

## May 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, nineteen (19) bike lane projects have been completed, adding approximately 11 miles to the bicycle route network. All told, 40% (13.6 miles) of the bike lanes identified in the San Francisco Bike Plan have been implemented.
- 2. SHARROWS:** 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. Staff prepared and submitted work orders for approximately 700 additional sharrows early this month.
- 3. SIDEWALK BIKE RACKS:** Thirty-two (32) additional sidewalk bike racks were installed since the last report to the BAC, bringing the citywide total to 2,160. There are approximately 300 sidewalk bike rack requests in various stages of the evaluation/implementation process.
- 4. AUTOMATED BIKE COUNTERS:** Twenty (20) automated counters have been installed at 12 locations. One remaining location will receive two additional counters in the summer.

#### B. FACILITIES & PROJECTS

- 1. ON-STREET BIKE CORRALS:** 14 bike corrals have been installed to date. 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 (11 more).

2. **17<sup>th</sup> STREET BICYCLE PROJECT:** Legislative packet passed internal review without comment. Staff has scheduled a community meeting for 5/23/11 at Sports Basement to identify any remaining issues and to discuss remaining concerns with the design. Final approval should take place later this summer and will be in time to coordinate striping with the 17<sup>th</sup> Street paving project in the fall of 2011.
3. **MCALLISTER BIKE PROJECT:** Scope has been modified to be a Class 3 bike facility along the length of the project, with construction scheduled to be complete by June 30, 2011.
4. **PORTOLA BIKE PROJECT:** Staff submitted the environmental review packet to MEA for the lane drop between Twin Peaks Blvd and Burnett, which would allow the installation of a buffered bike lane. Design has been reviewed by some senior staff.
5. **UPPER MARKET BIKE PROJECT:** Bike project completed from Octavia Blvd to 17<sup>th</sup> St.
6. **BROADWAY TUNNEL BICYCLE PROJECT:** Eco-counter loops arrived and installed. Beacon to be installed by June 30, 2011.
7. **MARKET STREET COLORED BIKEWAYS:** Green color was added to remaining uncolored bike lanes on Market Street between Octavia Boulevard and Eighth Street. Safe-hits were added where width and other concerns permitted. Work was completed before Bike to Work Day on May 12. Green-backed sharrows should be added in the coming weeks. The Mayor has asked staff to investigate the possibility of adding additional green-backed sharrows from Eighth Street to the Embarcadero.
8. **JFK DRIVE CYCLE TRACK:** Staff met with RPD, SFBC and SFCTA to review project schedule and scope. The SFMTA has received planning and design funding and begun preliminary design work. Mayor's Office has requested that project be completed by end of 2011, but construction funding has not been identified. The first community workshop will be held June 13 at 6:30pm at the San Francisco County Fair Building in GGP at 9<sup>th</sup>/Lincoln.
9. **FELL/OAK BIKEWAYS:** Staff submitted \$165,000 Prop K funding application for planning/design to SFCTA.
10. **HOLLOWAY AVE BIKE LANES:** Community meeting to discuss bike lanes and traffic calming on Holloway scheduled for June 2.

**11. PHELAN AVENUE BICYCLE PROJECT:** Environmental clearance has been issued by MEA, the project passed public hearing, and final approval will occur at the June 7<sup>th</sup> SFMTA Board meeting. Staff updated the neighborhood association's president, Riordan High School and Supervisors Elsbernd and Avalos. Assuming the project is approved by the SFMTA Board, construction will be complete by June 30, 2011.

**12. PORT of SAN FRANCISCO BIKE PROJECTS:** Progress continues on improved bicycle facilities along Terry Francois Boulevard. Mission Bay Developers Group is very supportive of the change. Based on comments at the Mission Bay CAC the cycle track conceptual design was modified to have parallel parking on both sides of the street.

**13. BICYCLE SHARING:** The draft interagency agreement between the project partners is now complete and ready to be executed by the agencies' respective boards. Livable Streets staff plans to take the agreement to the SFMTA Board in July. Livable Streets staff has begun to meet with agencies within in the City family (Planning, Rec-Park, DPW, Port) to discuss permitting and approval processes for station locations.

