



**Traffic Engineering Division
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**DPT Bicycle Program Report to the BAC
9/01/04**

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR BAC ACTION:

None, but see item 2 of section E - Planning.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

A GRANTS

- 1 TDA FUNDING RESOLUTION – The Board of Supervisors' resolution to apply for, accept, and expend \$315,000 in TDA Article 3 bicycle funds was submitted to the Board of Supervisors to be calendared.
- 2 TFCA AND BTA FUNDING RESOLUTION – The Board of Supervisors approved a resolution 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 \$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; and
 - \$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

B BICYCLE ROUTE FACILITIES

- 1 ILLINOIS STREET BIKE LANE (16TH STREET TO ISLAIS CREEK) AND BRIDGE – Staff cannot present the bike lane project at the next Port Maritime Commerce Advisory Committee meeting until September, because the July meeting was canceled and there is no August meeting.
- 2 POTRERO AVENUE – DPT made a presentation at a public meeting and fielded more than 10 phone calls/emails prior to the meeting that were about even pro/con. MUNI's Union opposes the proposal based on congestion and bus weaving around bike lanes. They've asked for a meeting with staff.
- 3 GOLDEN GATE PARK – The Duffey Company and the Concourse Authority want to apply for Regional Bicycle Funds for bike lanes on JFK Drive and bicycle facility improvements for the



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- Music Concourse. These projects should qualify for regional funds since both Golden Gate Park and its museums are regional attractors.
- 4 HOWARD STREET BIKE LANE (FREMONT -5TH STREETS) – Legislation for this bike lane was approved by the Board of Supervisors' Land Use Committee. Moscone Center agreed that a week in mid-September is best for work on Howard Street. DPT will check with its Paint Shop and see if this timeframe is feasible. This assumes that the legislation is approved by the Board of Supervisors and receives the Mayor's signature in time.
 - 5 FOLSOM STREET BIKE LANE (14TH-11TH STREETS) – Legislation for this bike lane will be calendared for the Board of Supervisors' Land Use Committee in September.
 - 6 FELL STREET AT DIVISADERO STREET – The tow-away that is part of the bike lane package was approved at the August DPT hearing.
 - 7 WALLER STREET CLOSURE – A meeting of Rec/Park, DPT, and the SFBC was held. The SFBC suggested a two-way bikeway painted down the middle of the closed section of Waller Street. However, this would seriously affect the planned Waller Street Bike Learning Area by bisecting it. DPT sent a memo outlining its thoughts to Rec/Park. They want to see the area kept as flexible as possible in order to accommodate a variety of potential uses. DPT drafted user instructions for proposed bicycle learning area and refined its striping design.
 - 8 GEARY STREET TRANSIT IMPROVEMENT – Muni is proposing changes to the lane striping on Geary Street east of Van Ness Avenue to improve bus service. Staff is reviewing and commenting on various ideas for accommodating cyclists on the street.
 - 9 CALTRANS RIGHT-OF-WAY NEAR GLEN PARK BART – POSSIBLE BIKE LANES ON SAN JOSE AVENUE RAMPS - Julian Carroll, Caltrans District 4 Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator, promised to work with DPT on this at the end of September.
 - 10 BROADWAY TUNNEL– The Bicycle Program is proposing to legalize bicycling in one direction on one walkway. This change is intended to minimize the likelihood of potential conflicts between cyclists riding on the walkways (now illegal) and pedestrians walking the opposite direction on the same walkway. Staff sent a memo to Kevin Jensen, the City's ADA /Disability Access Coordinator, Broadway Tunnel, seeking his review of the following proposal to change Traffic Code Section 96.1 regarding Broadway Tunnel access, after reviewing the proposal with Frank Markowitz, the DPT Pedestrian Program Manager.

