



# MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION COMMITTEE (TCC)

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room  
630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA  
Thursday, January 23, 2014, 6:00 PM

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

### ROLL CALL:

#### TCC MEMBERS

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

#### Attendance

Present  
Present  
Excused  
Present  
Present  
Present  
Present

#### CITY STAFF PRESENT :

Browning Allen, Transportation Manager  
Rob Dayton, Principal Transportation Planner  
Derrick Bailey, Supervising Transportation Engineer  
Sarah Grant, Mobility Coordinator  
Rebecca Bjork, Acting Public Works Director  
Behdad Gargazoli, Transportation Engineering Associate  
Kim Thaler-Strange, Administrative Specialist

#### LIAISONS PRESENT

Deborah Schwartz, PC Liason

#### PUBLIC PRESENT:

Steve Maas, MTD

### CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

#### 1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

6:00

No public comment

### CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. Approval of Minutes from the October 23, 2013 meeting where a TCC quorum was present.

**Motion:** Approve the Minutes from the October 23, 2013 Meeting.

Motion made by Coffman-Grey, seconded by. Horne

Ayes: 6

Noes:

Abstain: 1 (Rodriguez)

Absent: 1 (Burnham)

**3. Receipt of MTD Reports for: Quarter 1 Fiscal Year 2014, and Monthly Reports for October, and November.**

**Motion:** Receive the MTD Reports for Quarter 1 Fiscal Year 2014, and Monthly Reports for October, and November.

Motion made by Horne, seconded by Coffman-Grey

Ayes: 6      Noes:      Abstain:      Absent: 1 (Burnham)

**REPORTS**

**4. MTD Transit Service Annual Report**

Steve Maas, Title Presented the MTD Annual Report, which shows highlights from July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013.

Systemwide: there were approximately 7.8 million passengers despite the fare increase. The fares went up this year from \$0.25 to \$0.50. There were 424,000 total rides on the Waterfront Shuttle. During the summer there are more headways and later hours; this could change in the future. (Summer hours go from Memorial Day to Labor Day).

There was a decrease in passengers, but a greater increase in revenue than expected.

TCC Questions and comments.

Mr. Coffman-Grey pointed out that the drop in passengers got smaller during October and November. There is a decrease, but not a large one, and an increase in December. Ms. Boche explained that part of the increase is due to the eight cruise ships that stopped in Santa Barbara as opposed to two cruise ships last year. Mr. Maas pointed out that shuttles are added on the days that we have cruise ship stopovers. Ms. Boche said that there are 4 shuttles for every ship, plus a supervisor. Passengers pay the regular fare and it operates the same way as the City subsidy does.

**5. Westside Bike Lane:**

Mr. Allen reminded the Committee that this item was presented to them last year.

Mr. Bailey introduced Behdad Gharagozli as the City's new Transportation Engineering Associate. He will be helping to complete a lot of studies and operational items, and his focus will be asset management of our traffic systems.

Mr. Bailey then presented a recap of the history and operation of the Westside bike lanes. There were complaints from the neighborhood about parking, and unutilized lanes. The lanes were repainted and analyzed after one year, per the Committee's recommendation in Summer 2012. Currently, the majority of the lanes are still not utilized, though the last block before the school (Gillespie, between Mission and Portesuello) is being utilized and will remain. The parking restriction will be removed from Mission, Robbins and Valerio, as there is no real justification for keeping it.

Mr. France wondered why this route was chosen initially. Mr. Bailey replied that it was done sometime in the 70's and it is a mystery as to the reasoning.

Mr. Coffman-Grey thanked the City for the opportunity to get this to work. Ms. Blackerby also expressed appreciation for the staff's willingness to take the time to study and analyze this bike lane, and suggested that as the Bicycle Master Plan is looked at, there may be a more realistic way to look at it. Mr. Bailey pointed out that there is a demand; however staff is trying to figure out how to connect the dots.

Mr. France thanked staff for their support. This was a challenging concept because there are no safe bike paths west of Highway 101 to the Mesa. There are sharrows, but no really good route. He commented that the 1973 Bike Master Plan

**Motion:** Receive the update on the Westside Bike Lane and support staff's recommendation to remove the bike lanes on Mission, Robbins and Valerio, and retain the lane on Gillespie.

Motion made by Coffman-Grey, seconded by France.

Ayes: 5      Noes: 1 (Horne)      Abstain:      Absent : 1 (Burnham)

Ms. Blackerby commented that the Commissioner Schwartz, our Planning Commission Liaison was present, as was Councilmember Hart. Councilmember Murillo sends her regrets.

## 6. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair.

Ms. Blackerby commented that her time as Chair was over, and asked for Nominations for Chair.

**Motion:** Keith Coffman-Grey for TCC Chair.

Motion made by Horne, seconded by Boche

Ayes: 6      Noes:      Abstain:      Absent : 1 (Burnham)

**Motion:** Cynthia Boche for Vice Chair

Motion made by Coffman-Grey, seconded by Rodriguez

Ayes: 6      Noes:      Abstain:      Absent 1 (Burnham)

Ms. Blackerby thanked the Committee and staff for making it a smooth Committee to run.

Mr. Allen announced that the Bike Corral on Canon Perdido is still in progress and the Committee will receive an update in the near future. The Downtown Parking Committee supported the bike corrals but one member had issued. This project is still going through the process and will go to Historic Landmarks Commission at some point in February or maybe March.

Ms. Horne thanked Ms. Blackerby for a terrific job.

Mr. Allen also announced that there will be a meeting on Monday (January 27, 2014) for a one-time distribution of General Fund Money. There is a list of projects that were identified by staff including some projects for the Eastside neighborhood.

Motion to adjourn made by Horne and seconded by France

Chair Blackerby adjourned the meeting at 6:36