

MINUTES
BICYCLE USERS SUBCOMMITTEE
City Hall -----Council Chamber Conference Room
Wednesday, November 19, 2008-----5:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Hiegel, Chair
 Edmundo Duvignau, Vice-Chair
 Davis Barber
 James Donovan
 Kent Morris

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: James Barnum

STAFF PRESENT: Hye Jin Lee, Civil Engineer
 Al Zelinka, Planning Manager
 Bob St. Paul, Senior Planner

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hiegel.

CONSENT

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20, 2008 and SEPTEMBER 27, 2008 MEETINGS

The Minutes of the Regular Meetings of August 20, 2008 and September 27, 2008 were approved.

Hye Jin Lee, Civil Engineering, invited the Committee Members to a community meeting regarding trails that was to be held Thursday, November 20, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall.

REGULAR BUSINESS

BICYCLE ELEMENT IN THE GENERAL PLAN

Bob St. Paul, Senior Planner, introduced Al Zelinka, Planning Manager, and Mr. Zelinka briefly explained his background and goals.

Mr. St. Paul advised the Committee on the progress of the General Plan update; he anticipated having information for the Committee to review early in 2009. Mr. Zelinka discussed the changes that would advance multi-modal transportation, i.e. the Complete Streets Act and SB 375, and stated that the Bicycle Element would be called the Mobility Element in the updated General Plan, to include other modes of transportation.

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

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

No new information was available.

No action was taken by the Committee.

BIKE RACKS IN THE CITY

Vice-Chair Duvignau, discussed pictures he had taken in the SOCO area of bikes that were locked to various fences and meters. The owner of Roscoe's was interested in having bike racks installed, and had offered to maintain them.

Another Member suggested adding bike racks across from Stadium Club on the corner of the alley and Wilshire, near the gallery, and also Starbucks and the Fullerton Chamber of Commerce. The closest bike rack in the plaza was unusable because it was parallel to a cement wall. Pete's Coffee in the St. Jude area also wanted a bike rack installed.

Ms. Lee explained that the businesses could install their own bike rack, as the City's funds were limited.

Another Member had visited sites on the east side of Fullerton and had contacted businesses without racks to see if they wanted them, and said the City would provide them. He had previously spoken with Rob Zur Schmiede, Redevelopment Director, and been told the City would provide them. He had emailed the list of businesses they had contacted to Mr. Zur Schmiede, but had not heard back.

A Member asked if it was possible for the business to purchase the rack and the City install them, and Ms. Lee responded that the City did not do work on private property. The Member suggested a grant program from Redevelopment. The sidewalk area was public property, but Ms. Lee stated the pedestrian access could not be blocked.

Vice Chair Duvignau believed some property owners may be willing to pay for the racks, but asked what type of permits and fees would be required, and where could the racks be located. Ms. Lee responded that she would find out what the process was and report back to the Committee at the next meeting. A Member also requested that Rob Zur Schmiede, Redevelopment Director, attend a future meeting to provide more clarity on the bike rack issue.

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

RAILROAD UNDER CROSSINGS

Chair Hiegel explained the railroad under crossing projects that were planned, and Ms. Lee confirmed that there were two projects in the works; State College Blvd. and Raymond Avenue. The State College under crossing was 95% designed, but they had not received environmental clearance from Caltrans. Construction was expected to begin in 2013. Raymond under crossing was under going preliminary design and environmental clearance process, and would also begin in 2013. The projects would be run concurrently at the request of BNSF.

A Member requested that the Committee be allowed to look at bicycle issues with respect to the road, and Ms. Lee responded that they were limited by existing street width as to whether a bike lane could be added. A Member asked if Complete Streets would apply, and Ms. Lee stated she would find out and report back.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hiegel adjourned the meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.