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

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A. BICYCLE PLAN

1. 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 16, 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, 9 of the 10 bike lane projects have been completed, about 350 sharrows have been painted, and approximately 200 bike racks have been installed. In addition, innovative treatment pilots have been implemented on westbound Market Street between 9th and 10th 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 celebrated the 175th post-injunction bike rack installed at Flour and Water on 2/11. Mayor Gavin Newsom filmed the event for his YouTube address.

2. ON-STREET BICYCLE PARKING – Staff continues to create design guidelines, policies and procedures for the installation of on-street bicycle parking corrals and has identified several potential locations. Outreach will commence prior to any legislation or implementation.

3. SHARROWS – Approximately 350 sharrows have been implemented since the November partial lifting of the injunction modification. Sharrow implementation remains ongoing, weather permitting

4. NEAR-TERM PROJECTS – Staff has implemented 9 of the 10 bike lane projects allowed by the injunction modification issued by the Court in November 2009. The one remaining project is on JFK. 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 – Several renewal checks have been received and processed by staff following the 2/1 due date. Staff will follow up with current renters who did not send in renewal checks. 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. MARKET STREET DELINEATORS – Staff is preparing to implement more segments of this pilot project.

7. SCOTT/OAK BIKE BOX – Staff collected data on motorist and cyclist compliance with the bike box at NB Scott/Oak. Preliminary analysis shows greater compliance by both road user groups after the bicycle symbol was painted. Staff will continue to review the operation of this bike box and recommend measures to improve compliance as warranted. Next likely improvement will be the addition of signage indicating where vehicles must stop.

8. FELL AND SHRADER STREETS – Staff is preparing a work order to install an extinguishable No Right Turn sign for southbound Shrader Street that would be on during the northbound left-turn phase for cyclists coming out of GG Park.

9. FOLDING BIKES ON BUSES – Bicycle Program staff is working with directors of SFMTA Safety, Security & Enforcement and MUNI Operations to discuss a draft proposed policy.

10. WEST SPAN BAY BRIDGE BIKE/PED PATH – Staff attended the first meeting of the Caltrans Project Development Team at District 4 offices in Oakland. The project is now projected to cost anywhere from \$500M to \$1B. Staff is developing comments on the draft purpose and need statement.

11. GREEN WAVE PILOT – Staff has chosen the 14th Street corridor to study the feasibility of a pilot green wave project.

12. BACK IN ANGLED PARKING PILOT – Staff is in the process of identifying locations for back in angled parking along segments where angled parking currently exists on the bicycle route network.

13. BICYCLE SHARING – Staff completed scoring sheets and participated in a phone conference pertaining to Rec & Parks' bicycle rental/bicycle sharing RFQ.

14. FELL STREET BIKE LANE – Staff met with a working group of stakeholders to address the bike lane blockage issue on Fell approaching Divisadero and is in the process of redesigning this approach.

C. FUNDING

1. BICYCLE PROGRAM 5YPP – Three funding allocations were approved by the Transportation Authority's Board. Funding for the 2011 State of Cycling, an Innovative Pilot Projects program, and various Bicycle Facilities Planning projects was approved.

2. STIMULUS – Staff completed the Caltrans Preliminary Environmental Studies forms for bike parking and ped/bike counting requests and conducted field review with Caltrans District 4 Local Assistance on 2/24/10.

3. HSIP – The grant application for the Upper Market Street Bicycle Project was not approved for funding.

4. TFCA BICYCLE FACILITIES PROGRAM GRANTS: Funding agreements are still pending grants for John Muir Bikeway (\$66,900) Great Highway/Point Lobos Bikeway (\$15,300) and Bicycle Parking (\$84,000).

D. BIKE ED AND SAFETY

1. 2008 BICYCLE COLLISION REPORT – Staff prepared a press release for External Affairs to announce the publication of the 2008 Bicycle Collision Report.

2. BIKE LIGHT GIVEAWAY – Staff has received bicycle lights and is working with the SFMTA External Affairs Division on a bicycle light giveaway event.

3. AUTOMATED BIKE COUNTERS – Staff received the 22 counters to be installed at 13 locations citywide in spring/summer 2010.

4. 2011 STATE OF CYCLING – Staff is preparing an RFP for consultant services to analyze bike counts, conduct surveys, and assemble the 2011 State of Cycling Report.

5. OUTREACH – The SFBC began distributing 10,000 door hangers to residents and business owners along segments where staff has been implementing new projects, alerting them of new bike lanes and sharrows as well as providing them with information on the function and purpose of the new bike facilities.

D. MISCELLANEOUS

1. STAFF CHANGES – Two long-term interns dating back to 2008 have left the SFMTA Bicycle Program. Additional layoffs are likely due to the SFMTA budget deficit.

2. BEQI – Staff attended a peer review session for the DPH's Bicycle Environmental Quality Index. The BEQI attempts to quantify the quality of street segments for cycling based upon physical characteristics (and their perceived importance) such as road surface conditions, lighting, and the presence or absence of bicycle facilities.