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

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Compiled by the SFMTA Livable Streets Subdivision Staff

A. BICYCLE PLAN

- 1. BIKE LANE PROJECTS:** Since the injunction modification in November 2009, seventeen plus (17+) bike lane projects have been completed adding approximately 9 miles to the bicycle route network. The "+" includes the Potrero Avenue segment of the 17th St Corridor project.
- 2. SHARROWS:** Since the injunction modification in November 2009, approximately 2,415 sharrows have been installed, totaling approximately 40 miles of roadway. Note this total is somewhat inconsistent with what was reported last month because at the end of December 2010 staff performed a full audit of sharrow records and updated the database to establish a true baseline and allow for more accurate updates going forward. Based on the new records, there are approximately 1,400 sharrows, totaling approximately 24 miles, left to be installed.
- 3. SIDEWALK BIKE RACKS:** Since the injunction modification in November 2009, approximately 541 sidewalk bike racks have been installed. Note this total is somewhat inconsistent with what was reported last month because at the end of December 2010 staff performed a full audit of bike rack records and updated the database to establish a true baseline and allow for more accurate updates going forward. Based on the new records, there are approximately 385 rack requests in various stages of the evaluation process.
- 4. AUTOMATED BIKE COUNTERS:** The following equipment is being installed: 22 counters, 29 loops, at 13 locations. Most of the loops have been installed along with the pull-boxes, however, due to security concerns installation of the counters, which function as the brains of the system, is on hold pending delivery of locking pullbox lids.

B. FACILITIES & PROJECTS

- 1. ON-STREET BIKE CORRALS:** Five new bike corrals were installed in December 2010, bringing the total number of corrals in the City to eleven. We anticipate installing approximately 24 new corrals in 2011. However, due to their ever-increasing popularity, staff will use the next few weeks to work with stakeholders and formalize prioritization criteria and design guidelines.
- 2. LAGUNA HONDA BOULEVARD BIKE LANES:** Work orders were submitted to install the southbound, buffered bike facility between Plaza and Dewey. Installation expected on 2.1.11.
- 3. 17TH ST EXPERIMENTS:** Staff is modifying the 17th St study. One part will still test treatments near intersections. The new portion will test the effectiveness of door zone markings. Staff will be working to identify locations for door zone experiment
- 4. FOLSOM STREET STREETScape PROJECT** – Legislation for the project is scheduled for February 4 public hearing, this includes the bike lanes.
- 5. COLORED BICYCLE LANE EXPERIMENT:** Staff submitted updated scope, schedule and budget for this project to SFCTA staff for an administrative amendment to the Prop K funding agreement and responded to initial comments. The amended scope will substitute Market Street locations for some of the originally proposed conflict zones to be studied. Installation of colored pavement is projected to take place in May and June of this year.
- 6. POLK STREET BICYCLE PROJECT:** Livable Streets staff is exploring an alternative design for this project which could be less expensive, it remains to be seen which alternative will be garner more support from adjacent properties and internally.
- 7. PHELAN AVENUE BICYCLE PROJECT** – Livable Streets staff met with SF Bicycle Coalition (SFBC) and representatives from City College to discuss bike facilities on Lee Avenue and Phelan. Extending a bike path from Lee to the parking lot is dependent on the completion of the land swap between the City and City College. City College was supportive of facilities on Lee and on Phelan (parking removal or lane removal). Staff attended the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association meeting to discuss the Phelan project and the alternative designs.
- 8. UPPER MARKET PROJECTS:** Livable Streets staff is working with the Planning Department on the parklet application for Squat & Gobble (16th Street at Market). Staff has been updating the community on the scheduled

implementation of the bike project and commenting on the transportation impact study for Trader Joe's (Market/Noe). Staff is reviewing the proposal for implementing the Market-Octavia Plan improvements at 16th/Market/Noe.

- 9. BIKE SHARING:** The SFMTA continues with the coordination of the Regional Bicycle Sharing Pilot Program. Staff attended meetings and conference calls with partner agencies to work out details of the Inter-Agency Agreement between project partners and to review the draft technical specifications for the upcoming Request for Proposals (RFP). Staff coordinated with a graduate student at Cornell University who will be performing demographic analysis of potential bicycle station locations in San Francisco.

C. FUNDING

- 1. GRANT REQUESTS:** Livable Streets staff submitted Prop K allocation requests to fund bike lane projects. Prop K funding as a local match to a \$466,000 Bicycle Transportation Account award was requested for the following bike projects: 7th Ave/Lincoln, 23rd St., Bayshore, Holloway, Portola, San Bruno. Staff met with Transportation Authority and SFMTA Grants staff to discuss the funding plan for the Bike Plan implementation and other issues.
- 2. MARKET STREET:** Livable Streets staff worked to separate improvements along Market (Calm the Safety Zone, Request to Experiment with Green Bike Lanes, and Innovative Treatments ARF) into projects applicable for funding requests. Staff completed purchase order for thermoplastic materials, including material for bike boxes and dashed green approach in Safety Zones. These treatments will exhaust the remaining 2010/11 Prop K Innovative Treatments money.
- 3. JFK DRIVE CYCLE TRACK:** Staff completed Bicycle Network Planning Allocation Request Form (ARF) to the SFCTA to address additional planning needs for JFK. Rec and Parks provided letter support for plan.

D. BIKE ED AND SAFETY

- 1. ENFORCEMENT, DOUBLE PARKING IN BIKE LANES:** Livable Streets staff is arranging a second meeting with Parking Control Officer leadership to discuss enforcement of double parking in bike lanes. The director reports that citations for this violation have increased over the past year. Staff prepared a flyer warning drivers of the safety risk they pose to cyclists and of the applicable fine for double parking. Livable Streets will coordinate distribution of the flyer in anticipation of target enforcement.

- 2. ENFORCEMENT, TAXI/COMMERCIAL VEHICLE LOADING IN BIKE LANES:** The California Vehicle Code (CVC) and SF Transportation Code do not allow parking or obstructing of bikeways by any vehicle or other object. The Traffic Code formerly allowed commercial loading off-peak. SFMTA Taxi and Accessible Services staff has requested that paratransit and taxis be allowed to load and unload from bike lanes, and will request an SFPD Training Bulletin to establish the policy.
- 3. STATE OF CYCLING REPORT:** The survey consultant has started the phone survey. The bicycle intercept survey is currently being pre-tested and will begin during the third week in January. In total, 700 surveys will be collected.
- 4. BIKE BOX OUTREACH:** Staff worked in coordination with SFMTA External Affairs to produce brochures and poster for bike box outreach.

E. MISCELLANEOUS

- 1. INNOVATIVE BICYCLE TOOLBOX (TREATMENTS):** Livable Streets staff started prioritizing locations for the various treatments included in the Innovative Bicycle Treatments Toolbox. Staff defined the “Universe of Possible Locations” for each treatment and began prioritizing locations for Green Wave, Bike Boxes and Two Stage Left Turns.