



DPT Bicycle Program Report to the BAC
7/18/05

A BICYCLE FACILITIES

1. **NORTH POINT STREET BIKE LANE (VAN NESS AVENUE TO THE EMBARCADERO)** –Bicycle Program staff attended a Downtown Streets Management (DSM) Meeting on June 29, discussing the Muni operations along this street and potential issues with removing a traffic lane to accommodate bike lanes. Many of the issues raised were similar to those raised at the Kirkland Operators Meeting (Muni).
2. **FELL STREET AND MASONIC AVENUE INTERSECTION SURVEYS** – Staff is finalizing a brief report summarizing responses to our survey. According to the 5-year Prop K Plan, we intend to ask for more funding for this intersection, presumably to look at and potentially install Option C (the option that separates the phasing for left-turning motorists and people using the south crosswalk) in FY 06/07.
3. **ALEMANY BOULEVARD (SAN JOSE AVENUE TO ROUSSEAU STREET)** – Staffed is developing designs add bike lanes in both directions (San Jose Avenue-Rousseau Street). A letter to Supervisor Sandoval describing the project with draft resolution language and the striping drawing attached should be finalized and sent by the end of this week.
4. **MCCOPPIN STREET BIKE LANE** – Bicycle Program staff is working with DPT Construction to ensure that there can be a westbound bike lane when the road is restriped in August.
5. **O'SHAUGHNESSY BOULEVARD PATH** – About \$140,000 is needed to pave the entire path, as compared to \$107,000 for patch paving and sealing a small portion. Both estimates include the cost of moving the Muni shelter and building the retaining wall near Elk Street.
6. **PAGE STREET (STANYAN TO BAKER AND SCOTT TO MARKET)** – A work order is underway to add an additional sharrow stencil in between the two existing sharrow stencils per block, per direction painted earlier this year.
7. **SLOAT BOULEVARD (SKYLINE BOULEVARD TO THE GREAT HIGHWAY)** –85% of the preliminary AutoCAD work is done, and a synchro model is set to support the design. This item should be ready for further discussion in August.

8. HOWARD STREET BIKE LANE (FREMONT STREET TO THE EMBARCADERO) – Staff is working on Synchro models for this section of Howard Street, where we are considering adding a westbound bike lane.
9. ILLINOIS STREET BIKE LANE (16TH TO MARIN STREETS) – Staff has been communicating with the Port and Supervisor Maxwell's office to determine additional meetings. The project is at a bit of a stalemate, so the Supervisor's input would assist in guiding the project's direction. Staff conducted afternoon counts at Illinois/ Mariposa/ Terry A. Francois intersection, and has also reviewed some the Environmental Impact Reports and transportation studies conducted in the past.
10. OAKDALE AVENUE BIKE LANE (BAYSHORE BOULEVARD TO SELBY STREET)– This project is striped.
11. POTRERO- This project is striped.
12. ALEMANY BOULEVARD BIKE LANE (SAN JOSE AVENUE TO LYELL STREET) - Staff submitted a TFCA grant application to stripe bike lanes on this segment of Alemany. In the meantime, a portion of this roadway is being repaved in July, contrary to what we were told about a half year ago.
13. PIER 27-31- Staff met with representatives of the YMCA/ Mills project. The proposed 5 foot bike lane adjacent a 8 foot turning lane along the Embarcadero is not an acceptable width for the Bicycle Program.
14. TREASURE ISLAND- Staff met with representatives of CMG and Kenwood Investments regarding the Treasure Island bicycle accommodations. They are not recommending any Class I facilities, instead unpaved, off road paths will be provided. Staff suggested that 7 foot parking lanes adjacent to 5 foot bike lanes being recommend were too narrow. Staff suggested 8 foot parking lanes and 5 foot bike lanes. The current typical cross sections are 7-5-11-11-5-7.

B BICYCLE PARKING

- 1 BICYCLE LOCKERS –After receiving complaints of bicycles being stolen from secured lockers, staff rush ordered locks and replaced them with flat keys.

- 2 BICYCLE RACKS –The next 345 racks have been put out to bid for purchase and installation, while the last shipment of 200 racks continued to be installed by City crews.

C SAFETY/OUTREACH

1. WALLER STREET BICYCLE LEARNING AREA – WALLER STREET BICYCLE LEARNING AREA (BLA) –Staff has drafted an instructional brochure, and has submitted the striping drawing for the learning area.

D PLANNING/FUNDING

- 1 BICYCLE PLAN UPDATE, POLICY FRAMEWORK – BICYCLE PLAN UPDATE, POLICY FRAMEWORK– Final copies of the Plan have been mailed to members of the TAC and Oversight Committee. Copies will be brought to the BAC meeting for BAC members. The Notice of Exemption for the Bicycle Plan: Policy Framework was filed with the County Clerk. There is still an appeal process that will expire at the end of July.
- 2 BICYCLE PLAN UPDATE, NETWORK IMPROVEMENT DOCUMENT–. The SFBC will explore pursuing a Programmatic EIR for the entire document. Bicycle Program Staff expressed reservations on the value of this. Bicycle Program Staff question the value of having two very similar documents (Prop K 5 Year Plan and the Network Improvement Document), that will have different approvals. This has become an issue since SFCTA staff split the Network Improvement Document and the Prop K 5YR Plan.
- 3 BICYCLE PLAN ACTION PLAN - A listing of the Action Items within the Policy Framework with delivery date is in its first draft. DPT staff will circulate it to the BAC when completed.

E OTHER

1. COLORED BIKE LANES- The Bicycle Program will be attending the CBAC (the CA Bicycle Advisory Committee) August 4 to begin the statewide dialogue on this. It appears that the FHWA is recommending the color 'green' for colored bike lanes. A recent FHWA "Request to Experiment" from NYC suggested green, as did a Vermont study. Staff is developing a packet to submit to the CBAC by the end of next week.
2. BICYCLE ACCESS ON LRVS- MTA Capital Planning will apply for a Safe Routes to transit grant to study bicycle access on LRVs. Staff has

contacted the Santa Clara VTA which designed their own, retrofitted LRV bike racks.

3. SHARED LANE PAVEMENT MARKING- The NCUTCD voted in a majority for the Shared Lane Pavement Marking, however a 2/3 majority was required and was not obtained. The shared lane pavement marking still has one more chance in making it into the MUTCD. The City of Fort Collins is undergoing a FHWA experiment. If there experiment is conclusive, then the FHWA could trump the NCUTCD's ruling.
4. TRAFFIC SIGNAL BICYCLE HEADS - The ability to use traffic signal bicycle heads has sunset as of January 2005. There is pending legislation to allow the continued use of traffic signal bicycle heads in California. San Francisco does not have any, but is exploring the use of them in the near future.

F GRANTS

1. PROP. K FY 05-06 Allocation Request _The SFCTA Plans and Programs Committee approved the Bicycle PROP K FY 05-06 Allocation Request.
2. SAFE ROUTES TO TRANSIT FUNDING – DPT is limited to a maximum of three applications. The Pedestrian Program and Livable Streets are looking at two, while the Bicycle Program is looking at 17th Street Bike Lanes. Muni will also submit three applications, including one for a demonstration project for bicycle access on LRVs.