



Department of Parking & Traffic

A Division of the Municipal Transportation Agency



DPT Bicycle Program Report to the BAC 8/12/05

A BICYCLE FACILITIES

1. **ALEMANY BOULEVARD (SAN JOSE AVENUE TO LYELL STREET) –**
Supervisor Sandoval has a draft resolution and the proposal's striping drawings. He plans to take the project to the September District 11 council meeting for a public review and comment period. A signed resolution for this project will likely be available no sooner than mid-October. Although later than anticipated, it does give the Paint Shop an opportunity to remove the striping during rainy days, a more efficient use of their time. Our proposal to stripe wide curb lanes on the section of Alemany Boulevard that is being repaved was submitted to Caltrans. We are awaiting their approval. Regardless of their decision, we can restripe the portion of the repaving project under City jurisdiction (westbound Alemany Boulevard near Putnam Street) with wide curb lanes.
2. **BAYSHORE BOULEVARD BIKE LANE, INDUSTRIAL STREET TO SILVER AVENUE –** The item was approved by the City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee.
3. **ILLINOIS STREET BIKE LANE (16TH TO MARIN STREETS) –** A meeting with key Illinois Street stakeholders was held at Supervisor Maxwell's request. She and her aide attended. The usual concerns and points were aired again, but by the end of the meeting, there was definitely a shift towards accepting the bike lane project. A couple folks who were on the fence or very concerned about the bike lane ended up showing support for the idea once everyone had a chance to discuss the issues. People are leaning towards installing the project as a trial. Lastly, after concerns were raised about the truck operation along this corridor, staff met with the Port and the Sheedy (the largest truck company along this corridor) truck company. They are very supportive of the bicycle lane project.
4. **INNES AVENUE –**DPW is looking at some possible improvements to Innes Avenue to slow traffic. This is a perfect opportunity to explore the proposed bike lanes.
5. **JOHN MUIR DRIVE BIKE LANE –** The item was approved by the City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee.

6. RINCON HILL –Staff met with the SFBC and Josh Switzky (Planning Department) to discuss the wide sidewalks and linear park plans and how they affect the proposed Bay Bridge path touchdown area and bicycle on-street access.
7. SLOAT BOULEVARD BIKE LANE (SKYLINE BOULEVARD TO THE GREAT HIGHWAY) – This item was approved at ISCOTT (Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation). Staff is working with Caltrans regarding the change in lane assignment that encroaches in their jurisdiction.
8. NORTH POINT STREET BIKE LANE (VAN NESS AVENUE TO THE EMBARCADERO) – Staff coordinated bicycle screen line and intersection turning movement counts with the help of interns. This item was presented to Muni staff.
9. ELEVENTH STREET (MINNA TO MISSION STREETS) – The proposal of continuing the bike lane and adding a bike box will not be pursued. Staff will prepare a work order to paint Shared Lane Markings instead.
10. BROADWAY TUNNEL –Staff is working with Traffic Signal Controls, Inc. to encourage them to comply with contracting regulations, including HRC (Human Rights Commission) 12B. The company had originally told us that they were registered with the City, but they are not currently on the list.
11. HORSESHOE COURT AND SUNSET BOULEVARD PATHS – Staff surveyed pavement condition and are working together to produce a quote for both paths in preparation for an application for Prop. K maintenance funds.
12. CONSERVATORY DRIVE EAST CONTRAFLOW BIKE LANE – Work on the Arguello Boulevard widening/bike lane in Golden Gate Park leading to Conservatory Drive East is 99% complete. Staff contacted the Sign Shop to determine the best way to get some custom signs made in a timely manner.
13. MCCOPPIN STREET BIKE LANE – Staff received plans from DPW for McCoppin Street showing perpendicular parking on the north side of the street. As this parking would interfere with the westbound bike lane and westbound transit route, staff requested DPW consider putting the angled parking on the south side. It is highly unlikely that such parking on the north side would be approved.

14. COLUMBUS AVENUE WIDE CURB LANE (BROADWAY TO GREEN STREET) – Staff submitted a work order to widen the northbound curb lane from 18 feet to 22 feet.

15. SHARED LANE PAVEMENT MARKING- Sharrows continue to be installed.

B BICYCLE PARKING

1 BICYCLE RACKS – There continue to be problems with rack installation and staff may return grant funds, rather than have poorly installed racks.

C SAFETY/OUTREACH

1. LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS BICYCLE EDUCATION – The recent Street Skills Class was a huge success, with 37 students attending, including several 25 Van Ness residents from other departments.

2. PODER MISSION BIKE RODEO - After rehabbing some police bikes, DPT staff and SAFBC and PODER volunteers staffed the kids' bike "rodeo". Turnout was moderate (35-50 children), but the community exposure in the mission Latino community was worth the relatively high cost per child.

D PLANNING/FUNDING

1. BICYCLE ACCESS ON LRVS- Staff attended a Muni Accessibility Committee meeting. The senior and disabled communities object to our developing a scope for a grant without their input. The SFBC objects to Muni applying for this grant because they feel that another funding source should be sought for this project, not Safe Routes to Transit. While these groups feel that this study should be done, Bicycle Program staff recommends not applying for a Safe Routes to Transit grant at this time. Consensus needs to be developed within the community and their buy-in on the scope needs to occur before a grant application is developed.

2. BICYCLE PLAN UPDATE, POLICY FRAMEWORK – BICYCLE PLAN UPDATE, POLICY FRAMEWORK– The Notice of Exemption has been posted at the County Clerk's Office for the full 35 days, stamped,

and returned to DPT and no CEQA lawsuit has been filed. Therefore, it is now too late for anyone to bring a CEQA lawsuit concerning adoption of the Bicycle Plan Policy Framework and the General Plan amendments. There is a 90-day legal challenge period concerning the actual adoption of General Plan amendments (as opposed to CEQA review related to the General Plan amendments or adoption of the Bike Plan), but there is an extremely high burden of proof to show that the City abused its discretion in adopting the General Plan amendments.

3. BICYCLE PLAN UPDATE, NETWORK IMPROVEMENT DOCUMENT– BICYCLE PLAN UPDATE NETWORK IMPROVEMENT DOCUMENT- There is still a push to see this document move forward to the BOS, even though a lengthy environmental process will most likely ensue. A meeting at the end of the month is planned. The BAC chair is planned to be invited.

E OTHER

1. CALIFORNIA BICYCLE CONFERENCE – Staff is making a presentation on our Supplemental Design Guidelines at the California Bicycle Conference in Ventura in September as part of a presentation on innovative bikeway facilities. Pete and Dustin are also attending.
2. MTA MOVE – Half of the Bicycle Program has been relocated to 1 South Van Ness. There are new address and phone numbers for staff that can be found on our website. Currently 1 South Van Ness is non-compliant to the Planning Code for bicycle parking. Staff is working on resolving this issue. Access to the T-drive is unacceptably slow and renders data intensive applications, such as ArcMap (GIS), effectively unusable. Many other technical problems persist.
3. COLORED BIKE LANES- Staff attended the CA Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC) meeting where San Francisco's CTCDC request to experiment was discussed. CBAC members' opinions were varied and did not completely support colored bike lanes. They were overwhelmed with the many colored bike lane issues: maintenance, placement, color choice, meaning, etc. Andy Thornley of the SFBC was in attendance and could witness how "ahead of the curve" we really are here in San Francisco. The Bicycle Program will attend the next CBAC meeting to present the material again.

