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October 2012 SFMTA Livable Streets Report to the San Francisco Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

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

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A. BICYCLE PLAN

- 1. BIKE LANE PROJECTS:** Since the full lifting of the injunction in August 2010, thirty (30) bike lane projects have been completed, adding nearly 20 miles (19.75) of bike lanes to the bicycle route network. To date, 72% of the bike lanes identified in the 2009 San Francisco Bike Plan have been implemented, adding over twenty-four miles (24.45) of bike lanes to the network. In addition, four bike lane projects developed after the 2009 Bike Plan have been completed adding an additional 1.25 miles, for a grand total addition of 25.70 miles of bike lanes to the network. The next bike lane projects scheduled for implementation (in no particular order) are:
 - Project 2-14 McCoppin Street westbound bicycle lane, Gough Street to Valencia Street
 - Project 2-10 Market and Valencia Streets intersection improvements (bike left turn pocket)
 - Project 8-4 John Muir Drive bicycle lanes, Lake Merced Boulevard to Skyline Boulevard

A list and charts with additional details about completed projects is attached for your information.

- 2. SHARROWS:** To date, approximately 4,150 sharrows have been installed on approximately 140 different street segments totaling about 51 miles of roadway. This represents about 68% of the 75 miles identified in the 2009 Bike Plan. Staff is currently seeking funding for implementation of the remaining 1,350 sharrows. **(No update)**





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B. FACILITIES & PROJECTS

1. **SIDEWALK BICYCLE RACKS:** As of 10/22/2012: 333 bicycle racks have been installed this year or are in the process of being installed (work order has been sent). 141 new racks have been surveyed and stenciled (to be installed in the future); and staff is reviewing 43 locations.
2. **ON-STREET BICYCLE PARKING:** Applications are due 11/1. All previous applications have been reviewed.

One bike corral adjacent to a Parklet has been installed since the last report:

- farm:table restaurant, 754 Post

Two bike corrals adjacent to Parklets are being legislated with a public hearing target date of 11/16:

- Cumaica Coffee, 200 Clement
- DNA Lounge, 375 11th Street

Six bike corrals are currently being legislated with public hearing target dates of 11/2 and 11/16:

- Atlas Café, 3049 20th Street
- Dear Mom, 2700 16th Street
- startupHQ, 185 Clara
- Truck, 1900 Folsom
- Whole Foods, 450 Rhode Island
- Yoga Tree, 780 Stanyan

3. **LONG-TERM BICYCLE PARKING:** The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) is evaluating the feasibility of long-term bicycle parking facilities in San Francisco through a short online survey. The survey will aid in assessing the demand, value and desired amenities pertaining to future facilities and is accessible online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/sflongtermbikeparking>. They survey will close on November 9.
4. **BROADWAY TUNNEL BICYCLE PROJECT:** Working with Eco-counter and the Department of Technology, staff continues to adjust the bike sensors to reduce the number of detection of vehicles. Manual counts were collected during the AM peak hour and compared with the Eco-counter log. The total hour counts matched, but the 15 minute count tally did not match. We are investigating this discrepancy and following up with Eco-counter. (On-going)