Traffic Code Section 96.1 currently states "It shall be unlawful to ride a bicycle upon the walkways in or through the Broadway Tunnel." The proposal changes the wording (additions shown in bold and deletions shown in strikethrough.) to "It shall be unlawful to ride a bicycle upon the **south sidewalkways** ~~in or through~~ **of** the Broadway Tunnel. **Only**

westbound cyclists may ride on the north walkway of the Broadway Tunnel.” In addition to changing this wording, the Bicycle Program is proposing the addition of regulatory signage in specific locations which will be visible to those cyclists and pedestrians to whom the new legislation will affect.

C BICYCLE PARKING

- 1 BICYCLE RACKS - The DPT Sign Shop tightened most of the loose bike racks on the list. DPT's proposal to the GGNRA to install racks within their jurisdiction, initially at Ocean Beach, will need reconsideration after GGNRA staff met and voiced a number of concerns. DPT staff will work with the GGNRA to address them.
- 2 MAIN LIBRARY ON-STREET BICYCLE PARKING –The legislative changes required for this project, including removal of two motor vehicle parking spaces, are going to the Land Use Committee within the month.
- 3 GARAGES – The installation of bike racks in the Union Square Garage is on hold pending review and sign-off by the ADA Coordinator at DPW, though the bicycle racks are seemingly removed from the ADA access issues. The garage manager will follow up in two weeks if he hasn't heard back from the DPW representative.

D SAFETY/OUTREACH

- 1 HAYES VALLEY BIKE FAIR – Posters for this September 18 Neighborhood Safety Partnership/SAFE's event were delivered to NSP/SAFE last month. Our CPO unit may be staffing a table at this bike safety event.
- 2 SHARROW CAMPAIGN – Staff is working with Reproduction Services to get a draft of the tailcard for review, and is also waiting on Viacom to contact Muni to let us know when ad space will be available. This campaign is intended to educate motorists and cyclists about the shared lane marking (“sharrow”) and will be rolled out after a significant number of markings are installed around the city.
- 3 Coexist Campaign – The Coexist campaign is described in detail on the DPT webpage, under Safety Outreach (http://www.bicycle.sfgov.org/site/dptbike_index.asp?id=3175). Staff will be presenting on the media campaign, co-sponsored with the SFBC, at next week's ProBike/ProWalk conference. We will continue to look for opportunities such as these to build public support for mutual respect between bicyclists and motorists.
- 4 SAFE MOVES CITY – A Bayview Bicycle Safety Event is scheduled September 11 by the SFBC as part of a neighborhood fair. DPT will provide the Safe Moves City but will not be staffing it.

E PLANNING

- 1 BICYCLE PLAN UPDATE- The Draft Bike Plan: Policy Framework is on the DPT Bicycle Program website, www.bicycle.sfgov.org, and will be going to the MTA on September 21. Most recent news from the Planning Department's Major Environmental Analysis (MEA) Group is that

the framework will be assigned within the week, but will likely take 4 months for a negative declaration once their staff begins looking at the document.

2 SHARROW STUDY – Staff is working with Caltrans to complete the final wording of the language to be included in the California Supplement to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Also, DPT plans to install approximately 100 of these markings on streets with varying conditions in order to receive feedback from cyclists. The streets that will have some sharrows installed in this first round of 100 include:

- 6th Avenue, Kirkham to Hugo (northbound)
- 7th Avenue, Kirkham to Lawton
- King Street, 2nd to 3rd (westbound)
- Phelps Street, Evans to Oakdale
- Polk Street, California to Post
- Clement Street, 34th to 43rd
- 14th Street, Sanchez to Church (eastbound)
- Page Street, Baker to Scott
- Geneva Avenue, Lisbon to Alemany

DPT requests that members of the BAC and the public ride these streets and report back to DPT with feedback at the October 20, 2004. Within the next year, 2500 of these markings will be installed throughout the city.

3 PRO WALK/PRO BIKE CONFERENCE– Staff attended this conference in Victoria, BC the week of September 5.