

Citizens Advisory Committee Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee March 19, 2013

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. 600 South Main Street, Orange, California, 92863 Conference Room 103/4

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Agenda Descriptions/Public Comments on Agenda Items

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Citizens Advisory Committee Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee Meeting Notes January 15, 2013

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. 600 South Main Street, Orange, California, 92863 Conference Room 103/4

1. Welcome/Chairman's Remarks

Roy Shahbazian, Chair, thanked the committee for attending and being flexible with their schedules.

2. Planning Department Updates

Carolyn Mamaradlo, Transportation Analyst

Carolyn gave an update on the Metrolink Non-motorized Access Study—a list of metrics was developed by the Planning Department and reviewed by OCTA's Technical Advisory Committee and the list was revised according to the committee's suggestions. Draft scores for biking and walking conditions have been written up for each station and this will be reviewed with the rail tech for further input.

10. Districts 1 & 2 Bikeways Collaborative

Carolyn Mamaradlo, Transportation Analyst

Carolyn provided an overview of the Collaborative which will seek city cooperation facilitated by OCTA. OCTA will tie the cities back to regional priorities established in the Commuter Bikeways Strategic Plan—major employment centers, transportation centers and colleges and universities.

The Collaborative has two phases: the first will focus on developing a bikeways strategy for corridors based on consensus between jurisdictions, the second will focus on the top branch corridors and check for feasibility issues.

The Collaborative will involve a partnership between OCTA and Caltrans. OCTA has begun work on this project by consulting with Alta and IBI Group. This \$300,000 contract is funded by federal funds received by OCCOG for reducing congestion in Orange County, and will be implemented over the next 18 months.

There are four types of people to plan for since many people are not comfortable riding in the street or will never ride a bike. Many people in Districts 1 & 2 are riding on sidewalks currently. Bikeways also can increase social interaction and improve security.

Another focus in the Collaborative will be exploring innovative bikeway improvements such as hybrid protected lanes, repurposing rail right-of-way corridors, using green paint at conflict points, green sharrow lanes, bike boulevards, bike signal detention and new bike parking ideas.

A committee member asked if the city maps presented showed Districts 1 & 2.

Carolyn responded affirmatively that they included both.

A committee member asked if the OCCOG members in the consultant selection panel were from cities within Districts 1 & 2.

Carolyn replied they were. The OCCOG members were from Westminster and Newport Beach.

A committee member asked what criteria is used in determining top corridors.

Carolyn responded technical contacts in the cities are consulted to establish evaluation criteria. For District 4 the criteria included, but were not limited to safety, ease of implementation and potential demand.

A committee member asked which district Buena Park is in. He further inquired about an update on the District 4 Collaborative.

Carolyn replied Districts 1 and 4. She mentioned further that OCTA is working on phase 2 to determine feasibility.

The committee member asked if the bike boulevard in Fullerton is part of this effort and whether it is moving forward.

Carolyn said that it is recommended in the report, but she is not sure how cities are seeking funding at this point.

A committee member suggested the Orange County Sanitation District should be consulted about the project in Fountain Valley since many bikeways are located along a river in their jurisdiction.

Another member responded that a member of the Parks and Recreation District is being consulted.

A committee member asked if there was an option for stakeholder input in the District 1 & 2 Collaborative as there was in the District 4 Collaborative.

Carolyn replied that there will be an outreach event which can incorporate stakeholder input with prior buy-in from cities. She said this is similar to what occurred in District 4.

A committee member asked for a timeline for phases 1 and 2.

Carolyn responded phase one is estimated at 12 months and phase 2 at about 6.

11. Ex-officio Committee Membership

Alice Rogan, Strategic Communications Manager

Alice noted a large amount of local interest in committee involvement and asked if some key stakeholders could be added to the committee and how this could be limited.

A committee member asked about possible criteria for determining membership. Alice said she had not looked into this yet. Another committee member suggested that each group should only have one representative.

A committee member said he likes the idea because it will add value by providing new ideas to the committee.

Alice asked if there were any suggestions for groups to reach out to.

A committee member suggested that one ex-officio member at large could be added and other groups could have public comments.

Kelley Jimenez, OCTA Strategic Communications Coordinator, listed four possible groups that have been suggested for entry.