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5. **CESAR CHAVEZ (EAST):** Green treatments and safe-hit posts have been added to the bike lanes.
6. **JFK DRIVE CYCLE TRACK:** Staff continues to do follow-up observations and surveys. Generally, bicycle speeds dropped. Survey results show a generally favorable response with an increased polarization compared to before installation. Final observations to be taken in December/January.
7. **FELL/OAK BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT:** Environmental review has been completed (Categorical Exemption) and project was approved unanimously by MTA Board at 10/16 meeting. Construction to begin by end of October, starting with Fell Street and perpendicular parking changes on Baker and Scott.
8. **HOLLOWAY AVE TRAFFIC CALMING AND BIKE LANES:** The legislation process for the section of Holloway between Beverly and Ashton is beginning.
9. **PORT of SAN FRANCISCO BIKE PROJECTS:** The Cargo Way cycletrack is under construction. It is expected to be completed by October.
10. **BICYCLE SHARING:** Contract negotiations with the top-ranked proposer, Alta Bicycle Share, continue. Fieldwork and site-specific outreach for over 60 potential sites are largely complete and Livable Streets staff are ready to begin legislation, public hearing and permitting as soon as a vendor is brought on board. (No update)
11. **8th STREET:** Staff continues to evaluate operations of the new configuration. (No update)
12. **BAYSHORE BOULEVARD:** Paint Shop installed bike lanes between Cortland Avenue and Marin Street now that PG&E construction work in the area is complete. Project is now complete.
13. **PORTOLA DRIVE, SLOAT BLVD TO CORBETT AVE:** Project is now complete.
14. **OUTER SUNSET SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL:** Project was approved at the 9/4/12 MTA Board Meeting. Staff is working on the construction obligation funding package for submission to Caltrans. More info at:

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<http://www.sfmta.com/cms/osafe/APGianniniMiddleSchool-andSunsetElementarySchool.htm>. (No update)

15. WIGGLE BIKE ROUTE IMPROVEMENTS: Installation of green-backed (“super”) sharrows and continental crosswalk markings along the route from Scott/Street at Fell Street to Duboce Avenue at Church Street and green pavement treatment between the modified transit island on the north side of Duboce Avenue west of Church Street have been completed. Staff has coordinated with developer of adjacent property on design of northwest corner of the Market/Duboce/Buchanan intersection to accommodate “crossbike” markings and bike box. Identifying funding to supplement a Bikes Belong grant to implement improvements by winter 2012.

16. POLK COMPLETE STREET PROJECT: The first community-wide meeting on September 26 was amicable. Outreach will continue with walking audits to take place from October 22 to October 25. A final walking audit and a design workshop will take place on Saturday October 27.

17. WATERFRONT PROJECTS:

Trial Embarcadero Cycle Track for America’s Cup

The trial protected bikeway on October 6 was relatively successful. Bicycle volumes surged over 400% compared to standard Saturday volumes. Staff is involved with ongoing conversations about how to create a more attractive, but still temporary, facility during the summer months of next year.

Pier 39

The SFMTA is working with the Planning Department and Pier 39 to develop a solution to provide dedicated space for bicycles along the Embarcadero, from Kearny to Powell streets. The current plan is to remove one of the two westbound vehicle travel lanes from Kearny to Powell, and install a two-way physically separated cycletrack in its place. This would require circulation changes in the area, particularly affecting the Pier 39 garage. The City is working with the Pier 39 garage to determine whether these changes are feasible. (No update)

18. JOHN MUIR DRIVE: Protected bikeway design nearing completion. Project will be implemented by end of 2012. Speed limit on the street is 30 MPH on the western portion at Skyline Boulevard and 40 MPH on the eastern portion at Lake Merced Boulevard.



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19. MARKET/VALENCIA BICYCLE BAY: Detailed design is complete. Signal timing design is complete. Striping and sign design near completion. Construction is scheduled to begin by November 1, 2012.

C. FUNDING

D. BIKE ED AND SAFETY

- 1. DON'T GET CAUGHT IN THE DARK CAMPAIGN:** Livable Streets staff have purchased 1000 front and rear lights for the annual fall bike light giveaway campaign and are coordinating distribution with the SFBC and other community groups. Lights will be given out to cyclists riding without lights 5 unannounced locations in following the time change November and December. In addition to directly targeting commuter cyclists on the street after dark without lights, staff is working the offices of Supervisors Avalos, Cohen and Campos to identify groups and that can be enlisted to help get lights on bikes of those who are least able to afford them.
- 2. BICYCLE SAFETY EDUCATION CONTRACT:** Contractor is providing free bicycle safety education classes to the public in English, Spanish and Chinese languages. SFMTA is working with contractor and Muni Training staff to produce the bicycle safety for Muni operators training video to be shown to Muni operators at new-hire trainings.



