

**SAN LUIS OBISPO BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

January 15, 2004

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Jean Anderson (Chairperson), Chris Overby (Vice Chairperson), Kristen Kent, Glen Matteson, Dixon Moore, and Phil Reimer.

STAFF: Peggy Mandeville, Principal Transportation Planner

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Barry Lewis asked if a brighter color could be used to paint the downtown bike racks as he finds them hard to see at night. Planner Mandeville said that reflective strips are attached to make the racks more visible.

REPORTS:

1) 2003 BAC Accomplishments. Planner Mandeville presented a summary of the 2003 BAC accomplishments. The committee noted that **additional accomplishments include** the Pismo Street bike lane striping and the Morro Street tree planting projects. The list was passed on to the City Clerks Office.

ACTION ITEMS:

2) Review of the Two-Step Budget Process. Planner Mandeville stated that her observation from reading last year's BAC minutes was that the two-step budget process was helpful to the BAC. The Committee concurred and directed staff to pass on the Committee's positive feedback about the two-step process. Chairperson Anderson said that she had attended a public meeting regarding the budget at the Jr. High School, found it very helpful, and encouraged the other Committee members to do so in the future.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

3) Committee Member Items

Review Design of Multiple Use Bicycle Racks: Chairperson Anderson stated that the wave racks are not always that comfortable. She showed designs from the City of Denver, Colorado, that were a standard inverted U-type rack that seemed to solve the contemporary bicycle parking need. She prompted the Committee to visit Denver's website at: www.denvergov.org/Bicycle_Program/template2606.asp for further review of their designs.

4) Staff Items

Bicycle Transportation Plan: Staff will return to the Committee in March with a Draft Bicycle Transportation Plan.

Rideshare's Promotional and Educational Services: Mr. Joe Gilpin, Executive Director of SLO Bicycle Coalition (SLOCBC), and Rideshare Coordinator, spoke extensively about Rideshare's promotional and educational services. He presented a bike bell in the City's colors to be given away at children's events. He also announced several upcoming events; SLO City Rodeo in conjunction with Bike Fest and the Community Ride.

Bicycle Map Idea: Planner Mandeville stated that the City did not have a bicycle map. Chairperson Anderson provided several samples of maps from various cities. It was suggested by Mr. Gilpin, that businesses such as bike shops pay for the costs to produce the maps by purchasing advertising that would be featured on the maps.

Railroad Safety Trail-progress with Union Pacific: Committee member Moore made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairperson Overby, to support the re-submittal of the TEA grant application for the RR Safety Trail because the trail is an important link in the City's transportation system.

Bill Roalman/Morro Street Bicycle Boulevard: It is estimated that construction of the traffic signal at Santa Barbara and Upham will be completed by June.

On-Street Bicycle Parking Facilities: Staff is pursuing this idea with Rod Hoadley, the designer of a staggered bicycle rack system.

Madonna Plaza Bicycle Parking: Staff reported to the Committee on the bicycle parking deficiencies at Madonna Plaza and notified the Committee that these deficiencies have been brought to the attention of the Community Development Department for correction.

Suggested Routes to Schools: The Committee discussed the present "Suggested Routes to Schools" maps. Committee member Reimer said they needed a lot of work as all streets seemed to be marked "suggested routes". Chairperson Anderson suggested a task force look at both walking and cycling routes for both elementary and junior high schools. Committee member Reimer volunteered to work on revising the maps. Mr. Gilpin offered to "connect" him with Cal Poly students that are looking for such a project.

Final Downtown Bicycle Rack Locations: Staff distributed a final listing of the inverted "U" racks installed in the downtown last year.

Advisory Body Appreciation Dinner: The Committee was reminded that the Appreciation dinner will be held March 11, 2004 at the City's Ludwick Recreation Center.

Bike Rack Brochures: Committee member Moore noted that he talked to Council member Ewan about putting a flyer into utility bill mailings that are sent to local businesses regarding City approved bicycle racks and how to request a bike rack.

Committee member Kent thought the Air Pollution Control District may be another source of funding the bicycle racks. After some discussion it was decided that Planner Mandeville would check into funding sources for the bike racks and Committee Member Moore and Committee Member Matteson would look into the cost and design of the utility bill insert.

Priorities: Staff confirmed with the Committee that the Committee's number one priority is the completion of the Bicycle Transportation Plan, followed by the provision of on-street bicycle parking and the development of a bicycle parking brochure.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING:

City Bicycle Map- an update from Joe Gilpin
On-Street Bicycle Parking Facilities- update from staff
Suggested Routes to School- update from subcommittee
Bicycle Transportation Plan
Bicycle Brochure- an update from the subcommittee

MINUTES:

The minutes of November 20, 2003 were approved as written.

UPDATES AND NETWORKING:

The Committee viewed the video from the City of Long Beach titled, "Cyclist Eye View".

There was no further discussion.

The meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:55 p.m. to the regularly scheduled meeting of March 18, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Olsen
Recording Secretary