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MTA Bicycle Program Report to the BAC  
2/10/06

A BICYCLE FACILITIES

1. ALEMANY BOULEVARD BIKE LANE (SAN JOSE AVENUE TO ROUSSEAU STREET) Staff formally requested an extension of the grant to March 31, 2006. We will have to have construction and the final report done by then. The other grant deadline for the same project is April 30, 2006. The work depends on weather, but unless it is wetter than normal, there should be enough time to complete the project.
2. BAYSHORE BOULEVARD BIKE LANE (NEAR CESAR CHAVEZ STREET) – This item passed the MTA Board on February 7.
3. BAYVIEW TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – Based on our comments, bike lanes are shown continuous in each direction along Evans Avenue, Hunter's Point Boulevard, and Innes Avenue.
4. FOURTEENTH STREET BIKE LANE (MARKET TO DOLORES STREETS) – Staff met with the Signal Shop and DPW. For the duration of the trial, the pullbox will simply be lowered to street level. After the trial, it will be relocated to a more accessible place. If the trial is successful, it will be relocated to a newly constructed sidewalk bulb that encompasses the current island.
5. HOWARD AND 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET INTERSECTION – This item passed Prestaff and will go to the ISCOTT February 9.
6. HOWARD STREET BIKE LANE (THE EMBARCADERO TO FREMONT STREET) – This item passed the MTA Board on February 7.
7. LAGUNA HONDA BOULEVARD (WOODSIDE AVENUE TO PORTOLA DRIVE), MCCOPPIN STREET (VALENCIA STREET TO OCTAVIA COULEVARD PATH), SOUTHBOUND POTRERO AVENUE (25<sup>TH</sup> TO CESAR CHAVEZ STREETS) – To be calendared at the City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee meeting, probably within the month.

8. SLOAT BOULEVARD BIKE LANE (SKYLINE BOULEVARD TO THE GREAT HIGHWAY) – We notified the offices of Supervisor Ma and Supervisor Elsbernd of our plans for public outreach.
9. NORTH POINT STREET BIKE LANES (VAN NESS AVENUE TO THE EMBARCADERO) – Staff met with representatives of the Fisherman's Wharf Merchants Association February 3 to discuss the proposed project. Some members expressed interest in a comprehensive transportation study of the Fisherman's Wharf area. Other members suggested alternative designs for the bike lanes – staff is responding to their suggestions. In general, members seemed supportive of proposed bus zone and loading zone changes. This item will go to the pre-ISCOTT meeting February 28.
10. MARKET STREET BIKE LANES (VAN NESS AVENUE TO OCTAVIA BOULEVARD) Staff will prepare this item for February 14 pre-ISCOTT meeting.
11. ILLINOIS STREET BIKE LANE (16<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO MARIN STREET) AND CARGO WAY BIKE LANE (THIRD STREET TO JENNINGS STREET) – There was some discussion about how to handle the semi-controversial addition of perpendicular parking on Tennessee Street to make up some of the parking loss on Illinois Street. Staff is waiting on the City Attorney's office to determine if we need any agreements or MOUs drafted with the Port.
12. THE WIGGLE (VARIOUS BIKEWAY IMPROVEMENTS) – Supervisor Mirkarimi's Office agreed to introduce legislation for a bike lane on Scott Street. This will help MTA get this project implemented by Bike to Work Day.

**B BICYCLE PARKING**

1. BICYCLE RACKS – Staff responded to a request from Supervisor Dufty's office for installation of bicycle parking at the new Eureka Valley Recreation Center. The details are being discussed between Sup. Dufty's office, the Park and Recreation Department, and the Bicycle Program.

**C SAFETY/OUTREACH**

1. ADULT BICYCLE EDUCATION –Street Skills" classes are being held with the assistance of the SFBC.
2. BICYCLE INJURY COLLISIONS IN 2005 – Collisions rose in 2005, but we are still waiting for official confirmation. This possible increase has been the subject of concern with the SFBC. We now know that there were two bicycle fatalities in 2005 and that one of them was a victim who died later of the injuries suffered in a bicycle crash. This points to a gap in our access to

information, since the collision reports we receive are not followed up in cases that eventually become fatalities.

3. BICYCLIST FATALITY- Staff reviewed the collision report from the recent fatality at Polk and Geary Streets. It points out a couple of collision reporting inconsistencies that limit our access to information through the SWITRS database –specifically regarding the use of safety equipment such as lights and helmets. The report does not state whether the cyclist was wearing a helmet or not. The Police Inspector quoted in a 1-19/06 SF Chronicle newspaper article stated that she was wearing a helmet. The collision report also does not state whether the cyclist was using safety equipment (i.e.: lights) or not. When these items are not marked in appropriate boxes on the collision report, this important information is unavailable later in the SWITRS database, unless the actual police report is read.

#### D PLANNING/FUNDING

1. BIKES ON LRVS: A meeting was held with Muni Operations to discuss this demonstration project. Muni Operations seems to be support of a trial. Staff made a presentation to San Francisco State seniors in the Urban Studies program. The idea behind the presentation was to encourage students into taking up data collection aspects of the demonstration project They should get back to us within a couple of weeks to see if students are interested in this project. Staff will be meeting with MAAC and SAN later this month.
2. PROP K- Staff completed the Prop K Allocation for the “Wiggle” and Market Street Bike Lanes. Staff also submitted a summary of our Prop. K projects competed in calendar year 2005.
3. COLORED BIKE LANES- Staff met with the SFBC and a vendor regarding colored asphalt treatments. Additionally, staff resumed a dialogue with the National Committee (the California Committee already has us on the agenda for Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>)
4. CESAR CHAVEZ BIKE LANES- Staff met with the Traffic Calming Group regarding a Precita Valley Neighbors meeting this weekend. Staff will attend a meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss traffic calming in the area and the potential for bike lanes. The neighbors are concerned because they contend that the SFBC has been campaigning for bike lanes along Cesar Chavez.

E OTHER

1. VELO MONDIAL: Staff finalized and submitted two papers following our abstract acceptance for this conference (a global conference held every six years to set goals for the future of bicycle planning). One was on the recent Bicycle Plan Update effort and the other was on our Supplemental Design Guidelines for bikeways. Unfortunately, staff will not be able to attend due to the lack of funding, even after staff volunteered to pay ½ of the expenses.
2. BICYCLE MAGAZINE- San Francisco received an “Honorable Mention” from Bicycle Magazine as “Best Cities for Cycling” for cities between 500,00-1 Million residents. Portland, OR received the #1 ranking, with Denver and Seattle receiving #2 and the #3 spots, respectively.
3. BIKE MAP– We received the new bicycle maps from Reineck and Reineck, along with a new pdf for our website.
4. MAYOR MEETING- The SFBC met with the Mayor’s office on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. MTA staff was not invited. The issues that were discussed included: Bike Lanes on Market Street and a cross-town route by B2WD (May), a report card/performance report of the Bike Program by B2WD (May), and colored bike lanes along the Blue Greenway (Illinois and Cargo Way).