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**DPT Bicycle Program Report to the BAC
12/9/04**

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR BAC ACTION AT 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. If the BAC and the SFBC want to pursue this further, they should consider writing a letter to the DPW Director.
3. SFCTA 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 or job description. . If the BAC and the SFBC want to pursue this further, they should consider contacting SFCTA staff.
4. CALTRANS RIGHT-OF-WAY NEAR GLEN PARK BART – POSSIBLE BIKE LANES ON SAN JOSE AVENUE RAMPS – Caltrans has not responded to DPT's request for the status of their approval, requested almost six months ago. If the BAC and the SFBC want to pursue this further, they should consider writing a letter to Caltrans District 4.
5. STATE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT (BTA) PROJECT FUNDING CONCURRENCE – Obtain BAC concurrence on the new bike lanes to be funded with unneeded BTA funds. The Bicycle Program received funds from this source for bike lanes on Sloat Boulevard, Mississippi

Street, Laguna Honda Boulevard, and Phelan Avenue, but also received funds from the Air District for the same projects (two funding applications were submitted to increase funding chances). After inquiring, staff found out that we may be able to use the BTA funds for other bike lanes. We were advised to sign the funding agreement and submit a letter requesting the change. We are requesting approval to use the BTA funds for bike lanes on Guerrero Street (29th Street to Randall Street), all of John Muir Drive, a contra-flow bike lane on all of Conservatory Drive East, and a westbound bike lane on Fulton Street (Webster to Baker Streets). BTA project must have already obtained CEQA environmental clearance (these new projects qualify under the negative declaration category).

6. PROP K 5-YEAR PLAN – Recommend that BAC hold a special meeting in early February 2005 to meet SFCTA requirement of public input. Staff attended the SFCTA Open House and has begun working on this planning effort.

INFORMATION ITEMS

A BICYCLE ROUTE FACILITIES

Note: An updated DPT Bicycle Program Project List will be distributed at the BAC meeting.

1. ILLINOIS STREET BIKE LANES – The Port suggests that we take the current bike lane plan back to the Port's advisory groups in January and then to the Port Commission. The Port is working with a company to explore the use of flangeway fillers on new track sections where cyclists are expected to be crossing
2. CONSERVATORY DRIVE EAST CONTRAFLOW BIKE LANE – DPT and Rec. /Park's staff met to discuss our proposed contra flow bike lane. Rec. /Park will to determine the best way to get project approval. DPT staff developed a cost estimate and is coordinating with consultant Marilyn Duffey, who is developing plans for Arguello Boulevard widening and bike lanes between Fulton Street and Conservatory Drive. DPT's plan for a contraflow bike lane will mesh well with their plans.
3. EASTBOUND FOURTEENTH STREET BIKE LANE (MARKET TO DOLORES STYREETS) – DPT staff approved this project
4. OAKDALE AVENUE BIKE LANE (BAYSHORE BOULEVARD TO SELBY STREET) – DPT staff approved this project.
5. WESTBOUND FULTON STREET BIKE LANE (WEBSTER TO BAKER STREETS) – DPT staff approved this project
6. FOLSOM STREET BIKE LANE (14TH-11TH STREETS) BIKE LANE – This bike lane is currently being striped and signed.
7. FELL STREET AT DIVISADERO STREET – The tow-away removal (Laguna to Baker Streets) is expected to be calendared at the Board of Supervisors' Land Use Committee in early January.

8. MARKET STREET BIKE LANE (VAN NESS AVENUE TO 8th STREET) – Despite \$200,000 spent by the SFCTA to gather stakeholders and plan changes to Market Street, a Muni employee who attended these meetings is still voicing resistance to the bike lane until other changes take place. DPT staff will not continue until we have confirmation that Muni is on board with the bike lane on this stretch. The SFCTA will draft a letter outlining the planning efforts thus far.
9. BROADWAY TUNNEL EXTINGUISHABLE SIGN (“BIKES IN TUNNEL”) – In-pavement loop detection of bicycles in a shared lane does not seem feasible. We are still exploring video detection. We will make a decision on bicycle detection and project feasibility and draft a revised project schedule by December 31.
10. SAN JOSE AVENUE/GUERRERO STREET BIKE LANES – Staff applied for federal Regional Bicycle Funds for the portion of this project that is on the Bicycle Network (south of 29th Street). Regional Bicycle Funds can only be used for projects that are on a bicycle network. We will request that SFCTA staff reallocate about \$50,000 of our current Prop. K bicycle allocation to the portion of this project that is on the Bicycle Network. We are under a great deal of political pressure from the neighborhood to fund and implement this project quickly.
11. LAGUNA HONDA BOULEVARD – Striping a sidewalk bay on northbound 7th Avenue where motorists often encroach into the bike lane was completed.
12. ALEMANY BOULEVARD BIKE LANES – A Deputy City Attorney is going over the funding agreement with a fine tooth comb and even tried to get the Air District to change (unsuccessfully) their boilerplate. The Deputy City Attorney is requiring that DPT staff get additional signatures on the agreement from the MTA Secretary and the Clerk of the Board, attesting that the appropriate resolutions were approved. This is delaying the start of this project
13. SUNSET BOULEVARD SIGNAGE (LAKE MERCED BOULEVARD TO LINCOLN WAY) – A work order was submitted for the removal of old BIKE ROUTE signs along the west side of Sunset Boulevard, as this very old bicycle route is not part of the current Bicycle route Network.
14. COLORED BIKE LANES- Staff drafted a letter to begin the process of striping a colored bike lane on the south side of Market Street across from Octavia Boulevard (as urged by the Board of Supervisors), requesting that Caltrans install the colored bike lane. Staff will also send a letter to CTCDC asking for guidance/permission to experiment and a letter to the Board of Supervisors stating that we are proceeding. We will coordinate with Muni on bike lane and bus lane color. Muni is leaning towards red for bus lanes. A rational explanation on why this color was chosen needs to be provided. Bike lanes will most likely be a different color. Issues like durability ease of application, maintenance, and placement criteria need to be developed.
15. POTRERO AVENUE BIKE LANES – Another public meeting was held. DPT and Muni staff are still trying to reach consensus on this project that involves bike lanes and bus lanes.

