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## January 2010 SFMTA Bicycle Program Report to the San Francisco Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

### Compiled by the SFMTA Bicycle Program Staff

#### A. BICYCLE PLAN

**INJUNCTION** – The Superior Court modified the injunction in November to allow implementation of 10 near-term bicycle projects, various minor improvements (e.g. bicycle racks and sharrows), and various innovative treatments (e.g. separated bike facilities, bike boxes, colored bike facilities, and bike signals). A hearing on the Return to the Writ (i.e. adequacy of the EIR) is scheduled for June 1, 2010, after which the judge will have 90 days to issue a ruling. A decision in the City's favor will effectively dissolve the injunction and clear the way for full implementation of the 2009 Bike Plan.

**2. IMPLEMENTATION** – Staff continues to prepare and submit work orders for near-term bicycle projects, sharrows, bike racks, and minor improvements that are allowable through the November partial lifting of the injunction modification. To date, 8 of the 10 bike lane projects have been completed, about 200 sharrows have been painted, and approximately 80 bike racks have been installed. In addition, innovative treatment pilots have been implemented on westbound Market Street between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets (separated bike lane) and at the intersection of Scott and Oak (colored bike box). Staff is collecting and analyzing before and after data in anticipation of future efforts to expand these pilots.

#### B. FACILITIES

**1. SIDEWALK BICYCLE PARKING** – Staff continues to survey and install bicycle racks on sidewalks, weather permitting, and is coordinating with the SFBC to stage a press event for the 100th post-injunction bike rack installed later this month.

**2. ON-STREET BICYCLE PARKING** – Staff is in the process of creating design guidelines, policies and procedures for the installation of on-street bicycle parking corrals. Staff is also in the process of reviewing recently revoked Muni bus zones for possible bike corral locations.

**3. SHARROWS** – Approximately half of the nineteen Month 1 sharrow locations have been completed. Sharrow implementation remains ongoing, weather permitting

**4. NEAR-TERM PROJECTS** – Staff has implemented 8 of the 10 bike lane projects allowed by the injunction modification issued by the Court in November 2009. The two remaining projects are Otis Street and JFK. Work has begun on Otis and will be finished as soon as weather permits. Staff is drafting a memo to Rec & Park outlining our proposed strategy for the implementation of a pilot cycle track on a portion of JFK.

**5. BICYCLE LOCKERS** – The locker rental application was revised for 2010 and renewal notices were sent out in early January. Checks continue to arrive daily and vacant lockers are being rented out. Bicycle Program staff is pursuing delegation of responsibility for day-to-day administrative locker management to another group within SFMTA. Staff is also developing cost estimates and seeking funding for transitioning to on-demand e-lockers to better serve demand for highly secure, decentralized bicycle parking.

**6. BICYCLE SHARING** – Staff conducted preliminary demand analysis for a 2,750 bike system. Based on population, transit ridership, and tourism data, staff found that between 4,000-20,000 annual memberships and between 1 million and 5 million daily passes would be sold annually. Staff met with the Mayor's Office and Finance staff on 1/21/10 to discuss the status of negotiations with Clear Channel Outdoor and outline next steps for a Rec-Park's staff in evaluating submissions for their bike rental concession RFP, which includes a bikesharing option. Interviews with the top two contenders will be held the last week of January.

**7. MARKET STREET DELINEATORS** – Staff are performing bicycle and vehicle traffic counts along several segments of Market Street to evaluate cyclist use of the buffered bikeway and vehicle encroachment. In the coming weeks, safe-hit posts will be installed in several pilot locations in the buffer zone separating the bike lane from the travel lane and staff will evaluate how the barrier affects double parking, sidewalk parking, and cyclists riding outside of the bike lane.

**8. SCOTT/OAK BIKE BOX** – Staff collected data on use of the green painted bike box and then installed a bike symbol within the bike box. Staff is collecting data on how this change affects use of the box by bicyclists and motorists.

