at the intersections of Alisos and Cacique; Alisos and Carpinteria (plus a high visibility crosswalk), and Alisos and Quinientos: December 2013

Infrastructure - Funding Obtained in January-March 2014

-  One Time City General Fund Appropriation 2-25-2014: So Cal Edison Streetlight LED Retrofits
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-  One Time City General Fund Appropriation 2-25-2014: Install sidewalk along south side of Montecito-Yanonali Bridge
-  Community Development Block Grant (Pending City Council appropriation in March 2014): Construct access ramps along Voluntario Street



Rules of the Road Education

- May 2013: Eastside Rides - Bicycle Street Skills and Helmet Distribution/Fitting
- September 2013: Franklin Safe Routes to School Bicycle Rideo and Helmet Distribution/Fitting
- September 2013: SBJH for the Family Day and Health Fair - Bici Familia - Bicycle Street Skills and Helmet Distribution/Fitting
- December 2013: A Bike 4 Christmas - Bicycle Street Skills and Helmet Distribution/Fitting
- Interested in an individual or family bicycle street skills class? Contact SBBIKE at 805 617-3255



Rules of the Road Enforcement

- April/October 2013: Targeted enforcement near schools in the Eastside. Violations consisted of stop sign violations, unsafe speeds and failing to yield to pedestrians. Police continue to have a presence in the neighborhood.
- September 2013: Speed radar trailer was placed along various streets in the Eastside. The trailer will be out again in March 2014.



Additional Task Items Completed

- 30 mph signs along Mason have been removed and 25 mph signs near Franklin and Adelante Elementary Schools have been posted.
- Eastside sidewalk repairs completed (approx. 30 locations targeted).



Want to know more?

- To learn more about the Eastside Neighborhood Transportation Management Plan or to check on the Plan's status, please contact:
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Update (March 2014): Eastside Neighborhood Transportation Management Plan

The City of Santa Barbara thanks you for your participation in the Eastside Neighborhood Transportation Management Plan. The Plan was adopted by City Council in July 2013 to improve pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular safety. Since then, the City has been busy working to improve street lighting, enhance the walking experience, reduce vehicle speeds, add bicycle amenities, increase outreach and enforcement on rules of the road in the past six months. This map provides information on recently completed projects, upcoming projects and funding recently obtained for capital projects.