C BICYCLE PARKING

- 1 MAIN LIBRARY ON-STREET BICYCLE PARKING – The rack and bollard purchase will take longer than expected, as we have to put the order out to bid.

- 2 CALTRAIN BIKESTATION - 4TH AND KING STREETS – The Caltrain JPB applied for federal funds for additional construction costs and operating costs.
- 3 BICYCLE RACKS – We are still waiting for the completion of the process of putting the rack order out to bid, before we can order racks.
- 4 MISSION BAY BICYCLE RACK SURVEY – Staff is conducting a survey of non-DPT bicycle racks installed in Mission Bay. They provide less security than the Bicycle Program approved variety. It is unknown which City jurisdiction approved them.

D SAFETY/OUTREACH

1. KIDS' BIKE SAFETY BOOK – Staff is talking to Jane Reeder, of WeWrite Books, who is interested in a project doing books on ped, bike and traffic safety by and for kids aged 7-9.
2. WALLER STREET BICYCLE LEARNING AREA (WSBLA) – Staff made some changes to the instructions for using the WSBLA and will get back to Rec. /Park to prepare for painting and posting on Waller Street. The instructions are slated to be posted on the website and will be distributed to advocates and through phone, mail, and email requests.

E PLANNING

1. BICYCLE PLAN UPDATE – The Planning Department's public review period concluded November 29. Staff called and emailed to see what level of response was received and what determination of environmental review will occur. No response thus far. Staff continues to work on the draft Network Improvement Document. The next Oversight and TAC Committees meetings are December 14.
2. SHARROWS – Staff attended the CTCDC December 8 Oakland meeting where the sharrow (MUTCD Supplement final language and figure) was discussed as an informational item. Language for the sharrow's use is still being tweaked by the CTCDC members. DPT expects to submit a work order for the next round of markings is mid-January. The next 900 will be installed by late April (in time for Bike to Work Day) and coordinated with the kickoff of our bus tail card Sharrow Campaign. We will bring our current draft of the bus tail card to the meeting. It can be also be found on the Bicycle Program website (www.bicycle.sfgov.org) by clicking on "Read More" under "Features – New - Shared Lane Marking . . ." or by going directly to http://www.bicycle.sfgov.org/site/dptbike_index.asp?id=22747
3. VALENCIA STREET PLANNING PROJECT – DPT's Livable Streets will launch the community pedestrian safety planning project at a community meeting 12-15-04 at Mission Police Station, 6:30 -8 PM. Muni Service Planning has already voiced an eagerness to "undo some of the damage done (to transit) by the Valencia Street bike lane project." There will be no advance proposal presented to the community. City Staff will communicate restrictions and guidelines to help shape consensus on a plan. This is a 1 year planning project and DPT will coordinate with DPW, since Valencia Street resurfacing scheduled for 2007.

4. DRAFT PROP K WORKPLAN – Staff drafted the FY04/05 Prop K work plan and budget and circulated it within DPT for review/comment.
5. LAGUNA HONDA BOULEVARD – Staff met with representatives of the Laguna Honda Hospital Replacement Project, the PUC, and SFBC to discuss ideas for a multi-use path network east of Laguna Honda Boulevard. All parties were enthusiastic about the possibilities and eager to pursue the ideas. It was suggested that they take a look at upcoming funding opportunities and team with Rec. /Park, since this department helped develop the initial network sketch but has not recently been involved. DPT consulting services were offered as project partners on grant applications, but not as the lead agency.