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## April 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, eighteen (18) bike lane projects have been substantially completed, adding over 10.5 miles to the bicycle route network. This was accomplished despite the fact that the number of available work days was reduced significantly due to wet weather. Staff continues to revise the implementation schedule to maximize available funding, take advantage of coordination opportunities, and to reflect advocate goals and priorities.
- 2. SHARROWS:** [No change from last month's report] Since the injunction modification in November 2009, approximately 2,415 sharrows have been installed, totaling approximately 40 miles of roadway. There are approximately 1,400 sharrows, totaling approximately 24 miles left to be installed.
- 3. SIDEWALK BIKE RACKS:** Forty-six (46) additional sidewalk bike racks were installed this month, bringing the citywide total to 2,114. There are approximately 400 sidewalk bike rack requests in various stages of the evaluation/implementation process.
- 4. AUTOMATED BIKE COUNTERS:** [No change from last month's report] 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:** Three (3) additional bike corrals were installed in March, bringing the citywide total to 14. There are over 35 bike corral requests in various stages of the evaluation/implementation process. The

Agency has committed to install a total of 15 bike corrals in calendar year 2011.

2. **BROADWAY TUNNEL BICYCLE PROJECT:** Bureau of Heat, Light and Power (BLHP) requested an MOU in order for the beacon to tap into the light pole's power. SFMTA Signal Shop has approved the use of a solar beacon instead to expedite construction.
3. **MARKET STREET COLORED BICYCLE LANES IN CONFLICT ZONES:** Staff submitted a Prop K allocation request form (ARF) amendment to SFCTA to add Market Street locations between 8th Street and Octavia Boulevard to our existing request to experiment with retroreflective green colored treatments at bicycle/motor vehicle conflict zones.
4. **FELL/OAK BIKEWAYS:** Livable Streets staff developed scope, schedule and budget for new project requested by Mayor's Office. Staff began work on TFCA funding application.
5. **PHELAN AVENUE BICYCLE PROJECT:** Livable Streets staff coordinated turning movement counts at interim intersections between Ocean and Judson that showed adequate level of service if travel lanes are removed (resident's preferred alternative). The project started the approval process to facilitate construction by June 30.
6. **MARINA GREEN PATH RENOVATION PROJECT:** Staff attended field meetings with Department of Public Works (DPW) and Recreation & Parks on the design of this project.
7. **MARKET STREET BIKE BOXES:** Installation began 3/29/11. Livable Streets staff coordinated a purchase order for bike box educational posters that will be placed on Market Street at new bike box locations temporarily to help educate users. Staff submitted educational brochure to Taxi Services and Safety, Security and Enforcement Divisions to ensure taxi drivers and Muni operators understand bike boxes – information was also posted on SFMTA website and shared through a press release.
8. **PORT of SAN FRANCISCO BIKE PROJECTS:** Livable Streets staff met with representatives from the Port and the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency to discuss cross-sections for Terry Francois Boulevard that improve the accommodation of bikes – the concepts were well received. The conversation will continue with the Mission Bay Developers Group and the Mission Bay CAC.

**9. AMERICA'S CUP:** Livable Streets staff met to discuss (OEWD) potential bicycle improvements for the America's Cup and provided follow-up information on these improvements. We expect to have a better idea of what projects are being pursued in the summer.

**10. BICYCLE SHARING:** This project now falls under a new group within Livable Streets: Bicycle Sharing and Parking. The Steering Committee for the regional pilot project has completed a final draft Interagency Agreement. Work on developing the scope and technical specifications for an RFP to be released this summer continues. Following is an updated schedule:

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| • Submit Request For Proposals (RFP) to Caltrans for approval           | June 30, 2011                                     |
| • Issuance of Solicitation for RFP                                      | Pending Caltrans' approval                        |
| • Agreement(s) Executed between the Air District and Selected Vendor(s) | On or around October 31, 2011                     |
| • System Launch (1,000 bikes placed into service and operated)          | Spring 2012 and not later than September 30, 2012 |

## C. FUNDING

**1. PROP K REQUESTS:** Staff developed Prop K requests for the annual FY 2011/12 call for projects: Bike to Work Day 2012-2014, Bike Parking, Bike Safety Education Classes.

**2. PENDING GRANTS:** BTA local match funding requests went to the San Francisco County Transportation Authority's CAC on 3/23/11.

**3. BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT:** Staff worked with Fund Procurement to submit the 2011/12 BTA application. For this competitive statewide bicycle funding source, the SFMTA requested a total of \$1.8 million (the maximum request) for five projects. These projects are: Masonic Avenue bike lanes: Fell Street to Geary Boulevard, Sloat Boulevard bike lanes: Great Highway to Skyline Boulevard, Polk Street bike lane: Grove to McAllister Streets, bike parking near transit, and electronic bike lockers at six city-owned parking garages

4. **JFK DRIVE CYCLE TRACK:** Livable Streets staff drafted new scope, schedule and budget and submitted a Prop K ARF to swap existing construction funds into expanded planning and design phases. Amendment was approved by SFCTA CAC on 3/23/11. Staff met twice with staff from Recreation and Park Department (SFRPD) to clarify project expectations.

## **D. BIKE ED AND SAFETY**

1. **MARKET STREET SEPARATED BICYCLE LANES:** Livable Streets staff met with Accessible Services, Taxi Services, External Affairs and taxi representatives to discuss taxi/paratransit loading in bicycle lanes, with a focus on near-term plans to add additional safe-hit posts to Market Street bicycle lanes between 8th Street and Octavia Boulevard by BTWD, as requested by Mayor's Office. Taxi Services developed a draft bulletin directing PCOs not to ticket taxis loading in bike lanes. External Affairs drafted bumper sticker designs to be placed on taxis and paratransit vehicles reminding bicyclists that they are permitted to load/unload in bicycle lanes. Staff developed outreach plan to discuss additional safe-hit posts with Market Street businesses. Staff met with SFBC to discuss potential locations for additional safe-hit posts.
2. **STATE OF CYCLING:** The survey consultant provided staff with the results of the intercept/phone survey that includes over 700 responses. Staff is using this information as well as other count and collision data to develop the State of Cycling. The draft report will be finalized for Bike to Work Day on May 12, 2011.

## **E. Miscellaneous**

1. **THINK BIKE:** Think Bike will be a bicycle promotion event and design workshop sponsored by the Dutch Consulate and co-hosted by the SFMTA in September. Livable Streets will be selecting corridors to be re-thought by Dutch and SFMTA engineers and stakeholders. The goal is to use the momentum of the event to implement innovative bicycle treatments immediately.
2. **INNOVATIVE TREATMENTS TOOLBOX:** Staff determined universe of locations to begin ranking the following innovative treatments: back-in angled parking, channelized bike lanes, extended parking Ts and green waves.
3. **SUNDAY STREETS:** Sunday Streets is underway with eight events planned for the second Sunday of each month through October. On March 20 the event occurred along the Embarcadero and on April 10 Golden Gate Park and the

Great Highway hosted this popular event. The next Sunday Streets will be the always popular Mission Route on May 8.

- 4. STAFFING** – Dustin White joined Livable Streets from the TEP to take over managing the Innovation team from Heath Maddox, who will manage a new group focused on bicycle sharing and bicycle parking. Michael Riebe joined Livable Streets to work with the Project Development team.