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DPT Bicycle Program Report to the BAC
2/11/05

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR BAC ACTION AT FEBRUARY MEETING:

1. HES (HAZARD ELIMINATION SAFETY) FEDERAL GRANTS – Solicit input
Suggestion: Traffic signal at Page and Stanyan Streets. Grant information at <http://www.sfcta.org/Funding/TLCPage.htm>
2. TFCA (TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR CLEAN AIR) GRANTS - Solicit input
Suggestion: Bike lanes on: Conservatory Drive East; San Jose Avenue Ramps, Cesar Chavez Street (Hwy. 101 to I-280), Townsend Street (west of 4th Street), Yosemite Avenue/Bay Trail. Grant information at <http://www.sfcta.org/Funding/TLCPage.htm>
3. BICYCLES ON THIRD STREET LIGHT RAIL – Muni expects to begin testing this summer and begin revenue service this fall. Bicycle access should be allowed on these LRVs on Third Street and included in the testing.
4. FOLDING BICYCLES ON MUNI - Muni's current web policy prohibits folding bikes from being brought onto Muni vehicles. This policy should be modified to allow folding bicycles on all Muni vehicles except cable cars.
5. BROADWAY TUNNEL EXTINGUISHABLE SIGN – BAC approval of final design.
6. COLORED BIKE LANES– Discussion - The BAC should frame the issues and suggestions, so that DPT can send them to the CTCDC.
7. SHARED LANE MARKINGS (“SHARROWS”) – Final comments. Caltrans is very close to finalizing the language for the shared lane markings. Work-orders will be submitted to the Paint Shop soon so they can begin installing the markings.
8. EASTBOUND FOURTEENTH STREET BIKE LANE (MARKET TO DOLORES STREETS) – Due to unanticipated neighborhood opposition at the DPT Friday public hearing to converting this street from two-way to one-way operation, Supervisor Duffy scheduled a special community meeting February 23, 6p.m. in the Castro Community Room at 501 Castro Street at 18th Street (above the Sunglass Hut. DPT staff will make a presentation giving background and discussing the pros and cons of the two options studied (conversion to one-way or lane removal). BAC support is needed at this meeting.
9. MUNI TAIL CARDS FOR SHARROW CAMPAIGN – Review of design.

INFORMATION ITEMS

A BICYCLE ROUTE FACILITIES

Note: An updated DPT Bicycle Program Project List has been E-mailed with this report and will be distributed at the BAC meeting.

1. VARIOUS BIKE LANES – The Board of Supervisors approved a resolution to apply for, accept, and expend a \$134,100 BTA grant 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 forwarded all of DPT's Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Program grant applications for bike lanes: 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) to MTC for the regional grant competition. The Board of Supervisors' Resolution to apply for, accept and expend these funds is calendared at the February 15 Board of Supervisors meeting, without reference to committee.
2. ILLINOIS STREET BIKE LANES (16TH TO MARIN STREETS) – DPT, Port, Planning Department, and SFBC staff met to discuss whether or not to stripe bike lanes at loading docks. Dashed bike lanes will be stripped. The Port gave DPT their latest Islais Creek Bridge north approach plan (where northbound cyclists encounter rails at a shallow angle) for review.
3. CONSERVATORY DRIVE EAST CONTRA-FLOW BIKE LANE – The Concourse Authority incorporated the project into the Golden Gate Park Bicycle Implementation Plan pending the decision by the Recreation and Park Commission, which has final approval. The item will be presented at the March 2 Recreation and Park Operations Committee. It will be presented to DPT and ISCOTT for information, as the Recreation and Park Commission has jurisdiction of park roadways.
4. 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 at the DPT Friday Public Hearing and is calendared for the June 15 MTA Board meeting. DPT received the Planning Department's Environmental Review approval.
5. HOWARD STREET LEFT TURN BIKE LANE (10TH TO 11TH STREETS) – This item is scheduled for the February 28 City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee (formerly known as the Land Use Committee).
6. OAKDALE AVENUE BIKE LANE (BAYSHORE BOULEVARD TO SELBY STREET) – Approved at Friday DPT Public Hearing.
7. WESTBOUND FULTON STREET BIKE LANE (WEBSTER TO BAKER STREETS) – Approved at Friday DPT Public Hearing.
8. FELL STREET BIKE LANE AND TOW-AWAY (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 Board of Supervisors. A work-order will be submitted once the mayor signs the resolution.

