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**DPT Bicycle Program Report to the BAC  
11/17/04**

**ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR BAC ACTION AT NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER MEETING:**

1. BROADWAY TUNNEL PEDESTRIAN RESTRICTIONS – Kevin Jenson, DPW's ADA /Disability Access Coordinator objected to DPT's proposal to modify Traffic Code Section 96.1. We proposed changing it from:

"It shall be unlawful to ride a bicycle upon the walkways in or through the Broadway Tunnel."

to:

(additions are shown in bold and deletions are shown in strikethrough) to "It shall be unlawful to ride a bicycle upon the **south** walkways ~~in or through~~ **of** the Broadway Tunnel. **Only westbound cyclists may ride on the north walkway of the Broadway Tunnel. It shall be unlawful for a pedestrian to walk on the north walkway of the Broadway Tunnel.**"

If the BAC and the SFBC want to pursue this further, they should work with Supervisor Peskin's Office, as this is in his district.

2. UNION SQUARE GARAGE DISABLED PARKING PLAN WITH BICYCLE RACKS - Kevin Jenson of DPW has not responded to DPT's request for a determination of ADA needs. Kevin Jensen remains unresponsive to the queries of the Union Square garage manager regarding a time frame to review the finalized plans for the entrance to the garage. DPT is waiting for his review to proceed with the bicycle rack installations.
3. SF CO. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY CONSULTANT AND STAFF POSITION FOR BICYCLE PROJECTS – We have not heard back from SFCTA as to the status and we have not seen their scope of work.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A BICYCLE ROUTE FACILITIES**

1. ILLINOIS STREET – Staff is completing the final striping drawings of the Illinois Street bike lane proposal to reflect current conditions and sketching out details of a bike lane design that reflects feedback received from stakeholders.

2. ALEMANY BOULEVARD (Lyell Street to Bayshore Boulevard) – Staff obtained right-of-way plans from Caltrans. The jurisdiction is not clear, but the bottom line is that, at the very least, some of Alemany Boulevard is in Caltrans’ airspace. DPT has applied for a Regional Bicycle grant for this project and will work with Caltrans on the right-of-way issue and obtain the needed encroachment permits as part of the Caltrans Local Assistance/Federal Aid process, assuming we receive these grant funds.
3. CONSERVATORY DRIVE EAST – DPT is meeting with Rec. and Park about the proposal for a contra-flow bike lane.
4. FOURTEENTH STREET – DPT is waiting for a Memorandum of Understanding and sketches from DPW Streets and Highways on the proposal to reshape the island to create room for an EB bike lane proposed between Market and Dolores Streets. Reshaping the island will cost about \$30,000 while connecting the reshaped island to the sidewalk would cost about \$115,000.
5. FOLSOM STREET BIKE LANE (14TH-11TH STREETS) – The Board of Supervisors approved legislation for this bike lane and DPT staff is preparing the work order for implementation.
6. FELL STREET AT DIVISADERO STREET –A CEQA categorical exemption for the Fell Street bike lane (Scott to Baker Streets) and the tow-away removal (Laguna to Baker Streets) was approved by the Planning Department. The tow-away removal was submitted to the Land Use Committee.
7. CALTRANS RIGHT-OF-WAY NEAR GLEN PARK BART – POSSIBLE BIKE LANES ON SAN JOSE AVENUE RAMPS – DPT has still not heard from Julian Carroll, Caltrans District 4 Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator.
8. THE EMBARCADERO PROMENADE – The Port is investigating ways to clear the promenade to accommodate increasing pedestrian use, one of which is to sign the promenade as No Bikes. A meeting was held with representative of the Port, SFBC, and DPT. The conclusion was that there needs to be a public process to address concerns regarding cyclists rather than simply ban them, and that some options need to be developed, including allowing slower cyclists (families and tourists) or creating a clearly delineated bike path on the Promenade itself. The Port’s goal is to produce a plan by January. It is unclear if this is enough time for sufficient outreach and study of options.
9. THE EMBARCADERO ROADWAY– Improved delineation of The Embarcadero bike lane at four bays in front of the Ferry Building and addition of bike lane stencils along the Embarcadero bike lane in both directions was completed.
10. MARKET STREET BIKE LANE (VAN NESS AVENUE TO 8<sup>th</sup> STREET) – Staff is working on the existing Synchro traffic computer model for this street segment for the bike lanes project.
11. HARRISON STREET – The southbound Harrison Street bike lane extension at Treat Avenue is complete.