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E. Miscellaneous

1. SPOT IMPROVEMENTS:

a. Shorter term:

	BAC Request	SFMTA Response
h)	Additional signage requested on the Kezar path between Lincoln Way and Third Avenue.	In addition to auto oriented signage and paint that has been installed, staff has submitted a work order for additional wayfinding improvements both at this intersection and on Sixth Ave near Hugo St.
i)	St. Francis Circle – Evaluate wayfinding signage and markings through intersection	Staff is considering improved wayfinding and signs for this intersection.
j)	Duboce and Market Street – eastbound cyclists end up in crosswalk	Identifying funding for installation by winter 2012.
n ₁)	Review markings at Bosworth and Lyell	This item has been logged in. (No update)
n ₂)	Bosworth/Milton – Add sharrows to Milton. Consider diagonal sharrow wayfinding on Bosworth St.	Staff has submitted work order for sharrows on Milton Street. Though there are no immediate plans to use diagonal sharrows at this location, staff has plans to install diagonal sharrows at some locations where crews are adding new striping.
o)	Hairball – Change cycle length or actuation at internal signal	Staff working with signal shop to upgrade the equipment and reduce the delay to pedestrian and cyclists at the intersection by simplifying the actuation.

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p)	Pedestrian Actuation vs. Bicycle Green – the BAC would like a more senior staffer or a formal policy regarding preference for not using actuation even where cyclists are significantly affected by long, mostly-unused pedestrian “Walk” times. Problematic examples include Market/12 th , Embarcadero/Bay, Embarcadero/North Point.	Staff has included the current SFMTA pedestrian signal guidelines, which seek to minimize the use of actuation for pedestrian crossings. Livable Streets may have funds to investigate this change next year. However, Livable Streets staff encourages BAC members to begin dialogue with PSAC before that time.

b. Longer Term:

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b)	Stockton Contra-Flow Lane Study – Presently cyclists trying to reach the Stockton Tunnel from the south and west have no efficient way to legally ride to the Tunnel. A one block northbound contra-flow lane on Stockton Street from Post to Sutter streets would allow cyclists to travel one block north from Post Street toward the tunnel.	Preliminary review indicates that creation of a northbound contra-flow lane may require removal of heavily-used loading zones along Stockton Street, and reconfiguration of the pedestrian island at the intersection of Stockton and Sutter streets. While cyclists may currently use this route, the SFMTA has no short-term plan to make other modifications here. (No change)
c)	Improved signage for Cesar Chavez Street pathway under the US 101 Freeway interchange – Cyclists riding northbound on Bayshore Boulevard and eastbound on Cesar Chavez Street are often confused about entering and tracking the pathway under the US 101 Freeway interchange.	SFMTA staff is working with DPW project managers to include the use of green on Cesar Chavez St (between 101 and 280), including at the westbound entrance to the bicycle path.

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d)	Polk Street Contraflow Lane	Staff has proposed an eastbound left turn bike box on Market just east of 10 th Street. This will require the reduction of the adjacent crosswalk width from 32 feet to 20 feet. The project will be also presented at the next possible SFMTA's Multimodal Accessibility Advisory Committee to gather committee comments.
f)	Extend the Post Street bike lane from Steiner Street to Webster Street.	Staff has recommended that this item be brought before the Mayor's Bike Working Group or directly to supervisor's for prioritization.
g)	Add bike signal at intersection of Market and 12th streets to reduce eastbound bicycle delay.	The intersection of 12th Street at Market Street and improving the eastbound bicycle progression has been reviewed in the past. To improve eastbound progression, add bicycle signals and still maintain pedestrian and Muni service, the intersection would require significant signal modifications to the existing equipment. With the upcoming Market Street paving and corridor improvements scheduled, our hope is that we can include those changes and improve the progression of bicycle users through the 12th Street intersection. (No change)
l)	16 th and Harrison – Request bike box	SFMTA staff has added the list to the universe of possible treatments. No specific funding has been identified to construct isolated bike boxes.

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