



**Traffic Engineering Division
City and County of San Francisco**

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**DPT Bicycle Program Report to the BAC
6/16/04**

A GRANTS

- 1 MTA Board – The MTA Board approved resolution giving DPT the authority to apply for, accept, and expend \$872,525 in Bicycle Transportation Account, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and Transportation Development Act grant funds to implement various projects and programs recommended in the San Francisco Bicycle Plan:
 - \$278,100 in state Bicycle Transportation Account grant funds to stripe and sign **Alemany Boulevard bike lanes** and for **bicycle parking in front of the Main Library**;
 - \$26,500 in Bay Area Air Quality Management District Transportation Fund for Clean Air Regional grant funds to match the above Bicycle Transportation Account funds;
 - \$252,925 in Transportation Fund for Clean Air County Program Manager grant funds to stripe and sign bike lanes on **Laguna Honda Boulevard, Mississippi Street, Phelan Avenue, and Sloat Boulevard and purchase and install bicycle racks**; and
 - \$315,000 in Transportation Development Act grant funds to implement various bicycle facilities as recommended in the San Francisco Bicycle Plan.

- 2 PROP K – The SFCTA delayed the DPT Bicycle Program request for Prop. K grants listed on last month's PROP K SUMMARY 4-6-04. DPT expects that this request will be calendared for approval at the Wednesday, June 23 6:00 pm SFCTA Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting and the Tuesday, July 13 morning SFCTA Plans and Programs Committee meeting. **DPT requests BAC support and possible attendance at each of these meetings.**

B BICYCLE ROUTE FACILITIES

- 1 HOWARD STREET BIKE LANE (FREMONT -5TH STREETS) – Legislation for this bike lane is expected to be calendared at the Board of Supervisors' Land Use Committee in July. **DPT requests BAC support and possible attendance at future meetings.**

- 2 ILLINOIS STREET BIKE LANE (16TH STREET TO ISLAIS CREEK) AND BRIDGE – Staff will present the bike lane project at the next Port advisory group meeting July 15. The proposal will be modified to minimize parking loss, to address the biggest concern. Staff reviewed plans for the proposed bridge and approaches, which include designated space for cyclists and pedestrians. **DPT requests BAC support and possible attendance at future meetings.**

- 3 LAGUNA HONDA BOULEVARD BIKE LANE – Staff attended a meeting at Laguna Honda Hospital to provide background on this bike lane project (Laguna Honda Boulevard near the Forest Hill Station). Residents oppose changes to the left turn pocket from southbound Laguna Honda Boulevard to the Hospital that would necessitate changes to the intersection of Idora/Woodside Avenues and potentially lead to more cut-through traffic in their neighborhood. Residents were assured that their concerns will be taken into account and that we would explore ways to create space for the bike lane without changing the left turn pocket to the hospital. **This Project is still in the early planning stages, but BAC support and possible attendance at future meetings will be helpful for this project.**
- 4A SAN JOSE AVENUE BIKE LANE – Due to the Hillside Restoration Project, the northbound bike lane and curb lane will be closed 24 hours per day for approximately 30 days near Richland Avenue. **No provision was made for cyclists until the DPT Bicycle Program was consulted. Because of the Bicycle Program’s concerns, the curb lane will be greatly widened to 15’ to accommodate motor vehicles and bicycles.**
- 4B PROPOSED SAN JOSE BIKE LANES- DPT’s Livable Street received a grant to analyze the signal timing from Randall to Cesar Chavez. Based upon the results of this analysis, a determination can be made to see if a lane removal is possible. If a lane removal is possible, then the Bicycle Program will explore bike lanes at this location.
- 5 FOLSOM STREET BIKE LANE (14TH-11TH STREETS) – Approved at DPT public hearing. Rainbow Grocery supported it but had some concerns, primarily about the parking and loading. Mike will work with them to see if we can extend their current Folsom Street loading zone to ensure they do not block the bike lane and part of the motor vehicle lane.
- 6 FELL STREET TOW-AWAY – The tow-away approaching Divisadero Street (along the Arco Station) was continued at the DPT hearing due to disagreements. Mike plans a follow-up meeting to try to reach agreement prior to the next hearing. **DPT requests BAC support and possible attendance at future meetings.**
- 7 MARKET STREET RIGHT TURN ONTO NEW CENTRAL FREEWAY – Staff attended a meeting called by Supervisor Gonzalez. **The DPT Bicycle Program has some very serious safety concerns regarding SFBC’s idea of an island between the bike lane and the curb lane, which they suggested again.** DPT will report back to Supervisor Gonzalez. As of this date, his office has not taken formal action by introducing legislation.
- 8 WALLER STREET CLOSURE –Staff met with Rec/Park staff to discuss issues with the closure near the Park Police Station. Contrary to prior discussions, current SFPD staff now has issues with the design. They installed barricades blocking part of the path. They use a multi-use path for egress/ingress from/to Stanyan Street, rather than emergency egress as agreed. Comments on proposed design changes will be submitted to Rec/Park. **If a satisfactory solution cannot**

