

MINUTES  
BICYCLE USERS SUBCOMMITTEE  
City Hall -----Council Chamber Conference Room  
Wednesday, September 17, 2008-----5:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:                   Edmundo Duvignau, Vice-Chairman  
  Davis Barber  
  James Donovan  
  Kent Morris

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:                   Gene Hiegel, Chairman  
  James Barnum  
  Banning Ostrow

STAFF PRESENT:                                    Hye Jin Lee, Civil Engineer  
  Bob St. Paul, Senior Planner

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Duvignau.

**CONSENT**

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20, 2008 MEETING**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 16, 2008 were not approved; Members requested more details be added.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**BICYCLE ELEMENT IN THE GENERAL PLAN**

Bob St. Paul, Senior Planner, introduced Leah Price, a consultant from RBF Consulting. Ms. Price explained the Education Community Roundtable discussion on bicycle use that had taken place earlier in the month. The purpose of the discussion was to get a comprehensive understanding of what was currently in existence, who the commuters were, what their needs were, and also what the schools had planned in the future. She briefly described the attendees, and the process that would be followed in the completion of the Bicycle Element. By ensuring the City's plan met Cal Trans standards, the City would be eligible for additional funding.

Public Comments.

William Vandenberg commented on the general nature of the proposed Bicycle Element.

Mr. St. Paul informed the Committee that the online bicycle survey had been closed, and the information was currently being compiled.

After general discussion, no action was taken by the Committee.

### PUENTE STREET PROJECT

Member Barber briefed the Committee on the Brea Community Services meeting which had included the Puente Street Project. The Brea Committee had voted unanimously to move forward with the project.

Public Comments.

Vince Buck explained the steps that would follow, as he understood them.

Hye Jin Lee, Civil Engineer, explained the next step for Fullerton would be to take the project before the Parks and Recreation Commission, which would be scheduled in October or November. A Member asked why it would go before the Parks and Recreation Committee rather than the Transportation and Circulation Commission. Ms. Lee responded that this trail could be used as a recreation trail as well as a transportation related route; she would discuss which Commission should hear the item with Mark Miller, City Traffic Engineer.

After general discussion, no action was taken by the Committee.

### SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Member Barber updated the Committee on contact information he had received from the City, and he would also contact the Police Department to see if they had concerns specific to a particular school. Ms. Lee explained that Safe Routes to School was a Federal program that the City could apply for, but the funding was very limited. Member Barber believed that additional signage was one item that had been discussed, and Ms. Lee requested details from the Committee on where the signs would be located. The Traffic Engineer would also need to be consulted prior to applying to the program. Discussion was held on how the money would be allocated, and Ms. Lee stated it would be best to complete one location, rather than do a little in several locations.

After general discussion, no action was taken by the Committee.

### BIKE RACKS IN THE CITY

No new information had been obtained on proposed locations. A citizen commented on the bike rack on Wilshire near the market that was poorly placed and asked if it could be relocated. Mr. Buck commented on another rack nearby that was also difficult to use, and Ms. Lee responded she would contact the Maintenance Department to see if they could be moved. St. Jude's Hospital and some of the shops on the west side of Harbor Blvd. were also mentioned as locations for new racks.

Ms. Lee explained that Rob Zur Schmiede, Redevelopment Director, had requested a proposal from the Committee indicating exact locations where bicycle racks were needed, although there was currently no funding available for additional bicycle racks. Vice Chair Duvignau would write a draft proposal for the Committee's review.

After general discussion, no action was taken by the Committee.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following spoke in opposition to the Puente Street project:

- Lance Hyde
- Unidentified Speaker

The concerns expressed were the steepness of the slope, the need for a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) report, the danger created from the water flow during a storm, a fence would block the path of the wildlife, increased parking in the surrounding neighborhoods, destruction of the "island" area that is currently filled with wildlife, coyotes will be forced into the neighborhood, in March 2003 Fullerton Risk Management indicated the difficulty of assigning risk over the boundary of the two cities and the risk of the 17.6 grade and what had changed since then, failure of staff and the Committee to address the public's concerns, blind corner at the intersection of Puente Street and Rosarita Street, where will bikes ride as they approach the trail (a bike lane would eliminate parking), errant golf balls, and any netting put up to prevent the errant golf balls would impact wildlife.

Vince Buck commented that bicycles would slow down quickly going up the small hill. Also, when this plan was put together for the City there were standards set, and the rule of thumb was that no striped lanes would be put where there were fewer than 3,500 cars per day, therefore there would be no stripes or removal of parking.

Ms. Lee informed the Committee that Caltrans was the governing body and would approve the design and environmental documents, and if they were not acceptable, the project would be rejected. The public would be allowed to comment on the environmental documents.

A Member stated he would do some research on the effects of a bike path on existing wildlife.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chairman Duvignau adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Wednesday, October 15, 2008.