



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

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**DPT Bicycle Program Report to the BAC
7/9/04**

A GRANTS

- 1 Board of Supervisors – A resolution and all associated paperwork giving DPT the authority to apply for, accept, and expend \$559,600 in Bicycle Transportation Account, and Bay Area Air Quality Management District grant funds to implement various projects and programs recommended in the San Francisco Bicycle Plan was submitted to the Mayor's Office for approval and then will go to the Controllers Office for approval, prior to going to the Board
- \$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

The \$315,000 in Transportation Development Act (TDA) grant funds to implement various bicycle facilities that was included in the MTA resolution will be included in a separate Board of Supervisors resolution that combines DPT's and DPW's TDA grant request, as this requires specific language and MTC prefers one resolution including both DPT and DPW projects.

- 2 PROP K – The SFCTA CAC approved the DPT Bicycle Program request for Prop. K grants. This funding request is now calendared for approval at the July 13 10:30am SFCTA Plans and Programs Committee meeting in room 263 City Hall and the July 20 11:00am SFCTA Board meeting in room 250 City Hall. **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 calendared for the July 26 meeting of the Board of Supervisors' Land Use Committee. **DPT requests BAC support and possible attendance at this meeting.**
- 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 FOLSOM STREET BIKE LANE (14TH-11TH STREETS) – Mike and interns met with two representatives of Rainbow Grocery to discuss the yellow zone on Folsom Street, the intersections of 14th/Folsom Streets and 14th/Harrison Streets, and other issues. We will work on the yellow zone request, which we will try to implement with the bike lane. A request for legislation for this bike lane will be brought forward to the MTA Board after we resolve Rainbow’s concerns.
- 4 MARKET STREET RIGHT TURN ONTO NEW CENTRAL FREEWAY – Oliver and other DPT staff worked on a memo to Supervisor Gonzalez stating DPT’s position. Bicycle Program staff discussed this again with Caltrans staff. They do not support the “island idea” and are also concerned about the difficulty of enforcing the right turn prohibition.
- 5 WALLER STREET CLOSURE – Proposed changes to the closure were reviewed by the Bicycle Program and DPT Traffic Operations. Comments reflecting the review were sent to Rec/Park. The main comment is that attempts to address issues voiced by the SFPD should continue, perhaps with a policy decision by the Rec/Park Commission and/or Board of Supervisors regarding whether or not the path stays open directly in front of the Park Police Station. An interdepartmental staff meeting is scheduled for mid-July.
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
- 6 RAIL AND BICYCLE CONFLICT INTERSECTIONS – A Bicycle Program summer intern is listing all intersections where Muni tracks cross bike lanes, routes, or paths and is looking up and summarized collision reports at these locations.
- 7 CALTRANS RIGHT-OF-WAY NEAR GLEN PARK BART – Bicycle Program staff met Julian Carroll, District 4 Ped/Bike Coordinator, in the field to discuss potential bicycle facilities enhancements near Glen Park BART. According to Julian, even though the location of the proposed improvements was relinquished to the City, DPT will still need to work with Caltrans to get permission to stripe bike lanes on the on and off-ramps between San Jose Avenue and other City streets.
- 8 SCOTT STREET – A memo documenting the substandard trench backfilling and asking that the contractor redo the work was submitted.

C BICYCLE PARKING

- 1 GARAGES – The Bicycle Program’s Garage Compliance Report is complete. It will be sent to the Planning Department with a cover letter asking them to review the report and to exercise their authority to enforce Planning Code Sec. 155.2. The report will also be posted on the Bicycle Program website.
- 2 MAIN LIBRARY ON-STREET BICYCLE PARKING –The legislative changes required for this project, including removal of two motor vehicle parking spaces, were approved at the DPT hearing without any objections and are expected to be calendared at the Tuesday, August 10 MTA Board meeting.

3 BICYCLE RACKS – Deirdre discovered that the SF Conservation Corps failed to install some racks and worked out a way to have the Corps install them. She contacted the GGNRA regarding reciprocal permitting for bike rack installations in their jurisdiction. They are happy we made the contact and are anxious to have racks installed. Maintenance will begin next week on the loose, leaning, or missing racks around the City.

4 BICYCLE RACKS – Steel prices have increased nearly 25% due to a worldwide shortage. We may have to reduce the number of racks we can install with already-approved grant funds and notify the grantors.

D SAFETY/OUTREACH

1 BICYCLE SAFETY FAIR – SAFE’s and NSP’s annual event is September 18 at Hayes Valley Playground. DPT will once again support this event by paying for poster printing.

E PLANNING

1 SHARROW STUDY – Proposed language for the MUTCD 2003 California Supplement was revised and submitted to the California Traffic Control Device Committee (CTCDC) secretary for inclusion on the agenda for the August 12 meeting, at which this item is calendared. Mike spoke with and will continue to work with Merry Banks, CTCDC member and sponsor of the item, and Mia Birk, consultant with Alta Planning + Design, to determine next steps in terms of preparing for the meeting. Modifications to the chevron portion of the marking were made and sent to the stencil maker. Two or three sets of stencils will be ordered for the Paint Shop. We received comments from the California Bicycle Advisory Committee and compiled and summarized them in a table. Given the number of markings and the fact that they have not been used widely in San Francisco, the Bicycle Program plans to develop a public outreach effort to coincide with the markings.

2 BICYCLE PLAN UPDATE- The Draft Bike Plan: Policy Framework is on the DPT Bicycle Program website. www.bicycle.sfgov.org. Oliver made a presentation about the Plan to both the MTA CAC Subcommittee and the full CAC, which then submitted comments. Bicycle Program staff continued incorporating comments from other agencies into the Plan. All DPT Traffic Engineering Section comments have been received. TAC and Oversight comments were summarized. Muni finally submitted its comments. The Bicycle Program had a special meeting with the SFBC to discuss bicycle and transit policies. An additional meeting will most likely be required with Muni, SFBC, and DPT to clarify the details of the shared vision of bikes and buses within the MTA. No news from MEA as to when they will have a chance to look at the Policy Framework Document. Oliver will follow-up. Since the two regular August MTA meetings were canceled and a special meeting scheduled August 10, the Bicycle Plan will have to go to the MTA September 21.

3 REGIONAL BICYCLE WORKING GROUP MEETING – Pete attended this lengthy discussion on the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Program, funded with CMAQ funds. SF funding opportunities will be limited by the SF projects that are included in the Regional Bicycle Plan. This list needs to be updated when the Regional Bicycle Plan is next updated to reflect priority

projects in the SF Bicycle Plan Update. Pete checked with SFCTA staff and they verified that if we do receive any Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Program funds, we might be able to arrange a swap with another project's Prop. K funds, so that we would not have to deal with the time-consuming Caltrans Local assistance federal funds process.

F STAFF ABSENCES

- 1 STAFF ABSENCES – Pete will be on vacation July 12-31. Oliver will be out July 9-16, recovering from oral surgery. Deirdre received a jury duty summons for July 12 and Mike received one for later in July.