be reached at a staff level, DPT recommends that the BAC invite the respective Department representatives to the next BAC meeting

- 9 GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE - Staff attended a meeting on proposed redesign of south side pedestrian and bicycle access. The National Park Service proposal would actually create greater conflicts between bicycles and pedestrians. It is recommended that the BAC become involved in this planning process.

C BICYCLE PARKING

- 1 GARAGES –All City–owned garages now have either installed the required number of bicycle racks, have been granted waivers (Vallejo Street and Polk-Bush), or are in the process of becoming compliant (Union Square).
- 2 MAIN LIBRARY ON-STREET BICYCLE PARKING – The design and drawing are complete. The legislative changes required for this project, including removal of two motor vehicle parking spaces, were approved by ISCOTT, and are expected to be calendared at the Friday, July 2nd 10:00am DPT hearing. **DPT requests BAC support and possible attendance at the public hearing.**

D SAFETY/OUTREACH

- 1 MUNI/BICYCLE COLLISION DATA UPDATE –
3/31/1998 to 6/01/2003

A query yielded 33 collisions which were Muni/bicycle collisions. (Incidentally one additional collision involved GG transit) Locations were mostly in the eastern half of the City, and generally involved turning or passing movements. A memo and report is being developed for Muni by DPT.

- 2 PROBIKE/PROWALK 2004 CONFERENCE – **The following San Francisco presentations were accepted for national recognition:**
- SF Bicycle Plan - DPT Bicycle Program Poster Session
 - Bicycle Parking in San Francisco - DPT Bicycle Program Poster Session
 - Shared Use Pavement Marking Report - DPT Bicycle Program Panel Presentation with others
 - Pedestrian and Bicycle Media in SF - DPT Panel Presentation
 - Market Street Study - Consultant David Parisi Poster Session
- 3 WEBSITE & HOTLINE - Staff is developing a breakdown on how people are contacting and reaching us. A report is forthcoming.

E PLANNING

- 1 SHARROW STUDY – Staff presented the study to the California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC) in Sacramento. They had a number of comments, but were very pleased with the study and DPT's effort to make the marking a California standard. They will write a letter of support to

the California Traffic Control Device Committee, which **will consider approving the sharrow at their August 12 meeting in San Diego.** Based on CBAC's comments, the proposed language for the California Supplement to the MUTCD will be modified. Caltrans will still make the final decision on whether the marking is included in the CA Supplement to the MUTCD.

- 2 BIKE PLAN UPDATE- The Draft Bike Plan: Policy Framework is on the DPT Bicycle Program website. www.bicycle.sfgov.org. The BAC will continue to take public comment throughout the month of June. Other immediate key dates include a June 21st CAC MTA Board Subcommittee meeting, and a July 1st full CAC meeting. . **DPT requests BAC support and possible attendance at the July 1st CAC meeting.**