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June 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, twenty (20) bike lane projects have been completed, adding approximately 12 miles to the bicycle route network. All told, 43% (15.6 miles) of the bike lanes identified in the San Francisco Bike Plan have been implemented. Staff continues to coordinate with MTA shops to complete implementation of six additional near-term lane projects (3.70 miles) by June 30.
- 2. SHARROWS:** Since the injunction modification in November 2009, approximately 2,450 sharrows have been installed, totaling approximately 33 miles of roadway. Staff has submitted or will submit work orders this month for approximately 830 sharrows, totaling approximately 14 miles.
- 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 2,170. 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. Staff is developing a data collection/validation methodology.

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). (No change)

2. **17th STREET BICYCLE PROJECT:** Staff conducted a public meeting on May 23 and has conducted additional outreach to businesses that might be affected by parking removal. Public hearing for parking changes scheduled for July 15. Changes to be implemented with the 17th Street paving project in the fall of 2011.
3. **FOLSOM STREET BIKE LANES:** Funding request submitted for bike lanes along repaved portion (13th to 19th Sts). Additional lanes from 19th to 24th Sts to be implemented with paving scheduled for later this year.
4. **PORTOLA BIKE PROJECT:** Staff has scheduled a ride-along with Bert Hill.
5. **BROADWAY TUNNEL BICYCLE PROJECT:** Defective eco-counter control unit removed and sent back to manufacturer for replacement. When the eco-counter control unit is replaced, the SFMTA will replace the beacon with a solar-powered extinguishable message sign. The public had concerns that the beacon and static warning sign gave an impression that the tunnel was the main bicycle route. However, Pacific Avenue is the main bicycle route for the Broadway Tunnel bicycle corridor. The SFMTA is surveying the existing bicycle route signage for the corridor and plans to install additional signage to direct cyclists to use Pacific Avenue. Since the tunnel is not the main bicycle route, the extinguishable message sign will only light up for those cyclists who decide to use the tunnel. The extinguishable message sign is only a short-term improvement to the corridor and the SFMTA is investigating a long-term improvement. In addition, the SFMTA is looking to install "Please Walk Bike" signs at the tunnel walkway entrances based on a resident's concern of a narrow walkway currently used by pedestrians and cyclists.
6. **CESAR CHAVEZ (EAST):** Ongoing internal discussion about how best to incorporate the bike facilities.
7. **MARKET STREET:** Staff has begun observations of tour bus loading activity in front of the Hotel Whitcomb on Market Street between 8th and 9th streets. and will continue data collection once construction at the BART portal is complete.
8. **JFK DRIVE CYCLE TRACK:** Staff presented one-way and two-way design concepts at a public meeting on June 13. No significant objections were raised. Staff to schedule meetings with other stakeholders (like Rec&Park, SFBC, museums) to discuss additional concerns. The mayor's office has requested that project be completed by end of 2011, but construction funding has not been identified.

- 9. FELL/OAK BIKEWAYS:** Staff submitted \$165,000 Prop K funding application for planning/design to SFCTA. The item will be heard by the SFCTA Board this month.
- 10. HOLLOWAY AVE BIKE LANES:** Staff presented a new bicycle facility design for Holloway Avenue at a community meeting on June 2. In the west bound direction, the plan proposes a bike lane between Beverly and Ralston Streets (an uphill segment of Holloway Avenue) and sharrows between Ralston Street and Ashton Avenue. In the eastbound direction, the plan proposes a bike lane between Ashton Avenue and Alviso Street and sharrows between Alviso Street and Lunado Way. . Meeting with SFSU staff held on June 9.
- 11. PHELAN AVENUE BICYCLE PROJECT:** Bike lanes were approved and construction has begun.
- 12. PORT of SAN FRANCISCO BIKE PROJECTS:** Staff has proposed a two-way cycle track for Cargo Way. Item passed internal city review and has been forwarded for environmental review by Planning Department staff. Port staff is moving forward with a bidirectional cycle track on the east side of the street to be constructed in conjunction with the roadway realignment. Staff continues to recommend changes on Terry Francois Blvd be implemented when new roadway is built. The Illinois Street bicycle project (16th Street to Cargo Way) will be installed by June 30, 2011. This project includes bicycle lanes in both the north and south directions, and back-in angle parking on the east side of Illinois St. between 1) Terry A. Francois Blvd and 18th Street, as well as 2) 20th Street to 22nd Street. The project utilizes land under both Port and DPW jurisdictions.
- 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 at the end of June. Livable Streets staff has begun to meet with agencies within in the City family (Planning, Rec-Park, DPW, Port, Redevelopment, OEWD) to discuss permitting and approval processes for station locations.