12. SEVENTH AVENUE - The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) was contacted and promptly took care of some brush growing into the roadway on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue south of Lawton Street. Staff contacted the School District about taking care of another section of brush on their property that abuts 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
13. BROADWAY TUNNEL EXTINGUISHABLE SIGN (“BIKES IN TUNNEL”) – DPT Engineering and Traffic Signal Shop staff visited the Tunnel to discuss how to detect approaching cyclists. Loop detection in a shared lane does not seem feasible, but will be discussed with others. Staff worked with the PUC and vendors to gather the information on the extinguishable sign design, placement, and power source.
14. SAN JOSE AVENUE/GUERRERO STREET BIKE LANES – Staff did not apply for Regional Bicycle Funding, but will apply for TFCA Program Manager (SFCTA) funds in March since this project is almost ready to be implemented and the TFCA funds will probably be available sooner than the federal Regional Bicycle Funds. The SFBC concurs. Staff did a quick evaluation and it looks like this project will score high enough to receive TFCA funds.
15. LAGUNA HONDA BOULEVARD – The work to modify the striping on northbound Laguna Honda Boulevard approaching Clarendon Avenue was completed by the Paint Shop. The striping was modified approaching Clarendon Avenue to reduce the instances that through motorists change lanes from the right turn only lane to the through lane at the last second. This caused cyclists merging from the curbside bike lane to the through bike lane at Clarendon Avenue to contend with the higher speeds and through motorists unnecessarily in the right lane. These striping changes should help alleviate this situation. Another work order to better delineate a sidewalk bay on northbound 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue where motorists often encroach into the bike lane was submitted.
16. GOLDEN GATE PARK EAST ENTRANCE MODIFICATIONS – Staff submitted sketches of potential modifications to westbound JFK Drive at Kezar Drive that would slow traffic entering the park that could be included in the JFK Drive bike lane grant application. However, these changes were not part of the application prepared by the Golden Gate Park Concourse consultant.

**C BICYCLE PARKING**

- 1 MAIN LIBRARY ON-STREET BICYCLE PARKING – The auto parking removal was approved by the Board of Supervisors. Staff has initiated funds transfer to DPW for the cement work and for the rack and bollard purchase.
- 2 CALTRAIN BIKESTATION - 4TH AND KING STREETS – The Caltrain JPB rejected the three bids received for construction due the high costs.
- 3 GARAGES – The Planning Department flagged a Sprint telecommunications project at Kaiser Permanente, sending it to the Bicycle Program to ensure that bicycle racks and lockers are installed.

- 4 BICYCLE RACKS – Unlike previous years (when our contractor, the SF Conservation Corps subcontracted to purchase racks), we will have to send our sidewalk rack order out to bid (since we are purchasing them directly Sign Shop installation), which will delay installation of racks somewhat. The Sign Shop helped move many racks from the SF Conservation Corps' warehouse to their facility.
- 5 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SR2S) BICYCLE PARKING REQUESTS – Staff discussed school-based bicycle parking as a SR2S project. Balboa and Lowell High Schools are interested. However, these projects are highly unlikely to get funded by this source.

## **D SAFETY/OUTREACH**

1. SHARROW OUTREACH CAMPAIGN – Staff continued to work with Reproduction Services and Muni on the Muni tail card design.
2. EDUCATION – Staff talked to Fred Meredith, League of American Bicyclists Bicycle Education Chair, about the possibility of DPT hosting a LAB Cycling Instructor Training Seminar next year.
3. SAFE MOVES CITY – Staff used some pieces of the Safe Moves City for a school-aged presentation at De Avila school. There is significant damage to the props. Staff will assess the damage and look at repair/replacement of some items. This is part of a Livable Streets grant that may be an avenue to do some bicycle safety outreach to school-aged children and meet some education objectives.

## **E PLANNING**

1. BICYCLE PLAN UPDATE – The Planning Department's Major Environmental Analysis Group finally mailed notices last Friday (as far as we know) and the two-week public comment period we be over in about two weeks. They will then decide what level of environmental review will be necessary. There is still some confusion regarding the end product and approval process of the Network Improvement Document. DPT still plans to bring this document to the MTA, while BOS approval would only happen after "batched" projects have cleared environmental review. The two keys to even getting the document to the MTA are: 1) a clear approval process within the MTA on how to deal with suggestions within the Network Improvement Document, 2) buy-in from the SFBC on the recommendations in the Network Improvement Document. Staff is working on the Network Document, identifying projects in relation to the current Bicycle Network Routes, listing project opportunities, constraints, and improvement options. Staff is also working on getting some detailed notes and templates of what will be included for potential projects to MTA, SFCTA, SFBC, and the BAC so we can all agree on the content, even if we can not agree on the approval process.
2. REGIONAL BIKE PLAN - Staff attended a Regional Bicycle Working Group meeting at which changes to San Francisco's portion of the Regional Bicycle Network were approved. This will allow us to apply for Regional Bicycle funding for upcoming projects.

3. SHARROWS – Caltrans sent DPT the updated figure of the shared lane marking (“sharrow”) and language for the MUTCD CA Supplement. They can be seen on the Bicycle Program website at <http://www.bicycle.sfgov.org>. The sharrow (MUTCD Supplement final language and figure) will be discussed at the CTCDC December 8 Oakland meeting as an informational item. Staff contacted the CTCDC to confirm the details of what will likely be discussed

**F OTHER**

- 1 TDA ARTICLE 3 FUNDING – Our new MTC staff contact is going strictly by the book and requesting that DPW and DPT jump through additional bureaucratic hurdles before he will forward our application to the MTC Commissioners.
- 2 BICYCLE MAP – DPT got a call from someone who thought that the SF Bicycle Map was in the public domain. This is incorrect. It is the property of Reineck and Reineck Inc.