

June 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, bike lanes of color facilities, and bike signals). Nine of the ten near-term projects have been completed, and the tenth is being considered for a cycletrack pilot.

A hearing on the Return to the Writ (i.e. adequacy of the EIR) was held on June 22, 2010. The court directed both parties to file proposed orders on July 6, followed by objections to said orders on July 13, at which point the matter will be taken under submission. Generally, the City remains cautiously optimistic for a favorable ruling and based on past experience expects the judge to issue a decision sometime in August (although technically the judge has 90 days to rule). 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 final construction packages for near-term bicycle projects in anticipation of the injunction being lifted, and continues to submit work orders for sharrows, bike racks, and minor improvements that are allowable through the November injunction modification.

B. FACILITIES & PROJECTS

1. **BIKE CORRALS:** Staff accompanied the Sign Shop during two of the five installations on Valencia Street on 5/12. All five bike corrals were in operation before Bike to Work Day.
2. **GREEN BICYCLE LANES:** Staff is updating the scope, schedule, and budget for our Prop K-funded grant to study colored bike lanes and is developing task

lists for next steps on the project and responding to requests from other agencies (Oakland and Seattle) on the details of the new Market Street green bike lanes.

3. **17th STREET:** Staff have developed a schedule and coordination document for the 17th Street project to track the other projects that are planned in this project area. Staff met with Muni's overhead wire group to discuss changes to the OCS at 16th/Potrero and have confirmed that the work can be completed in-house.
4. **FELL ST:** Staff prepared the work order for improvements to the bicycle lane on Fell St approaching Divisadero that were approved by MTAB on June 1. Striping and signage changes are scheduled to occur the week of June 28.
5. **NORTH POINT STREET (EMBARCADERO TO VAN NESS AVENUE):** Staff is making changes to the striping work order as a result of a new proposal on the street involving tour buses and bus zones.
6. **BAYSHORE BOULEVARD (SILVER AVENUE TO CESAR CHAVEZ):** Staff is redesigning the proposed northbound bicycle lane in front of the new Lowe's hardware store to accommodate bicyclists at the two new driveways.
7. **JOHN F. KENNEDY (TRANSVERSE DRIVE TO STANYAN STREET):** A staff design charrette was held to discuss the elements of the cycletracks being proposed in the park. A group field survey was conducted to observe and iron out some of the concerns in the design, and collect traffic/bicycle counts. Staff is refining the proposed design based on this newly collected information. Staff also has a meeting scheduled with Rec & Park on June 30 to discuss key next steps.
8. **POLK STREET:** The work to repaint the faded bicycle lanes, extension of the parking tees and experimenting with hatch marks intended to keep cyclists away from the door zone was completed before Bike To Work Day.
9. **BIKE PARKING DATABASE:** Staff completed updating the Bike Parking database for pre and post injunction installed bike racks. There are 1,564 known bike parking locations and 1,628 bike racks (not including bike lockers or the most recent list of surveyed racks) and 186 unknown rack locations. Staff continues to review, map and create the necessary shapefiles for all accepted and denied locations.

10. **BIKE PARKING IMPLEMENTATION:** As of 5/5/2010, there 900 outstanding requests for bicycle parking. There were roughly 1300 in January. 260 racks have been installed to date with 30 approved racks for six corral locations and 63 pending new locations potentially bringing the Bike Parking total to 356 racks. Staff is working with DPW to resolve an increasing number of magazine stands that are obstructing bicycles from parking on bike racks. Staff is mapping all racks installed in bus zones for surveying and potential relocation and is working with Paint Shop to improve current stencil paint, planning to test new Marking Chalk which is non toxic.
11. **BIKE PARKING GUIDELINES:** Staff is preparing a final draft set of Bike Parking Guidelines.
12. **BIKE COUNTERS:** Staff provided Department of Telecommunications with spec for epoxy for bike counter installs. Prepared the purchase requisition for 3 PDAs and 3 Eco-counter infrared-to-Bluetooth adapters for data collection from bike and ped. Installation of the 22 bike counters is expected to begin in July (expected completion date TBD).
13. **ADDISON SPEED CUSHION:** Staff accompanied DPW during their installation of a new speed cushion on Addison Street at Digby Street.
14. **GLEN PARK:** Staff attended a community meeting to discuss Project 5-7 which proposes to add bike lanes in the vicinity of the Glen Park BART station.

