



**Citizens Advisory Committee
Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee
June 19, 2012**

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

Agenda

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| 1. Welcome/Chairman's Remarks | <i>Roy Shahbazian, Subcommittee Chair</i> |
| 2. District 4 - OC Bikeways Implementation Plans
<i>Presentation</i> | <i>Carolyn Mamaradlo, Associate
Transportation Analyst</i> |
| 3. I-405 Arterial Interchanges
<i>Presentation</i> | <i>Niall Barrett, Program Manager</i> |
| 4. Bike Friendly Community Awards Application
<i>Discussion</i> | <i>Carolyn Mamaradlo, Associate
Transportation Analyst</i> |
| 5. Planning Department Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>BCI Call for Projects</i>• <i>OC Bikeways Districts 1 & 2</i>• <i>Non-Motorized Access to Metrolink Strategy</i> | <i>Carolyn Mamaradlo, Associate
Transportation Analyst</i> |
| 6. Bike Month Recap
<i>Presentation</i> | <i>Wes Parsel, Marketing Specialist</i> |
| 7. Other | <i>Roy Shahbazian, Subcommittee Chair</i> |
| 8. Adjournment / Next Meeting
<i>September 18</i> | |

Agenda Descriptions/Public Comments on Agenda Items

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**Citizens Advisory Committee
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Meeting Notes
March 20, 2012**

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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1. Welcome/Chairman's Remarks

Roy Shahbazian (*Subcommittee Chair*) thanked the committee for attending and being flexible with their schedules.

2. Fourth District Bikeways Strategy/OC Bikeways

Presentation

Carolyn Mamaradlo (*Associate Transportation Analyst*) updated the Subcommittee on the Fourth District Bikeways Collaborative. The strategy includes the identification and selection of 10 regional corridors. Once identified, corridors are scored and placed into tiers, wherein priority corridors emerge.

Subcommittee Chair Roy Shahbazian asked which arterial the Santa Ana River Trail to Coyote Creek Corridor travels through and whether it will be a class II or III Bikeway.

Carolyn said that it travels along Orangethorpe Ave. and will be made up of class II and III lanes. In referencing the Fourth District Bikeways Strategic Plan, Carolyn pointed out that the solid lines are existing bikeways and the dotted lines are planned lanes.

Charlie Larwood (*Strategic Planning Manager*) added that the Bike Corridor Improvements call for projects will be due in April. This new program takes 10% of funds from the CMAQ to be used county-wide for bike projects.

Subcommittee member Pat Pepper asked whether the funding was just a one-time funding source.

Charlie responded that the BCI will be available every 2 years and can be used towards capital funding, not engineering or ongoing maintenance. It will be the city's responsibility to maintain these new trails. Large regional corridors may have to apply in segments.

Subcommittee member Pat Pepper asked how cities would maintain these new paths without a consistent revenue stream. Also, if cities decide to paint green lanes, this will greatly increase the cost of upkeep.

Subcommittee member Jeff Thompson asked for an explanation on the green lanes and whether they were a priority for the fourth district.

A group discussion was held on green lanes. Pete Van Nuys (*Orange County Bicycle Coalition*) summarized by saying that the city of Los Angeles was proud of their new bike lanes and painted them green. Although the new lanes look nice, this goes against Long Beach's philosophy of adding green lanes to signify a shared road. The group agreed that standardization was necessary.

The collaborative process ends with an implementation plan to get projects grant-ready. This involves developing a consensus among the collaborative entities and issuing letters of support for projects.

Charlie Larwood discussed ongoing funding for the OC Bikeways program. The OC Bikeways program will build upon the momentum of the Fourth District Bikeways Collaborative to develop a set of regional priorities for the entire county. Funding for this project may come from OCCOG's ROCC (Reducing Orange County Congestion) Program and will be completed within 3 years.

Subcommittee Member Vince Buck added that the Puente Link Bridge will open today with a ceremony. The city council will also submit a proposal to make Wilshire Avenue a bicycle boulevard. He added that the term may scare people, but it is actually just adds minor traffic calming methods to a street.

Charlie Larwood added that establishing regional priorities, like done with the collaborative, will allow grant proposals to score much higher and increase the likelihood for funding. In addition, more sources of funding could emerge from the SCS (Sustainable Community Strategies), health and air quality funding.