## **C. FUNDING**

- 1. PROP K REQUESTS:** Prop K requests for the annual FY 2011/12 call for projects (including: Bike to Work Day 2012-2014, Bike Parking, Bike Safety Education Classes) are working through the approval SFCTA process.
- 2. PENDING GRANTS:** Currently there are two applications for Fell/Oak. One for TFCA and one for Prop K. Most likely, the funding for planning will come from Prop K and the TFCA application will be pulled or modified.

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

- 1. MARKET STREET SEPARATED BICYCLE LANES:** Livable Streets staff met with Accessible Services, Taxi Services, External Affairs, Enforcement, Muni Operations, taxi representatives and individual merchants 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. 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. Enforcement will not cite actively loading vehicles in either the right-most travel lane or the bike lane.

2. **BICYCLE LANE MARKING EXPERIMENTS:** Staff continued data collection on 17<sup>th</sup> Street for experiment with different striping designs of bicycle lanes approaching intersections (including broken white, no marking, and sharrows).
3. **STATE OF CYCLING:** The draft report was finalized for Bike to Work Day on May 12, 2011.
4. **BIKE/TAXI INTERACTIONS:** Taxi and Accessible Services staff have proposed a bike/taxi town hall meeting to discuss how interactions between the various modes can be improved. Date TBD.

## **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 has selected the following locations for study: the Wiggle, Market St between 9<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sts, Upper Polk St. The goal is to use the momentum of the event to implement innovative bicycle treatments immediately.
2. **INNOVATIVE TREATMENTS TOOLBOX:** Staff coordinated internal review meetings and began revisions to several toolbox entries and also compared entries with NACTO guidelines for similar treatments.
3. **FHWA INTERIM APPROVAL OF GREEN BIKE LANES:** FHWA issued interim approval of green treatments for bicycle lanes.
4. **SUNDAY STREETS:** Three of eight Sunday Streets events have already taken place this year. The most recent was the Mission event on May 8 AND the next scheduled event will pass through the Bayview and Dogpatch on June 12.
5. **STAFFING:** Kristiann Choy joined the Livable Streets Implementation team and Ellen Robinson has joined the Livable Streets Project Development team. Both come to the SFMTA from private consulting firms.
6. **SPOT IMPROVEMENTS:**
  - a. "Bikes allowed full use of lane" signs on Market St near Buchanan
    - i. BIKE MERGE AHEAD pavement markings added
    - ii. Plans are afoot to extend the bike lane to the intersection
      1. Require cutting back the sidewalk
        - a. Timeline = 2+ years
  - b. Signage for Shrader Valve
    - i. Staff is investigating potential markings and signage

- c. Stockton Contra-Flow Lane
  - i. Creation of a contra-flow lane would require removal of loading zones, which would be very difficult in this commercial area
  - ii. Also, at the end of the contra-flow lane, bicyclists would need to weave around pedestrian island at Sutter.
- d. Improved Signage for Cesar Chavez Bike Lane at 101
  - i. Staff is investigating possibility to facilitate wayfinding
  - ii. Cesar Chavez (West) project could take care of finding the path from the west
  - iii. Cesar Chavez (East) project will consider this issue as part of the planning effort
    - 1. No funding yet for implementation
- e. Signage at Market and Castro
  - i. Bike lane now extends down to Castro intersection, which should facilitate wayfinding.
  - ii. Staff can investigate further signage if the BAC feels that this change is insufficient
- f. Bike lanes on Post between Steiner and Webster
  - i. Merchants were opposed to bike lanes in this area
- g. Sharrows on Geneva from Moscow to Brookdale
  - i. Work order has been drafted
- h. Market St/12<sup>th</sup> St Signal
  - i. Staff considering option to reduce red light for EB cyclists on Market St
- i. Additional signage requested on the Kezar path between Lincoln Way and Third Ave
  - i. Staff is investigating what changes can be made