9. MARKET STREET BIKE LANES (VAN NESS AVENUE TO 8TH STREET) – The SFCTA’s Jose Luis Moscovitch is willing to recommend that the SFCTA Board provide Prop. K funds to strip and sign these bike lanes. Michael Burns verbally agreed that MTA’s position is to proceed with this bike lane, even though there has been Muni staff opposition in the past. Note: some traffic lane removal is required, which could raise serious environmental issues. To follow up, staff contacted David Parisi to get more details on his SFCTA market Street Study. David will receive his work and get back to DPT next Monday or Tuesday.
10. BAYSHORE BOULEVARD BIKE LANES (INDUSTRIAL STREET TO JERROLD AVENUE) – Home Depot is not willing to add concrete work that would allow a northbound bike lane, but may be willing to pay for striping changes. The Bicycle Program will pursue the concrete work on our own.
11. JOHN MUIR DRIVE BIKE LANES (SKYLINE TO LAKE MERCED BOULEVARDS) – Staff prepared the revised drawing to reflect the actual proposal for bike lanes on both sides, from 2000 feet south of Skyline Boulevard to Lake Merced Boulevard. This item was approved by ISCOTT and will go to the next DPT public hearing.
12. FOURTEENTH STREET “BIKE BOX” (AT FOLSOM STREET) – This item is scheduled for the February 28 City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee.
13. BROADWAY TUNNEL BICYCLE WARNING SIGN – BROADWAY TUNNEL EXTINGUISHABLE BICYCLE WARNING SIGN - Staff drafted specifications for the purchase of the LED sign, prepared an AutoCAD concept drawing with two bicycle detection options, and is working to include this sign into an existing traffic signal contract. After a field visit with DPW, staff obtained concurrence for the preferred sign location on the east side of the Hyde Street overpass and to allow DPT to run conduit above grade along the concrete wall. We will be able to use the existing traffic signal controller for this sign.
14. FELL STREET AT MASONIC AVENUE –The legislation to remove 50’ of on-street parking on the south side of Fell Street east of Masonic Avenue was signed. The following changes will be work-ordered around the path crossing on the south side of the intersection:
 - Install a 60’ red zone on Fell Street east of Masonic Avenue
 - Install a 4-second head start for peds/bicycles at the east-west crosswalk
 - Restripe the crosswalk as a ladder and stripe an advanced stop bar for NB Masonic Avenue trafficA path users’ survey to evaluate the changes is drafted. It should satisfy the terms of our SFCTA funding agreement. The SFBC crossing guard program is active and it needs to be suspended to better evaluate the changes. Staff will contact them and perhaps the SFCTA to discuss the next steps.
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. The Board of Supervisors approved the funding resolution. Staff can request opening of a job order once the mayor signs the resolution.

16. LAGUNA HONDA BOULEVARD WIDENING – DPW is working on developing the plans, specifications, and estimates. Staff attended at meeting at the hospital (mainly about the trails on the hospital's property) and explained the status of the DPT project. Michael Lane (Hospital Replacement Project Manager) and an outspoken community member did not want our project to result in a higher retaining wall along Laguna Honda Boulevard.
17. ALEMANY BOULEVARD BIKE LANES (SAN JOSE AVENUE TO LYELL STREET) – Traffic counts were conducted for the AM and PM peak hours.
18. POTRERO AVENUE BIKE LANES – Michael Burns decided to go with the hybrid/compromise proposal. Staff revised the striping drawing to reflect this and will present it to DPT staff and ISCOTT. This project is scheduled for the DPT Friday public hearing February 22 and the MTA Board March 15.
19. SLOAT BOULEVARD BIKE LANES (SKYLINE BOULEVARD TO GREAT HIGHWAY) – The design process has begun.

C BICYCLE PARKING

- 1 MAIN LIBRARY ON-STREET BICYCLE PARKING – The rack and bollard purchase needs to be put out to bid by the Purchasing Department. Bids will be due February 24.
- 2 BICYCLE RACKS – Staff is still waiting for the completion of the process of purchasing the racks – see item 1, above. Staff continues surveying and taking requests. There have been an increasing number of reports of damaged racks due to both vandalism and collisions.
- 3 THE EMBARCADERO BIKESTATION UPGRADE – The Department of the Environment submitted an application for a \$42,500 state Bicycle Transportation Account grant to upgrade to The Embarcadero Bike Station (to expand it to include bicycle repair, retail part and accessory sales, enhanced lighting, on-street signage, and full enclosure.)
- 4 LOCKERS – Renewals for 2005 have been received. We had a high renewal rate this year.
- 5 UNION SQUARE GARAGE – DPT finally got an E-mail from Kevin Jensen concerning his review of the Union Square garage plans, after DPT staff E-mailed and called Bob Beck, DPW City Traffic Engineer to follow up on the BAC and SFBC letters to the DPW Director that were forwarded to him. Kevin's reply is, "The submitted plan with my review comments are available at my office, or they can be sent via interoffice mail to whatever location is desired." The Union Square Garage Manager will arrange to get the plans and let the DPT Bicycle Program know if the bicycle racks can be installed.
- 6 CALTRAIN – The DPT Bicycle Program was invited to send a representative to a task force regarding bicycle storage at Caltrain stations.