Bike lanes are not simply completed by painting the ground, funding is required to secure right-of-way, establish demarcations and conduct preliminary engineering, so the process can be rather lengthy.

Subcommittee members Paul Adams and Roy Shahbazian discussed the benefits of seeking funding from a regional perspective. Cities struggle to raise capital funding and devote staff time to new projects. This makes the collaborative process even more valuable as OCTA is able to hire a consultant to give new projects and ideas a path to completion.

3. Funding Programs Status

OCTA staff members *Ben Ku (Senior Transportation Analyst, Planning)*, *Ric Teano (Senior Transportation Funding Analyst)* and *Rick Bacigalupo (Manager, Federal Relations)* provided an update on the federal budget process.

The existing Federal Transportation bill will expire this month, which will likely result in a reauthorization and extension that keeps federal funding available. The Highway Transportation Trust fund, however, is reaching bankruptcy. The Senate has created a 2 year funding Bill, but the House has not finalized a bill.

The recent attempt at a House Bill created controversy in the Bike/Pedestrian funding world. It eliminated funds dedicated for Safe Routes to School and Transportation Enhancements, which were often used for bicycle improvements. Congress is trying to remove earmarked programs and dedicated funding, however the overall funding amount will not change. Orange County has strong local and state support for bicycle and pedestrian projects, so these actions will not threaten OCTA's plans.

Ben Ku instructed the group on the guidelines for OCTA's Bicycle Corridor Improvements call for projects. Proposals are due to OCTA on April 30th. A call for projects will be held for Transportation Enhancements, which will be due in December of this year, however, the funds are subject to a reauthorization of the federal funding bill.

Roy Shahbazian asked whether cities from the Four District Collaborative would apply to the upcoming BCI Funds. Charlie Larwood answered that the cities participating in the Fourth District Collaborative will require preliminary engineering before they are construction ready. He added that a delay in the TE funding will actually benefit these projects and allow them more time to become project ready.

Ric Teano provided a summary of OCTA's grant pursuing efforts, including the bike-share grant, \$80,000 for the Caltrans non-motorized study and funding for a possible bike boulevard in the City of Fullerton.

4. Pedestrian Priorities

Discussion

Roy Shahbazian kicked off a discussion on some of the pedestrian issues that the subcommittee should focus on.

The following issues were discussed:

- PCH crossings in Laguna Beach
- Gaps in sidewalks (existing sidewalks dump pedestrians onto streets without sidewalks)

- Creating a regional database of pedestrian infrastructure
- Varying button and crossing signage throughout the county
- Busy streets that lack crossings
- Shared use paths (bike/ped conflict)
- Lack of ramps on sidewalks
- Short driveways that force people to block the sidewalks while parked
- The dangers of allowing electrical vehicles on multi-use paths

Subcommittee member Paul Adams asked whether pedestrian crossing statistics could be gathered to determine the need for Orange County.

Subcommittee member Jane Reifer recommended that a regional study of pedestrian facilities be conducted to identify priority projects that increase pedestrian safety.

OC Trails Coordinator Jeff Dickman added that sidewalks are under local jurisdiction, making it difficult for OCTA to influence. However, creating gap closures and creating consistency through cities will help grant proposals score well.

5. Coyote Creek Bikeway Effort

Presentation

Charlie Larwood updated the subcommittee on the plans to extend the Coyote Creek Bike Trail. A working group was brought together, including members of OC and LA public work staff, elected officials and city staff members.

Local cities have developed plans for their portions of the creek, but a coordinated regional plan of action would greatly benefit LA and OC residents. Ideally, a portion of the trail will be ready before the end of year, but funding may not be available in time for construction in 2012.

6. Bike to Work Week Update

Presentation

Wes Parsel provided an update on OCTA's plans for National Bike Month. OCTA has developed a campaign to encourage all OC residents to try bicycling as a means of transportation. This campaign includes online and print advertising, several events and employer outreach.

Events include:

- **OCTA Bike Festival** - April 29th Huntington Beach Pier Plaza
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **Angels Game Day Ride** – May 6th Angels Stadium
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- **OCTA Bike Rally** – May 10th Orange Metrolink stations to OCTA Headquarters 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

7. Adjournment / Next Meeting

June 19 at 1:00 p.m.