C. FUNDING

1. **SAFE ROUTES TO TRANSIT:** Staff completed the Safe Routes to Transit Initial Project Report (IPR) to request allocation of construction funding for Phase I of the 17th Street bicycle lane project.
2. **CLIMATE INITIATIVES:** Staff completed a 3-page letter of interest to MTC for a \$2M grant for a 500-bike bicycle sharing pilot. MTC will screen projects for formal application by 6/30, with applications due 7/30, and final selection in September.
3. **PROP K ALLOCATION REQUEST FORMS (ARF):** Staff responded to SFCTA questions on the Sharrow and JFK ARFs. All ARFs submitted by the Bike Program under the annual call passed the SFCTA Plans & Programs Committee on 5/11, full board on 5/18 and the CAC on 5/26.

D. BIKE ED AND SAFETY

1. **SHARROW CAMPAIGN:** Staff prepared a requisition for a purchase order for a sharrow campaign to be displayed on Muni buses during the month of July. Bicycle Program staff are in the process of designing bus advertisements for the Sharrow Campaign.
2. **BICYCLE HELMETS:** Staff is preparing to purchase approximately 2,608 bicycle helmets to be distributed to low-income children in the City.
3. **LARGE VEHICLE BROCHURE:** Staff is creating a brochure to advise cyclists of how to maneuver around transit vehicles and large trucks.
4. **SUNDAY STREETS:** Bike Program staff tabled at the 5/23 Bayview Sunday Streets event. The planned demonstration of front-loading Muni bus bike racks could not take place because the bus was pulled into service for the St. Francis Circle bus bridge.
5. **BIKE TO WORK DAY:** Staff participated in Bike to Work Day with almost 90% of Livable Streets team riding to work! Staff rode with Director Ford and Director Haley from 4th and Townsend in a commuter convoy to a City Hall celebration. 2010 posted record high numbers. The mode split was 75% bikes, 22% autos and 3% transit and taxi during the morning peak hour commute at eastbound Market Street at Van Ness Avenue. Compared to 2009, Bike To Work Day 2010 showed an increase of 34% bikes and a decrease of 18% autos at the same location and commute time.

DATA COLLECTION AND RESEARCH

1. **TRAFFIC COUNTS:** Staff conducted traffic counts at Fell/Masonic and at Market/ Van Ness.
2. **EXTENDED PARKING T STUDY:** Staff performed before evaluation of extended parking T's. The extended T's were added as part of general bike lane maintenance on Polk Street and are intended to guide cyclists away from opening car doors.

E. MISCELLANEOUS

1. **STAFF CHANGES:** Bicycle Program staff has been reorganized into a new Livable Streets Subdivision. The reorganization combined the former Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Traffic Calming groups into functional rather than modal teams.

2. **WEBINARS & SEMINARS:** Staff hosted APBP webinars on bicycle enforcement and policy promotion. Staff attended Cities for Cycling in Boston, MA and webinars on working with law enforcement to improve vehicle code enforcement. Staff also attended the National Association of Cities & Counties (NACTO) Cities for Cycling workshop in Boulder, CO, to discuss the urban bicycle facilities design guidelines that are currently in development.
3. **BI-COUNTY BIKE ISSUES:** Staff met with SFCTA and AMBAG Bay Trail staff on 5/25 to discuss options for improving the regional bicycle network in the area between the Bayshore Caltrain station and Candlestick Point, given the proposed growth and other transportation improvements. This area is the subject of two SFCTA-led studies, the Bi-County Transportation Study and the Bayshore Intermodal Station Access Study. Existing bicycle circulation in the area, in particular east-west connectivity, is constrained by limited opportunities to cross the Caltrain tracks and US 101.
4. **SIGNAL UPGRADES:** Staff submitted an SRC work order to check the conditions of the conduits at Alemany/Lyell. This is in preparation of signal upgrades to facilitate a bicycle phase for a northbound contraflow bicycle lane on Lyell St.
5. **GOOGLE:** Staff submitted an updated GIS shapefile of the Bicycle Route Network to Google. This will provide updated bicycle maps and directions on Google Maps.
6. **CIVIL GRAND JURY:** Staff completed a draft response to a Civil Grand Jury report on perceived conflict between motorists, cyclists and law enforcement in San Francisco and submitted it to the Executive Director for review and approval.