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January 2011 SFMTA Livable Streets Report to the San Francisco Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

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A. BICYCLE PLAN

1. **BIKE LANE PROJECTS:** Since the injunction modification in November 2009, seventeen (17) bike lane projects have been completed adding approximately 8 miles* to the bicycle route network. Additionally, construction has begun on the Potrero Ave portion of the 17th St. Corridor Project. The rest of the 17th St. Corridor Project will begin this week.
2. **SHARROWS:** Since the injunction modification in November 2009, approximately 2,415 sharrows have been installed, totaling approximately 39.7 miles of roadway.
3. **SIDEWALK BIKE RACKS:** Since the injunction modification in November 2009, approximately 664 sidewalk bike racks have been installed.
4. **LAGUNA HONDA BOULEVARD BIKE LANES:** A public hearing on 12/10 approved parking removal to make room for a southbound cycle track from Clarendon to Plaza.

B. FACILITIES & PROJECTS

1. **BIKE CORRALS:** Five bike corrals were installed since 12/30/2010:

BIKE CORRALS INSTALLED				
PLACE	LOCATION	RACKS	SPACES	YEAR INSTALLED
Rainbow Grocery	1745 Folsom (east side, south of 13th St/Division)	8	16	2011
Timbuk2	506 Hayes (north side, west of Octavia)	5	10	2010
Mike's Bikes	1233 Howard (southeast side, between 8th/9th)	6	12	2010

	Streets)			
Box Dog Bikes/Thieves Tavern	494/496 14th St (north side, east of Guerrero)	5	10	2010
The Butler & The Chef	155A South Park (south side, between 2nd/3rd Streets)	6	12	2010

2. **JOHN F. KENNEDY DRIVE CYCLE TRACK:** This project has proven significantly more complicated than originally assumed, and a Prop K allocation request is under development to fund additional planning and design work for alternatives to the original preferred plan.
3. **17TH ST SHARROW EXPERIMENT:** Livable Streets staff will manage an experiment on the soon-to-be-striped 17th Street bike lanes that will include testing two different treatments near intersections: 1) no striping; and 2) sharrows. Staff has drafted study methodology and will work to gather data.
4. **FOLSOM STREET STREETScape PROJECT** – Livable Streets staff is coordinating with the project team and the Planning Department to try and incorporate bike lanes into the project (19th to 24th streets). Timing of the environmental review could determine whether the bike lanes are installed as part of the streetscape project.
5. **COLORED BICYCLE LANE EXPERIMENT:** Livable Streets staff continued working with the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) to revise the scope of the Standard Grant Agreement (SGA) for the Colored Bicycle Lane Experiment.
6. **GREEN WAVE:** Signs for Valencia Street were fabricated and installed by the SFMTA sign shop.
7. **PHELAN AVENUE BICYCLE PROJECT** – Livable Streets staff bicycled near City College and Phelan with Supervisor Avalos and representatives of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition. The prevailing agreement following that outing was that a bike facility would be more beneficial on Lee Avenue rather than on Phelan. Staff is exploring the potential for changing the route network and what modifications might still be made on Phelan itself, between Judson and the Lee Avenue extension.
8. **BLUE GREENWAY BICYCLE PROJECTS:** Livable Streets staff is reinitiating work on a cycle track design for Cargo Way to meet very aggressive timelines being proposed by the Port. We will also be working on designs for improved Illinois Street and Terry Francois Boulevard in early 2011.

9. **ILLINOIS STREET BIKE LANES** – Staff is coordinating with the Paint Shop so that the recently slurry-sealed segment, 19th to 25th, will not be painted until a decision has been made about removal of the heavy rail tracks. Staff is coordinating with the Port on the rail track removal. This decision is expected in January 2011. In the interim, all crosswalks and STOP messages have been installed.

10. **MARKET STREET SEPARATED BIKEWAYS:** The SFMTA Innovation team continues to work with Accessible Services, MOD, and SFBC to explore the issues associated with existing separated bike lanes and their possible extension. Relative consensus exists that taxis and paratransit should have access to curb.

11. **AUTOMATED BIKE COUNTERS:** 10 counters have been installed (out of 22). Livable Streets staff is in the process of field testing the installations. Preliminary data will be included in the 2011 State of Cycling, to be released in May.

12. **BIKE SHARING:** At the Mayor's request, the SFMTA hosted a Bicycle Sharing Technology Showcase on 12/17/10 and 12/18/10 at Civic Center Plaza. Three vendors attended: Bixi, B-cycle, and BikeLink. Livable Streets staff was on hand to answer questions, distribute material about bicycling in San Francisco, and to conduct a survey. Coordination continues with regional partners towards developing a Memorandum of Understanding between agencies participating in the Regional Bicycle Sharing Pilot Program. The Innovation team is reviewing technical specifications for the RFP to be released in May.

C. FUNDING

1. **BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT (BTA):** These funds had been on hold pending approval of the State budget. Since the State budget has been settled, staff can move forward with the allocation requests to Caltrans as well as the Prop K Allocation Request Forms (ARFs) to the SFCTA for the required local match.

2. **BIKE RACKS:** Livable Streets staff identified locations for over 400 racks where bike racks could be installed in groups of 5 or more, to minimize the field work needed to receive the Transportation Enhancements grant funding. Received CEQA clearance and held field review meeting with Caltrans, the first step in the NEPA clearance. Plan to complete environmental clearance

and the funding allocation request, so that the allocation can be made at the California Transportation Commission's May meeting in Sacramento.

D. BIKE ED AND SAFETY

1. **CONTRACT AMENDMENTS:** The Bicycle Education and Bike to Work Day contracts are being extended to allow sufficient time to get new contracts in place. Staff's seeks to simplify the billing and compensation system within the amendment.
2. **STATE OF CYCLING:** The consultant on the State of Cycling report is currently performing the survey. Telephone and intercept surveys are being conducted between December and February.

E. MISCELLANEOUS

1. **INNOVATIVE BICYCLE TOOLBOX (TREATMENTS):** Livable Streets staff prepared a draft list of treatments for an Innovative Bicycle Toolbox. Staff has started listing and prioritizing locations along the network for each of the toolbox treatments.