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DPT Bicycle Program Report to the BAC
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ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR BAC ACTION AT JANUARY MEETING:

1. GEARY BOULEVARD BOTTS DOTS – Muni is proposing to install Botts dots on Geary Boulevard to discourage non-transit vehicles in future bus lanes. They initially proposed them every 2', but agreed to space them wider – every 4', or two close together every 10'. They plan to stop them 50' from any intersection where a right turn was allowed. DPT staff requested that Muni present this proposal to the BAC and the BAC should follow up. Muni prefers that the dots be as close together as possible, but realizes that a wider spacing is better for cyclists.
2. VALENCIA STREET PLANNING PROJECT – DPT's Livable Streets next community pedestrian safety planning project meeting for Valencia Street will be in mid-February. This project could affect the bike lanes and the BAC should be involved.
3. SHARROW GUIDELINES – SHARED ROADWAY MARKING – Another round of markings will be work ordered in February. The latest draft of the Sharrow specifications and placement, incorporating the BAC's prior comments, will be presented to the BAC. DPT received the first draft of the Muni tail card design from the Reproduction Bureau and are reviewing it. We will show the next draft to the BAC.
4. PROP K 5-YEAR PLAN – Recommend that BAC hold a special meeting in early February 2005 to meet SFCTA's public input requirement.

INFORMATION ITEMS

A BICYCLE ROUTE FACILITIES

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

1. VARIOUS BIKE LANES - Written funding approval was obtained from the State (Bicycle Transportation Account) to stripe bike lanes on John Muir Drive (Lake Merced Boulevard to Skyline Boulevard, Fourteenth Street (Market to Dolores Streets; with Prop. K matching funds), and Fulton Street (Westbound: Webster to Baker Streets). The SFCTA Plans and Programs Committee approved DPT's Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Program grant application for bike lanes on Townsend Street (4th to 8th Streets), Cesar Chavez Street (Kansas to Mississippi Streets), JFK Drive (Stanyan Street to Crossover Drive), and Alemany Boulevard (Lyell Street to Bayshore

Boulevard)and will forward it to MTC for the regional grant competition. Pete completed the Board of Supervisors' Resolution and associated paperwork to accept and expend the funds.

2. FELL STREET AT MASONIC AVENUE – Legislation to remove 50' of on-street parking on the south side of Fell Street east of Masonic Avenue was approved by the Board of Supervisors' Land Use Committee. This will help improve sightlines between Fell Street left turning motorists and pedestrians and bicyclists in the south crosswalk/path crossing. After we receive the signed resolution (in about a month) a work order will be submitted to make the following changes at this path crossing:
 - Install the 60' red zone on the south side of Fell Street east of Masonic Avenue
 - Install a 4-second traffic signal head start for pedestrians and cyclists in the east-west crosswalk
 - Restripe the crosswalk as a ladder and stripe an advanced stop bar for NB Masonic Avenue traffic

An evaluation of the change will then take place to satisfy the terms of a funding agreement with the SFCTA.

