



MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION COMMITTEE (TCC)

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA
Thursday, March 14, 2019, 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Kathleen Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

ROLL CALL:

TCC MEMBERS

Kathleen Rodriguez	Present
Susan Horne	Present
Hillary Blackerby	Present
David Hodges	Present
Ed France	Present
Eve Sanford	Present

Attendees

CITY STAFF PRESENT :

Rob Dayton, Transportation Planning and Parking Manager
Jessica Grant, Supervising Transportation Planner
Derrick Bailey, Principal Traffic Engineer
Sam Furtner, Mobility Coordinator
Mindy Jackson, Administrative Specialist

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

1. PUBLIC COMMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. Approval of Minutes from the November 28, 2018, TCC Meeting, where a TCC quorum was present. (Location on video: 00:54)

MOTION: Approve the minutes from the November 28, 2018, meeting.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 2 Absent:

REPORTS

4. **MTD Report On The Downtown-Waterfront Shuttle for the 2nd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2018-2019.** (Location on video: 1:20)

Rob Dayton commented that this report will also be on the April agenda of the Downtown Parking Committee.

5. **Vision Zero Strategy, Cabrillo Bike Lanes Safety Restriping Project** (Location on video: 2:40)

Rob Dayton reminded the committee that two Vision Zero projects were previously brought to their attention: the Las Positas Restriping Safety Project and the Cabrillo Boulevard Restriping Safety Project. Based on the TCC recommendation in finding them consistent with Council's Vision Zero Strategy, the Las Positas project is moving forward. However, Council felt there needed to be more public engagement on the Cabrillo Boulevard project. Staff had two community outreach events. One event was held at the beach. The other event was a listening workshop with the community. Four options were presented at the workshop.

The TCC is being asked to find two of the options to be consistent with Council's Vision Zero Strategy, and that the Committee recommend either of those two options to Council. Staff will take the Committees' option choice to Council at the next meeting.

Derrick Bailey, the City's Principal Traffic Engineer, gave a presentation on the four options and the community feedback from the listening workshop.

Since there is going to be a Pavement Maintenance Project on Cabrillo Boulevard this spring, there is an opportunity to reconfigure striping on Cabrillo Boulevard, which is a Vision Zero Priority Corridor. After looking at the history of collisions, staff looked at what can be done to prevent those types of collisions from happening again.

Staff looked at different types of collisions and how to address them. Each type of collision requires a different type of treatment.

Collisions in the "S" turn are mostly speed related. We can prevent these collisions by improving the visibility of the upcoming curve and control speed by introducing more side friction. To prevent "U" turn collisions, we can provide drivers with better sight lines, prevent U-Turns from happening, and move conflicts further away from the parking aisle.

To prevent bike involved collisions, we will provide bike lanes and buffers, and reduce crash severity by reducing vehicle speed.

The Four Alternative Options:

1. The Previously-Adopted Bicycle Master Plan = Two Lanes Eastbound/One Lane Westbound
2. Back-In Angle Parking an All-Way Stop (was presented to Council) = One Eastbound and One Lane Westbound and Back-In Angle Parking with a Stop sign at Ninos.
3. Back-In Angle Parking Shifted East with One Lane Eastbound and One Lane Westbound, with parallel parking in front of the East Beach Condos. Retains the traffic signal at Ninos.
4. Center Median with One Lane Eastbound and One Lane Westbound with parallel parking with buffered bike lanes.

The Recommendation: Recommend that Council find that Options 2 and 3 of the project are consistent with the Vision Zero Strategy; and recommend a preferred project option for implementation.

Rob Dayton stated that generally speaking, the citizens at the listening workshop didn't favor Options 1 and 4. Options 2 and 3 were favored. Various concerns were named about each option.

Discussion:

Chair Rodriguez asked where the Back-In Angle parking would begin and end. Mr. Bailey showed different variables to consider to maximize parking and stated that there would be flexibility to determine where that parking would be.

Ed France asked about the community feedback regarding an All-Way stop or a signal light at Ninos Drive.

Derrick Bailey stated that it was mixed and that some people didn't feel comfortable with an All-way stop. One benefit of an All-way stop however, is the reduction in delay for side street traffic and for pedestrian crossing, since a signal light can be a longer wait time with a signal light.

Eve Sanford asked if the crosswalks would have a high visibility treatment.

Mr. Bailey stated that the crosswalks would be high visibility, and there would be a refuge island for pedestrians.

Mr. Bailey showed, on the presentation diagram, where there would be buffered (painted) bike lanes.

David Hodges asked if Back-In Angle parking reduced the chance of bicyclists being "doored", and Mr. Bailey agreed.

