



DPT Bicycle Program Report to the BAC
4/15/05

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. JOHN MUIR DRIVE BIKE LANE (SKYLINE TO LAKE MERCED BOULEVARDS) – This item passed the April 5 MTA meeting and will go to the City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee meeting.
2. FOURTEENTH STREET BIKE LANE (MARKET TO DOLORES STREETS) – No change in status, although we did get an E-mail update from Supervisor Dufty's office. They have gone to the SFCTA "for guidance" on the project. Very few details were given so staff is following up to get more information. As the SFCTA is the grant administrator on the project, concerns about the June 30 deadline may not be warranted now.
3. FULTON STREET BIKE LANE (BAKER TO OCTAVIA STREETS) – This item is going to the City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee April 18.
4. ILLINOIS STREET BIKE LANE (16TH TO MARIN STREETS) – Staff attended the Dogpatch Association meeting April 12 to present information on the project proposal and draft design and to get feedback. Feedback was mixed. DPT and Port staff will meet an employee of one of the area businesses to discuss their concerns. The idea of back-in angled parking was received well, even by some who had concerns with the bike lane proposal. Next month a meeting focused on discussing the Illinois Street proposal will be set up in the area.
5. CONSERVATORY DRIVE EAST CONTRA-FLOW BIKE LANE – This item passed the Recreation and Park Operations Committee and will go to the Rec/Park Commission on April 21.
6. LAKE STREET BIKE LANE (ARGUELLO BOULEVARD TO THIRD AVENUE) – This item is going to the City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee next, probably in May.
7. HOWARD STREET LEFT TURN BIKE LANE (10TH TO 11TH STREETS) – Completed.
8. OAKDALE AVENUE BIKE LANE (BAYSHORE BOULEVARD TO SELBY STREET) – This item is going to the City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee April 18.

9. FELL STREET BIKE LANE AND TOW-AWAY (LAGUNA TO BAKER STREETS) – The work to modify the 4-7 PM tow-away along the approach to Divisadero Street is complete. All work is complete on the project.
10. MARKET STREET BIKE LANE (VAN NESS AVENUE TO 8TH STREET) – This item is scheduled for the April 18 City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee meeting. Environmental clearance of the project was granted by the Planning Department. A meeting to discuss some specific design elements of the project was held with the SFBC. We will attempt to revise the striping drawing in AutoCAD in time for the April 18 meeting. It looks like the project is on track to be approved and implemented by Bike to Work Day on May 19.
11. BAYSHORE BOULEVARD BIKE LANE (INDUSTRIAL STREET TO SILVER AVENUE) – Calendared at the DPT Public Hearing April 15.
12. FOURTEENTH STREET “BIKE BOX” (AT FOLSOM STREET) – Completed.
13. BROADWAY TUNNEL EXTINGUISHABLE BICYCLE WARNING SIGN – The sign specifications were completed and sent them to the manufacturers. The evaluation detector loops and wire samples were received. The DPT Signal Shop confirmed that the existing conduit along the tunnel sidewalk can be used for this project.
14. FELL STREET AT MASONIC AVENUE – The “Option A” changes have been completed.
15. SAN JOSE AVENUE/GUERRERO STREET BIKE LANES (Cesar Chavez to Randall Streets) – Complete, except for some potential small modifications.
16. O’SHAUGHNESSY BICYCLE PATH – DPT and DPW staff are scheduled to conduct a field visit to confirm jurisdiction and costs.
17. LAGUNA HONDA BOULEVARD WIDENING – DPW is still working on developing the plans, specifications, and estimates.
18. POTRERO AVENUE BIKE LANES – This project was approved by the MTA Board.
19. ALEMANY BOULEVARD BIKE LANE (SAN JOSE AVENUE TO LYELL STREET) – This was approved by ISCOTT. As requested, Staff will contact Supervisor Sandoval’s office with an update and the specifics of the design.

Given the reaction that some recent projects have garnered from the public, outreach on this fairly high visibility project should be appropriately thorough.