3. ILLINOIS STREET BIKE LANES – DPT and Port staff are coordinating and finalizing the design. Bicycle Program staff is finalizing the striping drawings showing existing and proposed conditions. Staff anticipates final DPT staff approval in February; and Central Waterfront Advisory Group, Port Commission, and Planning Department environmental approval in March. DPT Bicycle Program staff will also meet with DPT traffic operations and Parking Control Officer supervision in February regarding conversion off existing angle parking to back-in angle parking.
4. CONSERVATORY DRIVE EAST CONTRAFLOW BIKE LANE – After testimony from the Duffey Company (a consultant to the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority), this item was tabled for a month by the Recreation and Park Commission Operations Committee. This testimony is contrary to what was agreed upon at a meeting between DPT and the Duffey Company and caught both DPT and Rec and Park staff by surprise. We will be working with the Duffey Company, Rec/Park, the Concourse Authority, and the bicycle community to resolve any issues and ensure that the next steps are clear. The need to include the Concourse Authority, and by association the Duffey Company, in projects such as this is unclear and confuses the process. Future milestones are: February 8 Concourse Authority meeting - present proposal and incorporate into existing Golden Gate Park Bicycle Plan documents as appropriate; March 2 Rec/Park Operations Committee – seek approval; and March Rec/Park Commission – seek approval. This item will be presented at Prestaff and ISCOTT, as information, as the Rec and Park Commission has jurisdiction of their roadways.
5. LAKE STREET (ARGUELLO BOULEVARD TO THIRD AVENUE) – This item to fill in a gap and stripe bike lanes along this two block section was approved by ISCOTT. Staff prepared the environmental review memo and submitted it to the Planning Department.
6. HOWARD STREET (10TH TO 11TH STREETS) – This item to rescind the double left turn lanes and stripe a left turn bicycle lane on Howard Street between 10th and 11th Streets was approved by ISCOTT.
7. HOWARD STREET AT 4TH STREET – Staff has been getting complaints fairly regularly about people parking in the Howard Street bike lane east of 4th Street. This area is legislated to be a full time bus stop, but the signs have not been changed. Staff will follow up with the Sign Shop.

8. FOLSOM STREET (14TH STREET) – This item to restrict Right Turns on Red on 14th Street at Folsom Street and stripe an advanced stop bar for cyclists to wait in front of the through/turn lane (“bike box”) was approved by ISCOTT.
9. EASTBOUND FOURTEENTH STREET BIKE LANE (MARKET TO DOLORES STREETS) – This item to convert the street from two-way to one-way operation and stripe an EB bike lane was approved by ISCOTT. It is calendared for a DPT hearing Friday, January 14, but will be continued at the request of Supervisory Dufty due to unanticipated neighborhood opposition.
10. OAKDALE AVENUE BIKE LANE (BAYSHORE BOULEVARD TO SELBY STREET) – This is calendared for the January 14 DPT Public Hearing.
11. WESTBOUND FULTON STREET BIKE LANE (WEBSTER TO BAKER STREETS) – This is calendared for the January 14 DPT Public Hearing.
12. FELL STREET (LAGUNA TO BAKER STREETS) – The item to permanently legislate the bike lane from Scott to Baker Streets, rescind the PM tow-away from Laguna to Baker Streets, and modify and make permanent the 4-7PM tow-away along the approach to Divisadero Street was approved by the Land Use Committee at their January 10 meeting.
13. MARKET STREET BIKE LANE (VAN NESS AVENUE TO 8TH STREET) –DPT staff is still waiting for SFCTA to draft a letter to Muni seeking confirmation that Muni agrees with the bike lane on this segment of Market Street. DPT staff followed up with SFCTA staff and the letter was promised by the week of January 17.
14. BROADWAY TUNNEL BICYCLE WARNING SIGN – SFCTA staff agreed to our revised schedule with a December 2005 completion date. Bicycle Program staff will discuss the possibility of including this project in an existing or future traffic signal contract. Bicycle Program staff sent striping drawing and discussed field observations with Reno A & E, a manufacturer of [loop detection systems](#). The Bicycle Program is looking for a workable bicycle loop detection design to match this project’s unique challenges.
15. SAN JOSE AVENUE/GUERRERO STREET BIKE LANES (Cesar Chavez to Randall Streets) – The Bicycle Program obtained written funding approval from the SFCTA (Prop. K) and the State (Bicycle Transportation Account) for this project. Staff completed the Board of Supervisors' Resolution and associated paperwork to accept and expend the funds.
16. LAGUNA HONDA BOULEVARD WIDENING – Staff met with DPW, Muni, and Laguna Honda Hospital Replacement Project staff to discuss this bike lane project, which requires widening Laguna Honda Boulevard between Plaza Street and Dewy Boulevard. This will be accomplished through sidewalk relocation onto Muni and Laguna Honda Hospital property. STIP funds for project design need to be used by June 30, 2005. DPW will take the lead in developing the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates.
17. ALEMANY BOULEVARD BIKE LANES – Staff is still attempting to get additional signatures on the agreement that has been sitting on desks in other departments and languishing in the interoffice mail. This is delaying the start of this project.

