



MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION COMMITTEE (TCC) AND

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA
Thursday, November 10, 2016, 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Blackerby called the meeting to order at 5:30

ROLL CALL:

TCC MEMBERS

Hillary Blackerby
Bob Burnham
Edward France
E. Howard Green
Susan Horne
Kathleen Rodriguez

Attendees

Present
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Present

CITY STAFF PRESENT :

Rob Dayton, Principal Transportation Planner
Kim Thaler-Strange, Administrative Specialist
Peter Brown, Mobility Coordinator
Derrick Bailey, Supervising Transportation Planner

CITY CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

LIAISONS PRESENT:

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Ed has requested to recuse himself from this item, as he has played a huge part in interacting with stake holders in his role with the Bicycle Coalition.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

There were no public speakers.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes from the April 28, 2016, meeting of the Transportation and Circulation Committee, where a quorum was present.

MOTION: To approve the Minutes from the April 28, 2016, meeting.

Motion made by Rodriguez, seconded by Horne

Ayes:5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 1 France Absent: 0

REPORTS

MTD Reports on the Downtown Waterfront Shuttle for January through September, Traffic Mitigation Reports for quarters ending March 31, June 30, and September 30, 2016, and the FY 2016 Annual Report

This is an informational item. Steve Maas, from MTD, is here to answer any questions that the Committee has

Mr. Burnham asked how things have been with the extra shuttles for cruise ships. Mr. Maas replied that it is going well. He pointed out that the cruise ship shuttles do a different route than the Waterfront Shuttles.

Mr. Green asked if the cruise ship passengers pay the fare and how does that break out? Mr. Maas replied that everyone pays the same fare and the Waterfront Department is billed for that service. He also pointed out that the cruise ship shuttle is available for use by the public and that the port of call times are 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Ms. Rodriguez asked about how the shuttles are working with the construction on lower State Street. Mr. Maas said that there has been a decrease in ridership.

Mr. France asked if the MTD Strategic Plan was complete and asked about fare box simplification. Mr. Maas said that the Board has approved the new generation of fare boxes which will have some technology.

Mr. Green asked if the information in the reports could be compressed to reduce redundant verbiage. Mr. Maas said that the data elements are required, but that the verbiage could be shortened.

Ms. Blackerby raised the question of the item that went before Council. Mr. Dayton explained that the shuttle is funded jointly by MTD and the City. The contract is up for renewal on July 1, 2017, and staff is preparing for that. Council has assigned the Downtown Parking Committee to be the liaison to MTD. The shuttle vehicle has run its life, and larger buses will be used. MTD is working on obtaining an electric shuttle. The DPC committee is an ad-hoc committee and will meet on November 18, at 1:00 in the Gebhard room. Mr. Maas said he hoped to have the new shuttles in service by next spring. All 14 shuttles will be replaced – there will be 8 30-foot vehicles and another 6 will be leased. There is new battery technology and a longer battery cycle.

Recent and upcoming crosswalk enhancement projects

Derrick Bailey, Supervising Transportation Engineer, passed out maps to show projects that are currently in progress and discussed the project and its history.

Mr. Green asked Mr. Bailey to spell out the letters on the grid. He also asked about the cost of a curb extension. Mr. Bailey replied that it is around \$300,000.

Ms. Rodriguez asked about the Rapid Flashing Beacons (RFB). Sometimes they flash, but there is no one walking. Mr. Bailey pointed out that those RFBs were the first ones installed. They are solar powered with a radio. They were triggered by radio interference. According to the CVC, cars don't have to stop on yellow if there are no pedestrians.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Burnham noted the improvements at De La Vina and Cota Streets with the signal light, and the three-way stop at Arrellaga and Bath Streets. He asked why pedestrians cannot cross Carrillo Street on the west side of Chapala Street, or Garden Street on the south side of Gutierrez. Mr. Bailey replied that the left turn lanes have heavy volumes and due to pedestrian conflicts there are no crosswalks. On the north side of Chapala and Carrillo there is a railing that directs pedestrians. He also noted that it is almost impossible to install railing on the traditional ramps in the City.

Mr. France asked if there would be a public process for the ATP projects. Mr. Bailey replied that staff has a toolkit to create a bicycle boulevard and that there are many types of treatments available to maintain speed and safety. Staff is working with the community. Creeks is not receptive to working on storm water infiltration projects with curb extensions to help deter the amount of flooding in the streets.

Ms. Horne wondered if there was any kind of investigation into permeable sidewalks or ecopaths like what the Botanic Garden is using.

Ms. Rodriguez used to live on Cliff Drive. She pointed out that the traffic has always been fast but has gotten worse. With the upgrade to the shopping mall and the new traffic circle, she would like to make a pitch for a median with plants to help slow traffic down. She also mentioned that there is a pedestrian island downtown which has slowed traffic through the area.

Ms. Horne added that there are businesses on Cliff Drive that have started to raise money for improvements. Mr. Bailey replied that the City has been in contact with several business associations regarding costs, etc., and has developed several ideas. There are three or four locations where these types of improvements would work, and there might be some matching funding available for these items, but maintenance is the priority.

Bicycle Master Plan and Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant results and early project implementation

Mr. France said he will recuse himself during the item on Haley

Mr. Dayton reminded the TCC what we went through with the planning to get access to the Westside and creating the Sola and Chino Bike Boulevards.