20. SLOAT BOULEVARD BIKE LANE (SKYLINE BOULEVARD TO THE GREAT HIGHWAY) – Staff received the traffic counts. A survey of the area has been completed to set a Synchro Model and an updated AutoCAD drawing showing existing and proposed striping.
21. CESAR CHAVEZ STREET (VERMONT TO INDIANA STREETS) – DPT and the SFBC conducted a parking demand survey to check the feasibility of parking removal to add bike lanes. The Cesar Chavez parking occupancy is 90% and the overall area parking occupancy is 87%.
22. GOLDEN GATE PARK CONCOURSE SURFACE STREETS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – Staff attended a meeting to resolve curb cut issues for MUNI Buses. It was agreed that curb cut will not be constructed. There will be a 50-ft bus area. Bike lanes will be striped with a broken line in this area. MUNI buses will pull to the curb to load /unload.
23. SHARROWS/SHARED LANE MARKINGS – Sharrows were painted along Page Street from Stanyan to Market Streets and on the Howard Street approach to 9th Street. According to Caltrans, sharrow approval hit a snag due to internal resistance. It is not clear exactly what this means or what needs to happen next. DPT staff is following up with Caltrans. A round of sharrows will be painted along Harrison Street where the bike lane is currently dropped. The default sharrow spacing from the curb face to the center of the marking where there is parking has been increased from 11' to 11.5' to give more of a buffer between cyclists and suddenly opened doors.

B BICYCLE PARKING

- 1 MAIN LIBRARY – Staff scheduled the concrete work the first week of May. We don't yet have a delivery date for the racks yet, but will strive to complete this project before Bike To Work Day, May 19.
- 2 UNION SQUARE GARAGE – Staff met with the garage manager and rack vendor at the garage to go over final installation plans. The racks have been installed!
- 3 BICYCLE LOCKERS – Staff repaired several lockers. We have had a flurry of rentals during the past few weeks.

C SAFETY/OUTREACH

1. WALLER STREET BICYCLE LEARNING AREA – DPT and DPW staff met briefly and DPT got the go-ahead to paint Waller Learning Area. DPT is refining the drawings.
2. SHARROW OUTREACH – Despite staff’s hard work on justifying early Caltrans allocation of funds, the TEA allocation request was turned down by the CTC. We will now receive the funding this July or August. Staff is reviewing the bus final tail card design changes with the City Reproduction Bureau.
3. BROCHURE – Staff created the first draft of a text for use in the Bicycle Program’s “Safe Riding in San Francisco” brochure. We are also addressing graphic and printing considerations, since we aim to have the pamphlet ready by Bike to Work Day.
4. LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS BICYCLE EDUCATION – Staff will help teach the Road 1 class April 23 at Park Branch Library. Staff attended the Street Skills Class at the Taraval Police Station. Staff met with Bert Hill and Josh Hart to map a new Road 1 course for future classes.
5. BIKE to WORK DAY – The posters will arrive for review by the end of the week. The SF Reproduction Bureau confirmed a 5-10 day production for posters and the safety brochure. DPT will print posters for PresidiGo and UCSF shuttles and for UCSF Energizer Stations.
6. SFBC MEETING – DPT and SFBC staff to discuss collaboration on youth bicycle education, adult bicycle education and Bike to Work Day, along with Prop K funding – both DPT safety budget and Department of the Environment Bicycle Program budget.
7. MARIN SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL TRIP – DPT staff, Bert Hill, and Susan Silber visited Marin’s Bicycle Safety and Encouragement Program in Mill Valley and met with staff following a safety training event at Mt Tamalpais Elementary School. All shared interest in the model, but also some reservations about its widespread application in San Francisco at the elementary school level.
8. WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (June 3 Rodeo) – DPT staff is exploring the possibility of doing a bicycle safety educational event in conjunction with World Environment Day June 3. This would be a DPT/SFBC collaboration. DPT staff will contact Muni staff who is the MTA contact with City Hall.

9. YOUTH EDUCATION – Staff forwarded a notice for free bike helmets (for eligible programs) to Susan Silber, who is doing middle school bike/environmental education.
10. HOTLINE – Since the hotline was changed last week from its previous configuration of a complex menu to a simple outgoing voicemail message, we have seen a large increase in the number of messages left.
11. SHARROW BUS TAIL-CARD – Reproduction is sending it out to be printed. We ordered 100 in anticipation of the bus posting in one month. Staff decided to pursue only one of the designs for now and will look into a second, very literal, design, for display on Muni after July 1.

