



DPT Bicycle Program Report to the BAC
9/9/05

A BICYCLE FACILITIES

1. ALEMANY BOULEVARD (SAN JOSE AVENUE TO LYELL STREET) – Notices for the September 10 District 11 council meeting were sent out. This project will be presented for public review and comment. We uploaded information on this project to the Bicycle Program website so area residents can get some background information prior to the meeting.
2. BAYSHORE BOULEVARD BIKE LANE, INDUSTRIAL STREET TO SILVER AVENUE – The item was approved by the Board of Supervisors. Air District funding for this project will not be available until early 2006
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 Supervisor is willing to move ahead with legislation, but we need to speak with them to figure out a couple things. It is a relatively complicated resolution, especially since there are still some outstanding issues: Where exactly to relocate parking and what to do about ticketing people blocking the bike lane while they are loading and unloading during peak hours. Some people think we should exempt Illinois Street from this section of the Traffic Code.
4. JOHN MUIR DRIVE BIKE LANE (LAKE MERCED BOULEVARD - LAKEWOOD APARTMENTS) – The item was approved by the Board of Supervisors.
5. SLOAT BOULEVARD BIKE LANE (SKYLINE BOULEVARD TO THE GREAT HIGHWAY) –The proposed design was sent to the SF Zoo and Caltrans for review. The West of Twin Peaks Neighborhood Association was informed of the proposed bike lanes.
6. NORTH POINT STREET BIKE LANE (VAN NESS AVENUE TO THE EMBARCADERO) – Staff collected transit travel time and delay data and did a bicycle screen line count along Bay, Beach, Francisco, Jefferson, and North Point Streets.
7. BROADWAY TUNNEL – The Human Rights Commission approved the application for a 12B waiver, which clears a major obstacle regarding purchase of the electric sign. Staff completed the new specifications for the vendor and received a revised quote. Staff is looking into getting the push button sign

printed and worked on the drawing showing locations of conduit and pull boxes. A signage plan to encourage cyclists to use Pacific Avenue eastbound, (the alternative route for less experienced cyclists is being developed). Staff attended a DPW meeting where it was agreed that the contractor would perform all of the necessary construction work with the possible exception of sign mounting. The Traffic Signal Shop may perform this work instead.

8. HORSESHOE COURT AND SUNSET BOULEVARD PATHS – DPW indicated that the Horseshoe Court Path is too narrow for a paving machine and it will have to be resurfaced by hand. The Sunset Boulevard Path is wide enough to slurry seal. Its current surface is in good condition but rough. The estimate is expected in about one week. Tree root planning will also be necessary.
9. ARGUELLO BOULEVARD WIDENING/BIKE LANE IN GOLDEN GATE PARK – This is complete.
10. CONSERVATORY DRIVE EAST CONTRAFLOW BIKE LANE – The work order was submitted. We expect the work to be done in October.
11. SHARED LANE PAVEMENT MARKING- Sharrows continue to be installed.

B BICYCLE PARKING

- 1 BICYCLE RACKS – The problems with rack installation have not yet been resolved. Staff began the steps to put the next round of 345 racks out to bid. We will try to have them installed by the rack vendor, if possible.
- 2 BICYCLE PARKING AT 1 SOUTH VAN NESS AVENUE – DPW is proceeding with the purchasing process and coordination of the bicycle cage to be built at one garage parking space. He will provide an installation schedule once the purchase order is received.

C SAFETY/OUTREACH

1. BICYCLE EDUCATION/ ROAD 1 – So far 38 people signed up for the Sept 24 class.
2. BICYCLE PROGRAM BROCHURE – A draft of the updated brochure is being circulated internally for comments.
3. BAYVIEW FITNESS FAIR – Flyers were printed for this October 1 event. SFBC is going as well and will give out lights to those arriving by bicycle.

4. BICYCLE EDUCATION AND BIKE TO WORK WEEK CONTRACT – The sole source waiver request was submitted to Contract Administration. The SFBC Human Rights Commission (HRC) declaration forms are still at HRC.
5. SUNSET ELEMENTARY BIKE RODEO – A parent requested that we hold a bike rodeo for 300 children in October during one or two school days. This is being pursued.
6. WALLER STREET LEARNING AREA – The Waller Street Bicycle Learning Area was striped. Some people are already using it! An initial instructional brochure (both print and web) is being finalized (more graphic and less text oriented). The Bicycle Program website address and hotline number will be painted on the blacktop at the Stanyan Street entrance.

D PLANNING/FUNDING

1. BICYCLE PLAN UPDATE, POLICY FRAMEWORK – BICYCLE PLAN UPDATE, POLICY FRAMEWORK– We did not find out until several days after the posting period that a CEQA lawsuit was filed on the last day of the Notice of Exemption posting at the County Clerk's Office. MTA, Planning Department, and City Attorney staff scheduled a meeting to discuss any impacts on Bicycle Program projects.
2. BICYCLE PLAN UPDATE, NETWORK IMPROVEMENT DOCUMENT–MTA, Planning Department, SFBC, and BAC staff met to discuss the final approval of this document. The SFBC wants the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to officially approve the document. The Planning Department thinks that there may be a way to include the Network Improvement Document as part of the Policy Framework's General Rule Exclusion. This was a surprise since Planning's initial recommendation was that the Network Improvement Document would require additional environmental review. A memo to the Planning Department restating the relationship of the Network Improvement Document and the Policy Framework is being drafted.
3. UPCOMMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES – Bicycle Transportation Account applications will probably be due near end of this year. TDA Article 3 will be due in early 2006. We have not heard anything yet about application deadlines for reauthorized federal transportation funding.

4. AIR DISTRICT (BAAQMD) FUNDING – The Air District delayed until mid-October announcing which grants they will fund. We applied for the following:
 - Alemanya Boulevard Bike Lanes(Lyell Street-Bayshore Blvd) \$129,500
 - Bayshore Boulevard Bike Lane (Industrial St.-Silver Ave.) \$14,000
 - Conservatory Drive Bike Lane \$11,000
 - San Jose Avenue Bike Lanes, Path @ Monterrey ramps \$ 26,000
 - Townsend Street Bike Lanes (4th-7th Streets) \$135,000

E OTHER

1. COLORED BIKE LANES –. Staff met with the BAC's Colored Bike Lane Task Force. They recommended colored bike lanes that do not include a "general" bike lane (like Valencia Street). The Task Force wants a colored bike lane experiment in areas where bicycles and motorists are moving (as opposed to areas of double parking or illegal stop and standing in a bike lane).