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

Due to a lack of quorum, the Committee has canceled the March 25, 2010 meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2010.

See www.sfgov.org/bac for more information.

Compiled by the SFMTA Bicycle Program Staff

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) has been postponed one week to June 22, 2010. On March 11, the plaintiff requested a 60-day continuance. The Court gave them a choice between continuing everything for one week, or continuing everything longer *and* he lifts the injunction. Plaintiff chose the week. Based on this latest ruling the City Attorney is very optimistic that there will be no further delays. After the hearing 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.

B. FACILITIES

1. SIDEWALK BICYCLE PARKING – Approximately 185 racks have been installed at 160 different locations. A total of 231 sites have been surveyed. Staff continues to survey and install bicycle racks on sidewalks, weather permitting.

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. Staff is working on internal legislation for the first bike corral.

3. SHARROWS – Approximately 425 sharrows (9 miles) have been installed. Another 250 (4 miles) have been work ordered to our shops and will be installed in the coming weeks, weather permitting. Sharrow implementation remains ongoing.

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 Drive where staff is working with The Recreation and Parks Department to implement a cycle track pilot.

5. MARKET STREET CHANNELIZERS – Implementation of additional segments of this pilot project will begin as early as Monday, 3/29/20.

6. BICYCLE SHARING – Staff is investigating options to extend and amend an existing City contract to include bike sharing.

7. FELL STREET BIKE LANE – Staff attended a NOPNA community meeting to present a proposal for improvements to the Fell Street bicycle lane approaching Divisadero. Staff will bring that proposal to MTA Public Hearing on 4/2/10.

8. POLK STREET – Staff is preparing a maintenance work order to restripe the bicycle lane between McAllister and Post Streets.

9. JFK DRIVE CYCLETRACK PILOT PROJECT – Staff is reviewing designs and options for the pilot project.

10. KIRKHAM STREET – Staff met to discuss design alternatives and next steps.

11. GEARY BRT – Staff is investigating potential designs for a cycle track along Geary to be included in SFCTA's design drawings for analysis.

C. FUNDING

1. PROP K – Staff submitted five allocation request forms for the Prop K annual call for projects (Shared Roadway Markings, Bicycle Facility Maintenance, Bike to Work Day, Adult Bicycle Education, and Pilot Installations of Innovative Treatments). Funding should be available for use in August 2010.

2. TFCA – Staff is drafting grant proposals for the Transportation Fund for Clean Air – County Program Manager funds. Applications are due to the SFCTA April 2.

D. BIKE ED AND SAFETY

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

2. 2011 STATE OF CYCLING – Staff prepared a draft scope of work for the 2011 State of Cycling Report.

3. INNOVATIVE BICYCLE TREATMENTS TOOLBOX – Staff is performing research on innovative treatments to enhance the safety, convenience and comfort of bicycle facilities to be used as an internal resource for prioritizing improvements to existing bikeways in San Francisco.

E. MISCELLANEOUS

1. STAFF CHANGES – A volunteer unpaid intern from France joined the Bicycle Program.

2. SUNDAY STREETS – Bike program staff represented the SFMTA on an International Ciclovía Study Tour in Guadalajara, Mexico 3/13/10 to 3/15/10. There was a full day and half of high-quality lecture hall presentations, question and answer and discussion in Spanish and English, with simultaneous translation. Presenters included staff and politicians from Guadalajara, the state of Jalisco, local universities and consultancies, as well as city and nonprofit staff from Portland, Miami & San Francisco (SFBC & Livable City). Other cities represented by staff, elected officials, or non-profit attendees were: LA, Roanoke (VA), Toronto, Atlanta, Somerville (MA), and there were two representatives from the CDC in Atlanta, as well as a few other Mexican cities.

3. FUNDAMENTALS OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING – Two Bicycle Program staff members attended this weeklong training conducted by UC Berkeley Institute of Transportation Studies.