C. FUNDING

- 1. PROP K REQUESTS:** Prop K requests (including: Bike to Work Day 2012-2014, Bike Parking, Bike Safety Education Classes, Fell/Oak Planning) are planned to be heard by the SFCTA Board Plans and Programs Committee on June 21 and the Full SFCTA Board on June 28th. In addition to these "bike" allocations, several "pedestrian" and "traffic calming" allocations will be heard

- at the same SFCTA meetings. (including: Opening of the Geary and Steiner Crosswalk, Pedestrian Island Planning, Marshall Homezone allocation, Sunset Elementary allocation, West Portal Safe Routes to School allocation match, and 15MPH signs at San Francisco Schools).
2. **PROP K BIKE AMENDMENT:** Livable Streets would like to gather BAC comments regarding SFMTA's Livable Streets proposed Prop K 5 Year Funding Plan (5YPP) amendment. With 2 years remaining in the 5YPP, with many Bike Plan projects completed, and with the changing demands of the network; the SFMTA would like to propose amendments to the Prop K 5YPP. Namely, the SFMTA proposes to amend the 5YPP to include funding for the completion the JFK Cycletrack project (total cost over \$600,000), funding the next bicycle planning effort (currently projected to be over \$600,000), completing the Cargo Way Cycletrack, and identifying more funding for the proposed project along Masonic. **These 4 projects will utilize the majority of the remaining Prop K funds for FY 11/12 and 12/13. SFMTA is seeking input and comment regarding these proposed amendments.**
 3. **FELL/ OAK TFCA GRANT:** The Fell/Oak projects was not recommended for TFCA funds. Currently \$165,000 in Prop K planning is being routed for approval. However, since this project was not recommended for TFCA funding, potentially over \$300,000 will need to be identified for construction.

D. BIKE ED AND SAFETY

1. **BICYCLE LANE MARKING EXPERIMENTS:** Staff has scheduled additional "before" observations for door zone markings and intersection approach treatments phase 2 (broken white) for the last week in June and the first two weeks of July. The two studies are taking place on 17th Street. Staff is evaluating additional locations for the broken green mixing zone treatment (like that on Market Street).
2. **STATE OF CYCLING:** The draft report was put on hold to perform a follow-up telephone survey. The follow-up survey is occurring now (late-June) with results returning in July. This survey is a condensed version of the initial January survey, only capturing mode share and trip purpose information. This survey may be followed by an identical metric in September 2011 and incorporated into the State of Cycling with a new release date in late 2011.
3. **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. (no update)

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 9th and 5th Sts, Upper Polk St. The goal is to use the momentum of the event to implement innovative bicycle treatments immediately. (no update)
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. (no update)
3. **SUNDAY STREETS:** Four of eight Sunday Streets events have already taken place this year. The most recent was the Bayview and Dogpatch event on June 12 and the next scheduled event is scheduled for July 10 on the Great Highway.
4. **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

COMMENT FROM MAY MEETING:

Wait for appropriate BAC member to comment on above.

- b. Signage for Shrader Valve
 - i. Staff is investigating potential markings and signage
Item has been logged in and the BAC should expect a response by September.
- 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.
Staff forwarded comments to central subway team. Central Subway does not include any work within one block of the proposed change. Currently, all SB traffic turns left onto EB Post, so lane reduction has been tried on this block. No other update.
- 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

No update.

- 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

Item has been logged in and the BAC should expect a response by September.

- f. Bike lanes on Post between Steiner and Webster
 - i. Merchants were opposed to bike lanes in this area

No update.

- g. Sharrows on Geneva from Moscow to Brookdale
 - i. Work order has been drafted

Item has been logged in and the BAC should expect a response by September.

- h. Market St/12th St Signal
 - i. Staff considering option to reduce red light for EB cyclists on Market St

Item has been logged in and the BAC should expect a response by September. Item tied to discussion of policy for pedestrian actuation for signals.

- i. Additional signage requested on the Kezar path between Lincoln Way and Third Ave

Staff is investigating installing additional signage to bring attention to cyclists coming from the right and using striping to realign the WB approach to intersect Kezar Drive at closer to a 90 degree angle.