Alice suggested adding about 6 ex-officio members.

A committee member suggested grouping these groups into categories that could be helpful to the committee i.e. cycling advocacy, the County, and public health organizations. He also suggested communication between the Bike-Ped Subcommittee and the TAC.

Alice mentioned that Roy may be communicating with TAC after the meeting, and presentations will be made on a in regards to specific priorities. She stated a draft letter will be developed from Roy allowing some number of ex-officio members, and asked that suggestions for groups be sent to Kelley. (ACTION ITEM)

A committee member asked if the ex-officio members would be non-voting and

Alice confirmed that they would be non-voting.

12. Pedestrian Priorities

Roy Shahbazian, Subcommittee Chair

Roy wanted to remind the committee of past goals:

- Having a permanent bike-ped subcommittee
- Additional funding from OCTA for bikeways
- Develop a priority list of projects for OCTA and the cities

Roy said he believes these goals have been met even though they were not OCTA goals.

Roy said the staff is proposing that OCTA develop pedestrian goals. The idea is to list highest priority projects at this meeting and then work with TAC to gauge their priorities to bring a complete list to OCTA.

Kelley shared her timeline for this proposal, beginning with discussing it with the committee and taking it to TAC on February 27th so adjustments can be made and the list can be taken to the full CAC and finally the Board.

Roy suggested developing a list of highest priorities by ranking them according to four categories: design, implementation, marketing and funding. The next step would be to prioritize more detailed recommendations. He wanted to begin by reviewing potential projects.

Dan Kalmick described Huntington Beach issues with bike routes on PCH and Beach Blvd and asked if these could be considered. Roy said this was on the list of projects to be considered.

A committee member asked if police have been polled to find out where accidents are largely concentrated. Roy asked the subcommittee to keep a broad view for now. A committee member responded that the subcommittee does not have this data as of yet but that they could look into this.

"Complete streets" was suggested as a possibility for incorporation into the list—it was decided that this would fit under implementation. Roy said he wanted to check for redundancy and combine subsets into larger headers.

Alice commented the detours should be combined with TNP.

A committee member asked about the I-405 plan and changes to Magnolia. Roy said this should be considered under "complete streets."

A committee member asked if there are state standards for pedestrian design.

Another member responded this has to do with right-of-way and "complete streets." The committee member asked about legislation regarding Caltrans safety guidelines as a means to build on.

These do exist and Roy agreed they should be used as a basis for the Plan.

Jane Reifer suggested dividing the list into general and specific content so that general content could be discussed at this meeting. She suggested the design column be general and implementation be specific and also the fourth, sixth and eighth projects on the list. Projects that list street names were not considered.

Roy discussed promotions possibilities.

Alice stated the priority with marketing and education should be decided.

A committee member said the cities should be educated about the program and related policies and Roy added this to the list.

A committee member asked if there should be a provision to make it harder for cities to remove pedestrian walkways and bikeways.

Roy replied this falls under implementation and should be considered later.

A committee member suggested funding be a top priority and another committee member agreed.

Alice commented this could be problematic since funding is finite and cities might take on some projects on their own.

Roy asked the members to rank the four priorities on the general list.

Jane said none of the categories will be excluded, so they should be considered in terms of priority.

Committee members shared their opinions about which categories should be highest priority.

Roy totaled the numbers while members discussed Huntington Beach and city parks and got Design, Funding, Implementation, Marketing. Alice suggested Roy get feedback from TAC before getting the final committee vote.

A committee member mentioned Mobility 21's transportation goal #5 which was to improve bicycle and pedestrian transportation and that OCTA was involved with that goal.

13. Bicycle/Pedestrian Marketing Update

Wes Parsel, Marketing Specialist

Wes said a webinar series will be hosted once a month for free.

14. Subcommittee Member Comments

Roy Shahbazian, Subcommittee Chair

A committee member mentioned LA survey statistics that showed bikeway travel was up in LA but that only 1% of funding went to funding pedestrian travel.

15. Public Comments

Roy Shahbazian, Subcommittee Chair

Pauline Chow, Safe Routes to Schools, commented this survey is accurate and representative of California as a whole.

16. Adjournment/Next Meeting

March 19, 2013 Roy asked if the time could be moved to 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. The committee members agreed.