

# Citizens Advisory Committee Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee March 15, 2016

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. 600 South Main Street, Orange, California, 92868 Conference Room 103/4

# <u>Agenda</u>

1. Welcome/Chairman's Remarks Roy Shahbazian, Subcommittee Chair 2. I-405 South Improvement Project (20 min) Jeannie Lee, Project Manager, Highway Programs 3. Planning Update (20 min) Paul Martin, Active Transportation Coordinator 4. Active Transportation Funding Update Louis Zhao, Sr. Transportation Funding Analyst (15 min) • State Active Transportation Program Cycle 2 Status • State Active Transportation Program Cycle 3 Call • OCTA 2016 Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program 5. **Bike Month Activities** (15 min) Marlon Perry, Section Manager, Vanpool & Bike Programs, Marketing 6. Subcommittee Member Comments Roy Shahbazian, Subcommittee Chair 7. Public Comments Roy Shahbazian, Subcommittee Chair 8. Adjournment / Next Meeting

#### Agenda Descriptions/Public Comments on Agenda Items

June 21, 2016

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# CAC Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2015 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. 600 South Main Street, Orange, California, 92868 Conference Room 103/4

### 1. Welcome/Chairman's Remarks

Roy Shahbazian, Chair, welcomed the committee members.

# 2. Planning Update

Paul Martin, Active Transportation Coordinator

Paul Martin provided an update on the Active Transportation Checklist, Sidewalk Inventory, Active Transportation Plan, Pedestrian Action Plan, including the OCTA Board's support of AB 534 (Linder, R-Corona) and AB 902 (Bloom, D-Santa Monica), Regional Bikeways Network progress, and an upcoming temporary bike access closure in Camp Pendleton.

A member of the public suggested looking for opportunities to provide a free pass or reduced fare on Metrolink service for bicyclists during the January Camp Pendleton closure.

Leonard Lahtinen suggested that, on the Regional Bikeways Network map, the existing bikeways be recolored so that they show up better on the map.

The subcommittee also suggested that OCTA consider ways to continue promoting the implementation of the Regional Bikeways Network by local agencies.

# 3. I-405 Improvement Project Update

Jeff Mills, Program Manager, Highway Programs

Jeff Mills gave an overview of the I-405 Improvement Project (SR-73 to I-605) and reviewed the top comments/concerns that were raised at the October 21<sup>st</sup> subcommittee roundtable. He also discussed the improvements that have been added throughout the design process to address those concerns including removing 19 of 25 free-right turns at freeway ramps and providing sidewalks at 14 of 18 locations where there are missing sidewalks on freeway bridge overcrossings. In addition, based on recent input received, the team will consider the addition of a variety of signage (W11-1 and W11-5) and continental high visibility crosswalk markings.

Regarding the updates made to the design to create a combined pedestrian/bicycle facility at locations such as Talbert Ave., the subcommittee members felt that this design choice still discourages active transportation travel. Several subcommittee members also expressed interest in providing sidewalks on both sides of every arterial crossing along the I-405 freeway, regardless of constraints.

Subcommittee members voiced interest in using signals at locations with a two-lane ramp, and other treatments to manage vehicular travel where pedestrians would be crossing two travel

lanes. Additional suggestions related to the active transportation accommodation included the use of R4-11 signs, sharrows and design for reduced design speeds.

Considerable discussion occurred around how to use sharrows in scenarios where an option through/right-turn lane is provided next to a dedicated right-turn lane, and suggestions were made to further analyze the ability to incorporate sharrows into complex design areas.

# 4. SR-55 Improvement Project Update

Steven King, Project Manager, Highway Programs

Steven King provided an overview of the SR-55 Improvement Project (I-405 to I-5), including the proposed alternatives, timeline and next steps. Steven encouraged the subcommittee members to formally comment online on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) as individuals by January 8. The subcommittee was also invited to the public meeting on December 10 at the Boy Scouts of America Orange County Council in Santa Ana.

Steven discussed the potential traffic minimization at the I-5/Red Hill Avenue interchange that would restripe the existing lanes for an additional right turn lane to southbound I-5 under Alternatives 3 and 4 which may require the removal of an existing bicycle lane at the same location. The DEIR does not identify required mitigation at this interchange, making the proposed minimization optional and subject to additional studies. The subcommittee unanimously voted to oppose removing the existing bicycle facility and bring the issue to the full Citizens Advisory Committee at their next meeting.

Jeff Thompson mentioned that the possibility of signalizing the I-5 northbound ramp at Newport Blvd. should not preclude potential extension of the Class I Bikeway just north of the intersection.

Roy Shahbazian suggested that this project could be an opportunity to redesign the free-right turn ramps along SR-55 at Dyer Rd. and MacArthur Rd., and that it is important to consider pedestrians and bicyclists, both experienced and novice, throughout the design process.

# 6. State Active Transportation Program Cycle 2 Status

Louis Zhao, Sr. Transportation Funding Analyst

Louis Zhao informed the subcommittee about the results of the recent statewide and regional call for projects to fund active transportation projects. Orange County submitted about 55 projects, totaling approximately \$80 million, and in October the California Transportation Commission awarded \$11.5 million for three projects in Santa Ana. For the regional call, 12 Orange County projects were awarded a total of about \$12.4 million.

# 7. OCTA 2016 Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program

Louis Zhao, Sr. Transportation Funding Analyst

Louis Zhao informed the subcommittee that OCTA staff is working on the 2016 Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program call for projects guidelines and requested input from the subcommittee. These guidelines are available for review online.

A member of the public asked that priority be given to those projects that have the greatest capacity to increase mode share, similar to the last round of calls.

# 5. Marketing Update

Nathan Wheadon, Marketing Administrator

Nathan Wheadon quickly reviewed the (B)right visibility campaign, the upcoming campaign called Understanding the Rights and Rules of the Road, and Bike Month 2016. Nathan said he will email the subcommittee to get feedback from them on the new campaign and Bike Month.

Leonard Lahtinen said that ciclovías get so much attention wherever they happen that organizing one would be a good addition to Bike Month.

Paul Adams mentioned that Summerfest at Miles Square Park in Fountain Valley would also be a good event to look at or get involved in.

A member of the public suggested considering using a specific theme that links all Bike Month activities.

#### 8. Subcommittee Member Comments

Roy Shahbazian, Chair

There were no subcommittee comments.

## 9. Public Comments

Roy Shahbazian, Chair

There were no public comments.

#### 10. Adjournment

Roy Shahbazian, Chair

The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2016.

# CAC Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Attendance Record

Members	9/15/15	12/09/15	3/15/16	6/21/16
Adams, Paul	•	•		
Buck, Vince	•	•		
Cox, Brian	•	•		
Duffin, Barry	•	•		
Garner, Tom	•	•		
Kalmick, Dan	•	•		
Lahtinen, Leonard	•	•		
Reimer, Laurel	•	•		
Shahbazian, Roy	•	•		
Thompson, Jeff	•	•		