Santa Barbara is getting \$7.1 million for access to the Westside, and the Sola Bicycle Boulevard and green lanes. Also received money for the Haley and Cota Lanes and Alisos Street. This is a testament to our staff.

Peter Brown, Associate Transportation Planner, presented the Bicycle Master Plan update and the results of our Grant Applications. He recognized staff who has helped with this effort.

Ms. Blackerby requested that Mr. France recuse himself from this item.

COMMITTEE QUESTIONS:

Ms. Rodriguez asked if Haley will continue to be a one-way street. Mr. Brown confirmed. Cota is currently two-way. We don't know if it will be two way for cars, but it will be a one-way for

bicyclists. There will have to be a preliminary study to determine if it will need to become a one-way street. We would need to remove parking from one side of the street.

Ms. Horne mentioned that the light on Sola Street is timed to bikes going through it. What is the mechanism for signal timing? Mr. Brown said that the new camera on the signals will know that a bicycle is there and it will activate. It is also connected with one way system on 4 arterials so they are timed and connected.

Public comment:

Eve Sanford wanted to congratulate the City on all these funded grants. Seems like we were just here talking about the Bike Master Plan and how the community needs this. Coalition hopes to be a partner to City as the project moves forward. This is an exciting opportunity. The Green Lane project on Micheltorena Street will be an iconic project. Thanks to Susan Horne and Hillary Blackerby for assisting with bike counts.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Ms. Rodriguez offered Congratulations to the City. This is spectacular.

Ms. Blackerby extended her congratulations. She is glad that our City has figured out how to get the grant funds. The City is moving quickly in the right direction.

Mr. Burnham echoed Ms. Blackerby's congratulation. He has heard of projects coming up against unforeseen elements. Is there contingency for shortfalls? Mr. Brown indicated that staff built 15% contingency into projects. Since we weren't using local funds, we asked for the highest level that we could. Projects were the highest we could ask for.

Mr. Green Left at 7:05 pm

Mr. Brown closed with a message from the California Transportation Commission: their board acts on Dec. 7. The City applied for 3d project rec'd in cycle 2 environmental design for the Las Positas/Modoc roundabout. We missed the cutoff for that, but will continue to pursue funds for that

Carshare:

We are close to having Car sharing cars available. Staff has begun negotiations with Zip Car, who will provide our car sharing services. They provide services worldwide. We will be starting with 10 cars and looked at various neighborhood areas to place these cars, including the Train Depot. Mr. Brown talked with the City Attorney's office and is making process. Staff will keep the Committee informed. The City will need 2-3 months from contract closing to being ready to go.

COMITTEE QUESTIONS

Mr. Burnham asked if staff has started the initial layout for where the cars will be located. Mr. Brown said that staff has an idea of the areas where there is low vehicle ownership. Staff is looking at Cottage, the Micheltorena corridor, Downtown, and the Eastside. There is flexibility as to where we put the cars. The RFP indicates that Zip Car will have to do the public outreach.

Mr. France asked if there was a cost associated with the RFP. Mr. Brown replied that the only cost to the City is staff time.

Ms. Rodriguez asked for the names of other areas using Zip Car. Mr. Brown listed Santa Monica, Pasadena, Los Angeles, Isla Vista, Santa Barbara Airport, City College, and Westmont.

Vision Zero

Mr. Brown did a presentation on vision zero. He said that Vision Zero went to Council for direction last month. Council asked staff to create a plan and return to Council.

Mr. Burnham asked if Measure D passed. It passed and Prop 64 also passed. There have been discussions about public awareness and safety and education. Is there any preliminary data available on how marijuana intoxications would constitute a DUI. Mr. Dayton indicated that California will have to look at what Colorado has done. They are inventing government in process. Ms. Blackerby noted that part of Prop 64 has a taxation process.

Ms. Rodriguez commented that she is aware of how many people J walk in an intersection. Things like that take away the benefit of everything we do. Mr. Brown pointed out that staff doesn't do anything unless we have the data to do so. This process is data driven. Ms. Rodriguez pointed out that this should be part of the public awareness campaign and would hopefully send a message, especially if you have people doing that with their kids.

Ms. Horne asked about the December 6 Council meeting. Will Council see the same presentation? Mr. Brown answered that Council saw this presentation on Oct. 18. What they see on Dec. 6 is to adopt the resolution. We have a 5 month wait to see if we get the grant. IF we don't get the grant we could do a bare bones strategy using only in-house resources. Ms. Horne has been watching Santa Maria funded videos. They are great models for education and implementation.

Before adjourn Ms. Blackerby noted that Ms. Boche has moved out of town we didn't get to say goodbye, but she wanted to thank her for her service and everything she brought to the Committee. Ms. Blackerby will be working with SB MTD as Marketing and Community Relations Manager starting November 21. Hope to work with all of you.

Mr. Dayton mentioned that there will be a special meeting for Dec. 8. We want to make sure we have a quorum. It will be on Thursday at 5:30. There will be discussion of traffic modeling the CIP Program,

Ms. Horne asked what does traffic modeling mean? Mr. Dayton said that traffic modeling is a way to predict what traffic movement will be like in the future. Can be used for predicting years ahead. Can use for Planning and Land Development applications.

Adjourned at 7:35