Public Comment:

There were 6 members of the public that spoke on this subject:

Guy Kraines, Wes Johnson, Barry Remis (COAST), Judy Frank, Jim Jaffe, and Linda Jaffe. (Location on video: 43:35)

DISCUSSION: (Location on video: 1:01:35)

Hillary Blackerby wanted it to be clarified that pedestrians have the right of way at an intersection. Derrick Bailey stated that once a pedestrian is in a crosswalk, the pedestrian has established the right of way.

A member of the public brought up a concern that motorists will turn in to the Back-In Angle parking when they are going westbound. This would mean that the vehicle would not be backed in and very dangerous when they backed out of the parking spot.

Derrick Bailey said that there will be signage and public outreach and education on Back-In Angle parking. The City is also working on a mechanism will increase the ability to do enforcement in this area.

Ms. Blackerby reminded the community and the committee that the whole point of this is Vision Zero and the goal is to make the area safer.

Ed France spoke of U-turn compliance. He is concerned about perceived safety vs. overall safety. What is likely as far as U-turn compliance? Derrick Bailey stated that compliance for no U-turns would be very poor.

Eve Sanford asked if Back-In Angle parking would work better with an All-Way stop. Mr. Bailey stated that it would slow down the speed of cars. Drivers would be entering the corridor in a way that is more controlled.

Mr. Bailey stated that with Back-In Angle parking, it encourages drivers to turn left safely (westbound toward downtown) when exiting the parking spot. Sightlines are good whether the driver turns left or right. With Back-In Angle Parking, drivers are put in a position to make a good decision.

Mr. France pointed out that this is a left turn and not a U-Turn.

Ms. Blackerby made a motion that: We recommend that City Council finds Options 2 and 3 of the project consistent with the Vision Zero Strategy. A second was made by David Hodges. All were in favor.

MOTION: That the Committee recommend that City Council find Options 2 and 3 of the project consistent with the Vision Zero Strategy.

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Abstain: Absent:

Mr. Hodges moved to adopt Option 3 as being the most responsive to the community. A second was received from Ms. Horne.

DISCUSSION:

Ed France preferred Option 2 because Option 3 keeps parallel parking and parallel parking to a U-turn movement was the cause of a fatal collision. Vehicles that are parallel parked will be going through the bicycle lane with poor visibility. He believes that it is confusing to have Back-In Angle Parking in one section and parallel parking in another. He feels that the configuration at the stop needs to be changed.

Eve Sanford suggested plantings/landscape for a more natural look. Hillary Blackerby stated that staff can mention this at Council. Rob Dayton commented that TCC members can also speak on this item at Council. Mr. France supported Ms. Sanford's suggestion and said that planters, that are movable, be considered as funds and feasibility allows.

Derrick Bailey mentioned that the changes are reversible and that the changes being made would be just stripping. If it doesn't work, it can be put back. Introducing trees is more permanent.

Rob Dayton stated that once changes are made permanent, then landscaping can be looked at. Chair Rodriguez pointed out that the new roundabout at Los Patos (5-7 years out) would help the U-turn issue.

MOTION: That the Committee recommend that City Council find Option 3 be implemented.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 1 Abstain: Absent:

COMMENT:

Mr. France stated that he foresees confusion with the parking. He would like the ability to look at changes as needed to address issues as they arise. With that said, he is content with this project moving forward.

6. Westside and Lower West Neighborhood Traffic Planning Effort (Location on video:02:19:40)

Jessica Grant stated that the goal of the Westside and Lower West Neighborhoods Transportation Management Plan is to respond to neighborhood livability by addressing pedestrian, bicycle, and traffic safety issues.

City staff will be getting input from the community and area schools. Traffic safety issues will be identified and staff will propose short and long term improvements that are responsive to the neighborhood and address safety issues.

A Listening Workshop will be held on April 6 from 10:00 AM – noon. Community members will be able to identify on maps the areas they are concerned about. This input, along with a Westside and Lower West Neighborhood Traffic Survey and City Engineering Analysis will form a management plan. Some “just do it” projects can be done, and larger projects will more than likely need grant funding.

Jessica Grant will return to the TCC with updates. A draft plan would be presented to the TCC in September/October and will go to Council before the end of the year.

The communication efforts with the community will be bilingual. Susan Horne requested that students and school staff be included in providing input on the survey. Eve Sanford would like to see Girls, Inc. and the Boys and Girls Clubs be included.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM (Location on video:02:47:50).

Please note:

The video recording of this meeting can be found at the City of Santa Barbara’s website at: <https://www.santabarbaraca.gov/gov/brdcomm/nz/tcc/video.asp>