**9. WEST SPAN BAY BRIDGE** – Staff attended a meeting with staff from the Mayor's Office, Planning Department, BATA, and consultants from TY Lin on the proposed west span bicycle/maintenance path. BATA has contracted with TY Lin to prepare a Caltrans Project Initiation Document (PID) for the proposed cantilevered path. This Project Study Report will refine design options and provide updated cost estimates from the \$200-300 million estimated in Caltrans' 2001 feasibility report. The project development team will meet in February 2010 and the report is projected to be complete in April 2011.

**10. BAY TRAIL** – Bike Program staff met with various Candlestick Point & Hunter's Point Shipyard stakeholders and ABAG staff to discuss the Bay Trail alignment through the redevelopment area. Plans are to provide for a more direct class I path somewhat inland in addition to the more circuitous waterfront alignment.

## **C. FUNDING**

**1. BICYCLE PROGRAM 5YPP** – Staff developed a draft 5YPP and submitted to the SFCTA. Based on a request from the SFBC, funding for piloting innovative treatments was increased by \$400,000 and \$85,000 for Bicycle Network, Planning, and Design. The 5-Year Program of Projects for Bicycle Circulation and Safety passed at the full board of the SFCTA.

**2. FEDERAL FUNDING** – Staff developed a \$4 million federal earmark funding request to for an expanded (1000 bikes) bicycle sharing program. If granted, the earmark would become available in October 2010.

**3. STIMULUS** – Staff submitted seven project items in conjunction with pedestrian and traffic calming projects worth over \$8 million.

**4. ALLOCATION REQUESTS** – The Bicycle Program submitted three Allocation Requests to the TA for funds to continue planning the bicycle network expansion, develop the 2011 State of Cycling Report, and implement innovative pilot projects on existing bikeways. If approved, funding should be available to begin these projects in March.

**5. TFCA BICYCLE FACILITIES PROGRAM GRANTS** – Staff received notice that applications to this BAAQMD grant program were successful as follows:

- John Muir Bikeway: \$66,900
- Great Highway/Point Lobos Bikeway: \$15,300
- Bicycle Parking: \$84,000

## **D. MISCELLANEOUS**

**1. STAFF CHANGES** – The SFMTA Bicycle Program welcomes two new planning interns. One previous planning intern rotated to the SFMTA Traffic Calming Program.

**2. ANNUAL CITYWIDE BIKE COUNT** – Staff has released the City of San Francisco 2009 Bicycle Count Report following the 4th Annual Citywide Bike Count which was conducted in August. The report may be viewed at <http://www.sfmta.com/cms/rbikes/3172.html>.

**3. AUTOMATED BICYCLE COUNTERS** – Staff has procured automated bicycle counters which will be installed in winter or spring.

**4. MCALLISTER** – Attended a coordination meeting regarding 50 UN Plaza hosted by Astrid Haryati. 50 UNP is going to be occupied by the GSA (feds) – as headquarters for their Pacific Rim division and is being upgraded to meet seismic, security, and occupant needs. Held a design charette to discuss potential designs for McAllister between Leavenworth and Hyde that meet the needs of the two-way conversion project, UC Hastings streetscape improvements (north side of the street), 50 UNP's project (south side of the street), Muni service (on the street), and bicycles. 50 UNP is on a very tight schedule due to ARRA funding with plans for 50% design by early February and construction starting in October. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled in the next 1-2 weeks to finalize a conceptual design for the street.

**5. OUTREACH** – Staff is moving forward with plans to develop a social networking outreach component for the bike program, starting with Facebook, and perhaps branching out to Twitter and other platforms.

**6. FOLDING BIKES ON BUSES** – Staff concluded a review of San Francisco Bay Area transit providers' folding bike access policies, finding that MUNI is alone in the region in not allowing folding bikes on transit vehicles. Staff is now developing a memo to circulate to SFMTA division heads providing background and recommendations on the subject.

**7. JAPANESE DELEGATION** – Staff met with a delegation of Japanese visitors about bike planning and funding in San Francisco.

**8. BIKE LIGHT GIVEAWAY** – Staff is in the process of procuring bicycle lights for a giveaway in February.