D SAFETY/OUTREACH

1. WALLER STREET BICYCLE LEARNING AREA – Staff spoke to the SFBC about the plan for striping the Learning Area, then contacted Rec. /Park to ask about right-of-way issues with the paths and roadway, specific to an additional curb-cut and potential pathway addition to connect the closure to the Kezar Path. The SFBC asked Rec. /Park and the Park Police Station to meet on the issue ASAP. DPT staff was to meet with the Police Department, Rec. /Park and SFBC, but Rec. /Park never responded.
2. SHARROW TEA APPLICATION – Staff attended the Board of Supervisors meeting where an accept/expend resolution was approved. Staff also provided the SFCTA with justification for early Caltrans allocation of funds.
3. SEA OTTER YOUTH BIKE SAFETY PRESENTATIONS – Staff was contacted by the Sea Otter Classic (Big Monterrey Pro Bike Race) about working with them to conduct safety presentations in San Francisco on three or four days that may target 5th grade and up. Staff gave the promoter contacts for Miraloma Elementary School, Everett, Roosevelt, and Francisco middle schools and Balboa HS Bike Club.
4. YOUTH BIKE SAFETY EDUCATION – Staff set up a site visit with the Marin County Safe Routes to School Program for March 8. Local LAB Cycling Instructors, SFBC, local youth educator Susan Silber will also attend. The visit will begin to explore how the Safe Routes to School model may be adaptable for San Francisco.
5. LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS (LAB) EDUCATION – Staff requested updated materials from LAB to use in providing technical assistance to local youth programs at YMCA and Middle School Beacon Centers.
6. SAFE CYCLING IN SAN FRANCISCO - This brochure are nearly complete. Staff drafted a new Mayor’s Message for the introduction and will send the brochure to the publisher and receive a quote for reprints.
7. DPT/SFBC SAFETY MEETING - DPT and SFBC staff met to discuss Prop K Work Plan bicycle safety items. The focus was mostly on Adult bicycle safety training (where the SFBC currently has Department of the Environment funding) and Bike-to-Work Day (where role for the local effort need to be defined.) Youth bicycle education, the Safe Cycling brochure and other work plan items also were briefly discussed. The next steps in the SFBC schedule of LAB classes were also discussed and the schedule circulated to DPT’s certified League Cycling Instructors (LCI’s).

E PLANNING

- 1 BICYCLE PLAN UPDATE – The SFCTA will hold a public meeting to discuss the 5-year Prioritization Plans, which include the Bicycle Plan. The Bicycle Plan public comment period will close on March 1. Draft copies of the Network Improvement Document were also provided to the Main library. Staff attended a Planning Commission meeting, at which this Policy Document was unanimously approved. There was some opposition, not due to content, but relating to the Planning Department’s noticing and opponents wanted to continue the item. The next steps include coordinating Board of Supervisors’ legislation (to be calendared in 30-50 days) and final document printing. There could potentially be three separate Board of

Supervisors' resolutions: amending the General Plan; finding the Bicycle Plan consistent with the General Plan (particularly since the above resolution just amended it!); and adopting the Bicycle Plan and recommending that it be forwarded to MTC so it can be approved by staff and forwarded to Caltrans for staff approval.

- 2 SFCTA CONSULTANT AND STAFF POSITION FOR BICYCLE PROJECTS – The closing date for the new SFCTA staff position is February 18 and interviews are tentatively scheduled for February 28. DPT staff met with Dianne Steinhauer, SFCTA Deputy Director of Capital Projects regarding this position and the possible bicycle projects that will be worked on. They need to meet again to continue this discussion.
- 3 VALENCIA PLANNING PROJECT – Data collection on median loading, parking, and curbside loading zone turnover has begun.

F OTHER

- 1 VELO CITY 2005 CONFERENCE - Supervisor McGoldrick and Bicycle Program Staff will attend this conference in Dublin in late May. Mayor Newsom was invited, but will be in San Francisco for World Environment Day and cannot attend. San Francisco will be “showcased” to the international bicycle planning community. A couple of DPT Bicycle Program abstracts were submitted and accepted for presentation. More information about this conference is at: <http://www.velo-city2005.com>
- 2 SFBC/BAC MEETING- Staff met with a member of the SFBC, a member of the BAC, and a member of public to discuss general issues with the SFBC, BAC, MTA, and DPT.
- 3 BIKE LANE LEGISLATION – DPT and SFBC staff met to discuss how to better work together when Board of Supervisors' members introduce bike lane legislation, so that the require language is correctly included.