



Minutes

Regular Meeting of the
SAN LUIS OBISPO BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Council Hearing Room, City Hall
990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo

November 17, 2011

Thursday

7 p.m.

MISSION:

The purpose of the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) is to provide oversight and policy direction on matters related to bicycle transportation in San Luis Obispo and its relationship to bicycling outside the City.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Bill Bradlee (Chair), Chris Black, Howard Weisenthal, and Jim Woolf

Absent: Peter Deragon (Vice Chair), Catherine Machado, and Kristina Seley

Staff: Kevin Christian and Peggy Mandeville

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jessica Berry, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) representative, discussed the following:

- A recent survey poll that indicated 60% of County respondents were in favor of a sales tax measure that would increase taxes to benefit public transportation, but 67% was recommended to place the item on the ballot.
- Over 1050 people participated in Rideshare Month, and over 18% were bicyclists.
- Rideshare is currently offering Safe Routes to School "Mini Grants". For more information contact Morgen Marshall at 781-4462.

MINUTES: September 15, 2011

CM Woolf moved to approve the minutes as submitted. **CM Weisenthal** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

Agenda Item #1: 2012 Bicycle Transportation Plan (BTP) Update – Consent Items

BTP projects – New and existing projects in Pavement Areas 6 and 7:

- Cerro Romauldo Bicycle Blvd.
- Cerro Romauldo Class I
- Foothill / Ferrini Crossing
- Patricia / Foothill / La Entrada Intersection
- Tassajara Sharrows
- Madonna to Laguna Lake Traverse, Class I Trail
- Santa Rosa at Boysen, Grade Separated Crossing
- Boysen Ave. Connection
- North Chorro Intersection Enhancement
- Sacramento / Duncan to Laurel Class I, Railroad Safety Trail Connection

BTP text

- Bikeways, “Bicycle Parking and Storage” thru “Other Support Facilities” (pgs 16-20)

Staff presented a report on the project rankings and text/policies amendments. Staff recommended that BAC approve the consent items as submitted.

Gary Havas, SLO Bicycle Club, discussed Club support of the BTP.

CM Bradlee moved to approve the consent items as presented. **CM Woolf** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #2: 2012 Bicycle Transportation Plan Update - Outstanding Items

Staff discussed the outstanding BTP projects:

- Staff noted Laguna Lake Bikeways B and C have been modified.
 - There was consensus to move forward with the projects as modified.
 - **CM Woolf** suggested the dirt path connecting the cul-de-sacs behind Laguna Middle School be added to the BTP reserving it for bikeway connectivity. The BAC concurred and requested that staff should move forward accordingly.
- Staff discussed dropping the Highland centerline striping project from the BTP. There was consensus that this was appropriate. The BAC concurred that the language, “on streets where vehicle volume, speed, or collisions are impacting bicycle travel, the City shall consider possible remedies such as signage, striping, or other traffic calming devices” should be added to Policy statements in the “Special Design Provisions” section of the 2012 BTP draft text, to help address traffic issues.
- Staff discussed the proposed text regarding design provisions regarding colored bike lanes.
 - **Mr. Havas** stated his Club endorsed the text as revised by staff.
 - Staff Mandeville suggested including more general language for flexibility.
 - The BAC supported the colored bike lane trial and concurred that the glossary of terms should include language “...such as, but not limited to” bike boxes, etc. The policy as presented will be modified to reflect the direction given.

Agenda Item #3: Class III Bikeways – Prioritization, Project Listing, Highland Drive

Prioritization: Staff noted that signage specifications for Class III bike routes (existing and planned) in City Pavement Area 7 would require approximately 50 signs. The agenda attachment estimated that 36 signs had a cost of \$18K. Staff suggested a preference to prioritize funding cross-town routes and/or on higher trafficked routes, rather than, “Class III routes shall include Bike Route signage...” as the currently policy directs.

CM Woolf agreed with tying signage needs to traffic volume. The BAC concurred and directed staff to modify the Draft Plan text accordingly.

Class III Project Listing: Staff discussed the project listings. Based on the above item discussion, traffic volumes would be considered. There was BAC consensus on this direction.

Highland Dr. (Patricia to Cuesta): The BAC concurred with staff determination that the existing Highland and Patricia Drives Class III route be modified to Highland and Cuesta.

PRESENTATION ITEMS:

Agenda Item #4: 2012 Bike Plan Update - New Presentation Items

The BAC agreed to email staff with any comments/questions concerning the text on pages 20-22 of the 2007 Bicycle Transportation Plan, as listed in the agenda for review.

Highlight discussion of proposed projects included:

- UPRR Foothill Grade Separation: BAC consensus was to leave it out
- UPRR Murray Grade Separation: BAC consensus was to leave it out
- Relocation of Murray signal detector at Santa Rosa: BAC consensus was to leave it out, but forward the detector location issue to the City and Caltrans Traffic Engineers.
- Downtown Higuera Class II and Pedestrian/Bike only Higuera St. restriction: The BAC requested staff to provide data, such as traffic volume and speed, and that these projects be brought back for further discussion.
- Nipomo St. Bicycle Facility: Discussion centered on what type of facility would be appropriate if provided. There was general consensus that Class II lanes might not be appropriate as they do not exist in other blocks of Nipomo St. and would require removal of parking. The concept of installing Sharrows (Shared Lane Markings) was raised, and brought up the further issue of what criteria or warrants should be met to install Sharrows. The BAC requested Staff to create a policy focused on Sharrows, and to bring the project and policy back to the BAC for feedback.
- No. Chorro Sharrows: This project was wrapped in to the discussion on Sharrows in the above item. It will be brought back to the BAC at a future meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Agenda Item 5: Committee Items

No Items

Agenda Item 6: Staff Items

- Bike Rodeo re-cap, and recent Bicycling Accomplishments
- Moving Planet: Bike path completion acceleration request
- Draft Outline "Actions" update will be brought to the BAC at a future meeting
- Advisory Body Training
- Due to known date conflicts with some BAC members, an alternate date for the January 2012 meeting is being considered. BAC members will provide staff with their availability, and a date will be set and posted within two weeks.

ACTION: **CM Woolf** motioned to adjourn. **CM Bradlee** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm to the next meeting, date to be decided.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Woske
Recording Secretary