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MTA Bicycle Program Report to the BAC
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A BICYCLE FACILITIES

1. HOWARD AND 9TH STREET INTERSECTION – Staff is addressing ISCOTT's concerns. To be rescheduled for ISCOTT. The issue is the ability of one right turn lane to accommodate the right turning traffic.
2. BIKE LANES: MCCOPPIN STREET (VALENCIA STREET TO OCTAVIA COULEVARD PATH), SOUTHBOUND POTRERO AVENUE (25TH TO CESAR CHAVEZ STREETS), NORTHBOUND BAYSHORE BOULEVARD (BIKE BRIDGE TO POTRERO AVENUE), HOWARD STREET (THE EMBARCADERO TO FREMONT STREET), LAGUNA HONDA BOULEVARD (PORTOLA DRIVE TO VASQUEZ AVENUE) – To be calendared at the City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee meeting, probably in March.
3. PHELAN AVENUE (OCEAN TO JUDSON STREET) – Staff meet with the Pedestrian Program to get a status report on our efforts for combined pedestrian and bicycle improvements on this segment. We are waiting for a response from City College before moving forward with the legislation for bicycle lanes.
4. ALEMANY BOULEVARD BIKE LANE (SAN JOSE AVENUE - ROUSSEAU STREET) – Striping removal complete. More than 1/3 completed. Completion date dependant on weather.
5. WIGGLE – The Left Turn Bike Lane has been dropped due to neighborhood concerns. The remaining package, including a bike lane along Scott Street (Northbound) from Haight to Oak will probably go to a BOS committee on April 3rd.
6. FOURTEENTH STREET BIKE LANE (MARKET TO DOLORES STREETS) – Some work by the Paint Shop. DPW is waiting for dry weather to do their work.. Residents of the area and other stakeholders have all been notified.

7. SLOAT BOULEVARD BIKE LANE (SKYLINE BOULEVARD TO THE GREAT HIGHWAY) – Staff met with the Zoo’s Director of Operations to discuss possible conflicts between bikes and vehicles entering the Zoo parking lot on Sloat Boulevard. The Zoo is supportive of providing a safe facility for cyclists in the area, and suggested that a bike parking facility inside the Zoo will complement the bike lanes.
8. NORTH POINT STREET BIKE LANES (VAN NESS AVENUE TO THE EMBARCADERO) –ISCOTT approved. There likely will be some opposition regarding the loss of a travel lane from area stakeholders.
9. MARKET STREET BIKE LANES (VAN NESS AVENUE TO OCTAVIA BOULEVARD) –ISCOTT approved. A merchant/stakeholders community meeting was on held March 10. Stakeholders were interested in improving bicycle safety, but the loss of parking in this area was not acceptable to those in attendance.
10. ILLINOIS STREET BIKE LANE (16TH STREET TO MARIN STREET) AND CARGO WAY BIKE LANE (THIRD STREET TO JENNINGS STREET) – Staff is working with Port on MOU for City Attorney’s office, so this can be calendared at the March 28th Port Commission meeting. Staff also drafted a memo to DPW, requesting pothole repairs at some areas of Cargo Way that would directly be in the cyclists’ path.
11. CARGO WAY (THIRD STREET TO JENNINGS STREET) -Bike lanes will be interim improvement to Cargo Way, pending outcome of Bay Trail funded planning study by Redevelopment Agency. Port requested Cargo Way and Illinois Street bike lane legislation be calendared at Port Commission prior to BOS.

B BICYCLE PARKING

1. CALTRAIN BIKESTATION – Staff attended historic groundbreaking.
2. 16th STREET REPAVING – If community support is strong, we will pursue on-street bicycle parking on 16th Street between Valencia and Guerrero.
3. VALENCIA STREET BULB-OUTS AND BICYCLE PARKING – Staff met to discuss bicycle parking possibilities on the proposed Valencia Street bulb-out.

C SAFETY/OUTREACH

1. ADULT BICYCLE EDUCATION – schedule of Road 1 classes released. First class is March 25, 10 am – 5 pm, at park Branch Library. Sign up at www.sfbike.org/edu
2. BIKE TO WORK DAY – SFBC hired graphics person. Timeline is getting tight for graphic products... that also impacts bus tail ads and street pole banners under MTA scope.
3. SAFE BIKING GUIDE: Staff has drafted a new version of this guide, and has compiled a needed graphics/photos list.
4. BICYCLE PROGRAM BROCHURE: Staff drafted a new layout for the Bicycle Program Brochure. It will be circulated for comment.

D PLANNING/FUNDING

1. BART BICYCLE CHANNEL-Staff tested BART 's new bike channel designs. The issues regarding the involvement of the disabled community are similar to the Bikes on LRV project.
2. BIKE HEADS –Staff has contacted a manufacturer for quotes. We will conduct vehicle and bike counts at potential locations and determine which ones meet the warrants.
3. BICYCLE FRIENDLY CITY DESIGNATION – The Bicycle Program will try and reach the March 17 deadline, and apply for the LAB Bike Friendly City Designation.
4. BIKES ON LRVS- San Francisco State seniors in the Urban Studies program have agreed to work on this project and will assist in data collection aspects of the demonstration project. A photo shoot with a static LRV was scheduled to capture photos of cyclists and members of the disabled community to demonstrate the challenges with allowance of bikes on LRVs. Staff along with members of the BAC, MAAC, SAN, and SFBC attended. This item is calendared for the March 21 MTAB meeting, as an informational item.
5. COLORED BIKE LANES- Staff presented our “Request to Experiment” at a Sacramento CTCDC meeting. The Mayor’s Office has sent a letter to Nat Ford requesting colored bike lanes along the Blue Greenway, which could raise issues and compromise our “Request to Experiment.”

E OTHER

1. PROBIKE/PRO WALK CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS - Bicycle Program submitted two presentation abstracts: evaluation of innovative bike lane/bike box designs and how MTA Bicycle Program measures its effectiveness. Abstracts were also submitted by the Livable Streets Section.
2. JAPANESE RESEARCHER – Staff met a Japanese Government researcher exploring world wide bicycle program best practices including transit interaction/interface. Researcher directed to San Francisco based upon our reputation as US leader in bicycle transportation.
3. NATIONAL BIKE SUMMIT – Staff attended this conference in Washington, D.C. and co-presented a discussion of the shared roadway markings.
4. RETIREMENT – Peter Tannen’s last day in office will be March 30. Actual retirement date will be May 7. Oliver Gajda will be Acting Bicycle Program Manager in the interim.