D PLANNING

- 1 BICYCLE PLAN UPDATE, NETWORK IMPROVEMENT AND POLICY FRAMEWORK DOCUMENTS – The Policy Framework was calendared for April 6th, but shortly thereafter we received an email from the City Attorney informing us that the environmental clearance is being challenged. The Policy Framework will not go to the Board of Supervisors for approval until a hearing is held by the full Board regarding the environmental clearance. Only after the environmental clearance issue is resolved, will it then be calendared by the Land Use committee. DPT staff met with Planning Department staff (including Dean Macris) and a deputy city attorney about the appeal of the Planning Department's environmental review of the Bicycle Plan: Policy Framework. Planning staff has prepared to defend the Plan: Policy at the April 19 Board of Supervisors' meeting at 4pm. DPT staff prepared some background information, including a letter from Mr. Burns to the Board of Supervisors. The woman who is appealing the Planning Department's environmental review of the Bicycle Plan: Policy Framework at the April 19 Board of Supervisors' meeting requested a 3-week continuance. Both DPT and the Planning Department did not concur and the decision on continuance will be up to the Board. Staff finished reviewing the final Policy Framework draft to be sent to the printer the beginning of next week. The Ordinance amending the General Plan in connection with the Bicycle Plan adoption and related General Plan amendments was referred to the Small Business Commission for review and recommendation. Due to the pending appeal of the environmental clearance, on the advice of the City Attorney's Office, we requested that this item be continued at the Small Business Commission.
- 2 SFCTA 5-YEAR PLAN – DPT and SFCTA staff met to discuss the Network Improvement Document (Prop K 5 Year Plan). However, as a result of having to address SFCTA staff's voluminous comments on the

Pedestrian/Bicycle Maintenance Category (only sent earlier this week), staff will not be able to complete the Bicycle 5-Year Plan Category by the April 15 deadline. He cannot delay the DPW part of the Pedestrian/Bicycle Maintenance Category. He informed SFCTA staff, SFBC, and BAC. Melissa Pelkey said some other departments are also missing the Friday 4/15 deadline. She also said it is possible that the SFCTA could approve both our Prop K 5-year Plan and the allocation for next year at the same meeting, which would mean no delay. If that is not possible, it would mean a 3 week delay in receipt of funds.

- 3 SFCTA CONSULTANT AND STAFF POSITION FOR BICYCLE PROJECTS – SFCTA is trying to arrange a date in the next few weeks to interview for the new staff position. However, availability and schedule conflicts are slowing the process down.
- 4 VALENCIA PLANNING PROJECT – Attendees of the second project meeting supported widening sidewalks, landscaping everywhere, coloring bikes lanes, and other ideas, including bicycle parking bulbs. Staff will send out a survey to rank community-posed ideas. The next meeting is anticipated to be April 23.

E OTHER

- 1 VACATION – Pete will be on vacation April 18 until May 9, returning May 10. Oliver will be in charge of the Bicycle Program in Pete's absence.
- 2 NEW MTA PLANNING DIRECTOR – William Lieberman started work at MTA April 11 and will oversee MTA planning functions, including the Bicycle Program. He is a transportation planner who specialized in the study of public transit for the past 35 years. Most recently he was the principal of his own consulting firm that provided advice on planning and design of bus and rail transit systems, as well as transit-oriented development. Prior to consulting, he served for 17 years as Director of Planning and Operations at the Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB) in San Diego. He has written many papers on buses and Bus Rapid Transit.
- 3 SFCTA PLANS & PROGRAMS COMMITTEE – Staff attended this meeting at which resolutions to recommend Allocating \$43,000 in Prop K funds for Market Street bike lanes (8th Street to Van Ness Avenue) and to recommend approval of the FY 2005/06 Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Program of Projects for Submission to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (including bike lanes on Bayshore Boulevard, Conservatory Drive East, and Townsend Street and bike facilities

connecting the San Jose Avenue bike lanes to ramps in Glen Park) were approved.

- 4 HES GRANT APPLICATION – Staff prepared and submitted an HES application for funding for a new traffic signal at Page and Stanyan Streets.
- 5 GRANTS – The MTA Board approved a resolution to accept and expend \$636,000 in TFCA and TDA funds for bicycle projects
- 6 INTERNATIONAL CITY/COUNTY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION ARTICLE – Staff provided input to this organization that is writing an article for their website about the San Francisco Bicycle Program.
- 7 APA CONFERENCE – Staff attended sessions Saturday through Wednesday, including leading a very wet tour of San Francisco's Bicycle facilities. Surprisingly, even with the rain, we had a sell out tour with three additional stand-bys, totally 33 participants, who took the entire tour.