

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee

July 7, 2014

5:35 – 7:20 p.m.

- I. **Introductions/Roll Call:** Present: Tom Modic, Chair; Betsy Cooley, Vice Chair; BPAC members Ken Bukowski, Laura McCamy, Brian Donahue, David Kritzberg; Staff Mike Roberts, Marcy Greenhut and Mike Roberts (Public Works); Sara Billing (Planning);
Other guests: Robert Prinz, Bike East Bay; Robert Arias, Eville Eye; Will, City Car Share, Cory Chung, MPA, East Bay Bridge façade improvement project manager.
- II. **Public Comment for items not on the agenda:**
Will, with City Car Share spoke about their new POD (Point of Departure) location at the Clif Bar building (66th St. & Hollis) in Emeryville, their program and future interest in having a POD at City Hall. BPAC members decided to put City Car Share on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss their goals and plans, such as having a City Car Share space in front of City Hall. Suggestion by BPAC member that Will also attend the Transportation Committee.
Rob Arias reports observing vehicular traffic traveling in the “buffer” lane on the 40th St. bridge, and suggests a new coat of paint for the striping, as it is barely noticeable, especially in the westbound direction. Member McCamy requests that BPAC put on an upcoming agenda a discussion of how to improve the approach from both ends of the bridge.
- III. **Minutes** for both June 2014 were reviewed, two corrections noted.
- IV. **Agenda** order modified, so that Item V. A. was switched with V.B., to accommodate Cory Chung, present for Item V. B., East Bay Bridge Center Façade Improvement.
- V. **Action items:**
B. East Bay Bridge Center Façade Improvement project: Staff Billing presented the updated plans for the project. BPAC M/S/P: 6-0, Chair Modic, 2nded by and a friendly amendment by member McCamy to request an additional 3 bike racks (spaces for additional 6 bikes) in the food-small-business area, and elsewhere along the block of storefronts, to move placement of (already allocated) bike racks near the entrance to the stores.
Staff Billing will include this action in her staff report for the next Planning Commission meeting, July 24th, at which this project will be reviewed (again). BPAC members also stressed preference for covered bike parking, either in place where planned, or under awning planned closer to building. BPAC member Donahue commented that the original EIR document for the East Bay Bridge Center recommended 25% tree canopy over the parking lot within 10 years of construction to mitigate glare, and inquired whether this can be achieved at this time, despite the fact that the Planning Commission did not vote to require the tree canopy at that time. Donahue requested that Staff Billing verify how the City can “finally” get the trees as part of this project or in the future. This project will be heard by the Planning Commission on July 24th.
A. Bay St. Bike Parking: Member Cooley brought updated versions of maps from Bay St., showing additional bike racks, though most members found the map too small, and the bike symbols too small to see on the map. Background: Guest Rob Arias reported being “noticed” by Bay St. Security that he should use existing bike racks to park bikes, while he was attending a movie recently. Photos taken by staff Greenhut and shown during the meeting, reflected 50 bike parking spaces between Ohlone Way and the movie theater. Issues raised: not enough bike parking near the theater, map on monuments at Bay St. don’t reflect all rack locations, maps should be posted at existing bike racks in case they are full. Member Cooley reports speaking to Bay St. General Manager Alice Rose, who encouraged cyclists to let them know where new/more bike racks should be placed. General discussion of potential ways to

communicate concerns with Bay St. management, such as email, snail mail and phone calls, but no group decisions were made and **no action was taken at this time**. There was an unanswered question asked whether it is legal for Bay St. to confiscate your bike (necessitating breaking the lock) and hold it for you, as their notice indicates. Suggested Bay St. be solicited as a place for future Bike Share parking pod.

C. Christie Ave. Park Expansion: Staff Billing presented the project as it is, in early planning stage at this time. The project will go to the Planning Commission July 24th, and will return to the BPAC for comments when specific design(s) are under consideration. Questions can be directed to staff Miroo Desai.

D. Love Our Neighborhood Day: Member McCamy asked members to spread the word and reported volunteers are still needed. Map shown to attendees, potential participants and activities reviewed, parking and moving vehicular restrictions reported. Postcards distributed.

VI. **Bike Share Program:** Staff Anne Campbell-Washington was not present to make this report. Staff Greenhut and guest Robert Prinz reported on the status of this program. The City of Emeryville remains an active stakeholder and plans to invite Bike Share pods where criteria for citing pods is met. Neighboring cities of Oakland and Berkeley are hiring staff to run this project. Funding from MTC will cover first 3 years: first year installation, \$5000 per bike, plus operation and maintenance \$2000 per bike, for an annual first year total of \$7000/bike. Subsequent years could be \$2000 per bike. Partners in this program can and probably will seek corporate sponsorship for the program, to assist jurisdiction outlay. Robert reports Alta Planning may take over entire program and may reduce costs by some organizational restructuring. As plans solidify, more information will be brought to the BPAC. Roll-out could be as early as fall 2015.

VI. **Staff Comments:**

A. Planning Dept. report: Billing reports EBOT study went to Council and they wanted to ensure a north-south option was included, and right-of-way be established and available for future street car. Bike Corral at 3986 Adeline, Commonwealth Café will go to Council for approval July 15th.

VIII. **Committee member comments:**

Agenda items suggested for future meetings: from today: City Car Share, bike parking in the Marina (Bukowski) and a City Bike Ride (Bukowski); Horton St. traffic calming project update (Donahue); 40th St. Bridge approaches (McCamy)

BPAC voted by acclamation to skip August and hold the next BPAC mtg. in September.

IX. **Adjournment:** 7:20 p.m.

Suggested FUTURE Agenda Items for the BPAC

Date added

7/7/14

- 40th St. bridge approach for bikes and vehicles (McCamy); City Car Share (Guest from City Car Share); bike parking in the Marina (Bukowski); Horton St. traffic calming update (B. Donahue); City Bike ride (Bukowski)

6/2/14

- Bay Trail extension crossing of Christie Ave. (August 2014)
- Walkability scoring- Laura McCamy offered to lead discussion.

5/8/14

- Parking Day

10/25/13

- Modifying Bike To Work Day for 2015: Bags per station; Frontage Rd. Station; How to get it all ready and to the Energizer Stations on time (by 7:00 a.m.)
- Bike Parking Design at new and existing projects
- Lighter Colored Pavements: revisit (Cooley)
- Sidewalk Bike Riding Ordinance
- Modification of 61st Street Between Doyle and Vallejo Streets – One way to two way
- Saving the Bike Ped Bridge (Bukowski)
- Height of vegetation in streetscapes where vision may be obstructed – Rodegard
- Cycletrack on east side of Shellmound Street (BPAC + Billing -staff)
- 65th Street Bay Bridge Take off
- Art Bike Tour
- Make approach to Bay Bridge Trail more friendly to bikes & peds (McCamy)
- Use of green paint to increase safety at intersections, as in Oakland (Robert Prinz)
- Green Bike Pavement markings at Hazard Locations (Prinz)

11/4/2013

- Staff provide notices to BPAC of anticipated repaving (for discussion)
- Appending the Ped/Bike Plan: how to do it, is it necessary? (McCamy)

12/2/2013

- NACTO Webinar: BPAC view & discuss together? (90 minutes) (McCamy)

2/3/13

- See Click Fix (Group)
- Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations during construction (McCamy)