

MINUTES  
BICYCLE USERS SUBCOMMITTEE

City Hall -----Council Chamber Conference Room  
Wednesday, April 15, 2009-----5:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:                   Gene Hiegel, Chair  
  Davis Barber, Vice Chair  
  James Donovan  
  Kent Morris  
  Jane Rands

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:                   Edmundo Duvignau

STAFF PRESENT:                                    Thuy Nguyen, Civil Engineer  
  Bob St. Paul, Senior Planner

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hiegel at 5:33 p.m.

**CONSENT**

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 2009 MEETING**

The Minutes of the March 18, 2009 meeting were APPROVED as written.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**BROWN ACT REGULATIONS**

Thuy Nguyen, Civil Engineer, reminded the Committee of the Brown Act requirements that applied to the Committee, specifically discussion of non-agenda items.

**BICYCLE ELEMENT**

Bob St. Paul, Senior Planner, informed the Committee that the data had been gathered, but the Bicycle Element was contingent on the Land Use Element, so staff would need to wait until the Land Use portion was completed before working on the Bicycle Element. Mr. St. Paul would provide an update at the next BUSC meeting.

**BIKE BOULEVARD FUNDING**

Mr. Nguyen stated that no funding had been set aside in the 2009-10 budget, but it could be added to the 2010-11 budget. It would need to have a clearly defined goal and the implementation portion would be the study, i.e. traffic analysis, parking, linkage, interconnectivity, etc. There would also need to be communication with property owners and businesses so everyone would have a clear idea of what was proposed. A decision could be made at that point.

A Member commented that the term "Bike Boulevard" was not typically used publicly because it tended to generate public controversy. It was a good insider label, but it was better to talk about it in terms of neighborhood preservation with the public.

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

### NEW PARKING STRUCTURE AT WORLD CITRUS SITE

Mr. Nguyen explained that the City was in the process of hiring a consultant and architect, and bike facilities could be added to the scope of work.

A Member commented that they had previously discussed lots of bike parking, possibly a cage where a person could check out a key to lock their bike in the cage. Bicycles could be very expensive, and bicycles and/or parts can be stolen if lock-up outside. Bike lockers were also an option.

A Member asked about a bike station at the depot, and whether the station would be moved to the World Citrus site. Mr. Nguyen explained that the Committee would have an opportunity to look at the conceptual layout once it was available.

A Member asked if there would be a pedestrian crossing bridge across Harbor Blvd., and Mr. Nguyen responded that he was not aware of any plans at this time.

It was suggested that the Committee have an opportunity to meet with the consultant prior to plans being drawn so that they could give their input.

Mr. Nguyen explained that a consultant should be selected by the end of May, but he did not know what the time frame for the project was.

### COMPLETE STREET PROJECTS

Mr. Nguyen explained information he had found on the internet regarding the Complete Street program, and what was included. Most of the streets in the downtown area already met the requirements, and this program primarily applied to new projects. It would be mentioned in the General Plan Update.

### RAILROAD UNDERPASSES

A Member asked about the State College and Raymond underpass projects, and whether bike lanes could be added. Mr. Nguyen explained that there was not enough land available, and the costs to acquire the land and make the necessary changes to the bridge were prohibitive. There would be sidewalks with ramps available. The projects would each take approximately two years.

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

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public wished to speak.

### STAFF/COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION

A Member asked if there was any communication between the Transportation & Circulation Commission and the BUSC, and was informed that Member Duvignau was the liaison. Mr. Nguyen stated he would let the Traffic Division know that the Committee would like to provide input on any upcoming projects.

The following topics were suggested for the next month's agenda:

- Bicycle Element
- Report on bicycle related items included on the proposed budget
- Bike restrictions around Laguna Road/Providence Center – no bicycle riding on street
- Round-about; how it comes to life and it's functionality

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hiegel adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.