18. OTIS STREET (SOUTH VAN NESS AVENUE TO MCCOPPIN STREET) – Work to widen the north side curb lane on Otis Street is completed.
19. LINCOLN WAY AT 3RD AVENUE – Speed counts will be taken in January through the chicane to determine motorists' speeds. Until then, a work order to narrow the lane through the chicane in an attempt to control speeds is on hold. Speed counts will then be taken after to determine the effectiveness of narrowing lanes on controlling speeds.
20. POTRERO AVENUE BIKE LANES – The final decision on this project will be up to Michael Burns.
21. SLOAT BOULEVARD BIKE LANES (SKYLINE BOULEVARD TO GREAT HIGHWAY) – Staff collected existing traffic data and will begin design.

C BICYCLE PARKING

1. MAIN LIBRARY ON-STREET BICYCLE PARKING – The rack and bollard purchase will take still longer than previously expected. A key DPT Finance staff who must approve the bid documents is on vacation. Also, a recent memo from Michael Burns adds yet another layer of bureaucracy, since Stuart Sunshine has been charged with reviewing all requisitions, purchases, etc.
2. CALTRAIN BIKESTATION - 4TH AND KING STREETS – The SFCTA Plans and Programs Committee approved Caltrain JPB's application for federal funds for additional construction costs and operating costs and will forward it to MTC for the regional grant competition.
3. BICYCLE RACKS – We are still waiting for the completion of the process of purchasing the racks – see item 1, above
4. GARAGES – Staff will meet with DPT Sign Shop staff and the 5th and Mission Streets Garage Manager to discuss what is involved in moving unused bicycle lockers from the 16th/Hoff Streets Garage to the 5th/Mission Streets Garage, where they are most needed.

D SAFETY/OUTREACH

1. WALLER STREET BICYCLE LEARNING AREA – Staff made a site visit and assessed available space.
2. “SAFE BICYCLING in SF” – Staff found a clause in the “SAFE BICYCLING in SF” brochure contract that allows reprinting without a new contract or bid process. We are ordering updated reprints.
3. BICYCLE EDUCATION – Nick Carr will team with LCI's Bert Hill, Sarah Lightfoot, and Josh hart for a Road 1 course January 15, through SFBC/Dept of Environment.
4. SHARROW TEA APPLICATION – The TEA application was approved by the SFCTA Plans and Programs Committee and will forward it to MTC.

E PLANNING

- 1 BICYCLE PLAN UPDATE –Planning’s Major Environmental Analysis finally completed their environmental review (“general rule exclusion”) of the Bicycle Plan: Policy Framework nine months after DPT submitted the document for review. Approval of the Policy Framework and its inclusion in the City’s General Plan is calendared at the Planning Commission on January 27. Oliver, Pete and David continued to work on the Network Improvement Document. A final draft should be nearing completion and will also serve as the basis for the Prop K 5-Year Plan.
- 2 SFCTA CONSULTANT AND STAFF POSITION FOR BICYCLE PROJECTS – Bicycle Program staff reviewed the job description for this position and submitted comments. It is now being advertised. We have not yet seen the scope of work for the consultant. Pete met with Dianne Steinhauser, SFCTA’s new Deputy Director of Capital Projects and briefly discussed bicycle projects. She will be overseeing the SFCTA consultant and this new staff position.
- 3 AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION (APA) ARTICLE – DPT’s Bicycle Program and Pedestrian Program are highlighted in this month’s APA PLANNING magazine dedicated to San Francisco and coinciding with the APA conference to be held in San Francisco in March. The Bicycle Program will be leading an eight-mile mobile bicycle workshop highlighting their recent accomplishments during the conference.