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

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A. BICYCLE PLAN

- BIKE LANE PROJECTS:** Since the injunction modification in November 2009, twenty-six (26) bike lane projects have been completed, adding over 16 miles of bike lanes to the bicycle route network. 56% (18.7 miles) of the bike lanes identified in the San Francisco Bike Plan have been implemented. Staff will continue making progress towards full build-out of the bike plan projects in the coming fiscal year.
- SHARROWS:** Since the injunction modification in November 2009, approximately 2,800 sharrows have been installed, totaling approximately 38 miles of roadway.
- SIDEWALK BIKE RACKS:** No new bike racks have been installed since the last report to the BAC, leaving the citywide total at 2,170. A work order was sent to install 27 bike racks. The SFMTA sent a list of 72 bike racks to the Planning Department for environmental review. There are approximately 300 sidewalk bike rack requests in various stages of the evaluation/implementation process.
- AUTOMATED BIKE COUNTERS:** Twenty (20) automated counters have been installed at 12 locations. Two locations will each receive one counter in the summer. Staff is developing a data collection/validation methodology. (No Change)

B. FACILITIES & PROJECTS

- ON-STREET BIKE CORRALS:** 14 bike corrals have been installed to date. SFMTA staff is in the process of legislating at least 11 bike corrals to be installed before 2012.

2. **17th STREET BICYCLE PROJECT:** Public hearing for parking changes has been moved to September 2nd. Changes to be implemented with the 17th Street paving project in the fall of 2011.
3. **PORTOLA BIKE PROJECT:** Staff revised the striping drawing in response to input from Bert Hill. New design forwarded to Bert.
4. **BROADWAY TUNNEL BICYCLE PROJECT:** Eco-counter loops malfunctioned and were returned to the manufacturer; the bike warning sign and flashing beacon were installed in early June but were removed due to concerns that they encouraged cyclists to ride in the tunnel rather than provide supplemental warning once they were already there. SFMTA is working with vendors to determine if a solar-powered blank-out sign can be built to replace the bike warning sign. (No update)
5. **CESAR CHAVEZ (EAST):** Staff is exploring options for removing all of the parking along Cesar Chavez Street in order to accommodate bicycle lanes. A 9-month grant extension request was approved by the Air District to preserve the existing grant funds that would have expired on June 30, 2011. Another community meeting is scheduled for August 24 to explore the latest design alternatives for near and long-term bicycle facilities along the corridor that maintain adequate vehicular capacity in each direction.
6. **JFK DRIVE CYCLE TRACK:** Staff continues with more detailed design after presenting to a largely approving public meeting on August 16. Staff continues to work with the San Francisco County Transportation Authority on funding issues. Staff to present item to Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority in September and the Recreation and Parks Commission in October. Implementation planned for December 2011.
7. **FELL/OAK BIKEWAYS:** A community meeting will be held Tuesday September 13th at 6:30pm at the San Francisco Day School (350 Masonic Ave, at Golden Gate). SFMTA staff are currently performing traffic and parking impact analysis based on several conceptual design ideas.
8. **HOLLOWAY AVE TRAFFIC CALMING AND BIKE LANES:**
Beverly Street to Ashton Avenue
Staff conducted balloting for five speed humps on Holloway between Beverly and Ashton, with the majority of residents supporting the installation of the speed humps. Staff is currently examining possibilities for raised crosswalks in place of humps at some locations. In addition, staff is working with the Planning Department on the appropriate environmental documentation regarding a westbound bike lane between Ashton Avenue and Ralston Street and an eastbound bike lane between Ralston Street and Beverly Street. Staff is continuing outreach for parking removal associated with the bike lanes.

Varela Avenue and Junipero Serra Boulevard

The segment of Holloway Avenue from Varela Avenue to Junipero Serra Boulevard was completed in August 2011, and includes bicycle lanes in both the east and west directions. In addition, a new MUNI bus zones was implemented on the south side of Holloway Avenue, just west of Junipero Serra Boulevard.

9. **PORT of SAN FRANCISCO BIKE PROJECTS:** Design is complete for a cycle track for Cargo Way, and the project will be going out to bid later this summer. Construction is expected to be complete by early next year. Staff continues to work with the Port, the Mission Bay Developers Group, and the Mission Bay CAC on cycle track designs for Terry Francois Blvd that could be implemented when new roadway is built. The Illinois Street bicycle project (16th Street to Cargo Way) was completed in July, and includes bicycle lanes in both the north and south directions and back-in angle parking on the east side of Illinois St. between Terry A. Francois Blvd and 18th Street and between 20th Street and 22nd Street. The project utilizes land under both Port and DPW jurisdictions.
10. **BICYCLE SHARING:** On 8/9/11, staff held a brownbag lunch for internal and select external participants (including the BAC). On 8/15/2011, staff sent a memo to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors describing the San Francisco pilot bike share project. Staff continue to meet with partners and reach out to stakeholders including the Port, Transbay Joint Powers Authority, Union Square Business Improvement District, the Building Owners and Managers Association of San Francisco, and DPW to coordinate placement of stations in the project service area. Preliminary field work for bike share station locations has also started. The bike sharing website, linked to the SFMTA Livable Streets website, is continually being updated.
11. **8th STREET:** In light of an upcoming paving project, staff is analyzing the possibility of removing one travel lane on 8th Street between Market and Folsom streets. In the short-term, additional space could be used to provide a buffered bicycle lane. As funding is identified, staff would also like to pilot some other strategies to visually narrow the roadway and or to improve the quality of the bike lane and to increase safety for people walking. Paving is currently scheduled to start in the fall. Pursuing the road diet requires environmental review and clearance by the Planning Department. (No update)
12. **BAYSHORE BOULEVARD:** Staff chose design that would remove a lane in each direction between Oakdale Avenue and Industrial Street/Alemanly Boulevard. Parking will be removed on the segment between Industrial Street/Alemanly Boulevard and Silver Avenue. Striping drawings are currently being created and revised. Comments from the Bicycle Coalition are being reviewed by Staff for potential incorporation into the project.

C. FUNDING

1. **PROP K BIKE AMENDMENT:** SFMTA Finance will present SFMTA's proposed Prop K 5 Year Funding Plan (5YPP) amendment to the BAC at the July BAC meeting. This is a follow-up from last month's meeting. With 2 years remaining in the 5YPP, with many Bike Plan projects completed, and with the changing demands of the network; the SFMTA is proposing amendments to the Prop K 5YPP. The presentation will cover the changes proposed

D. BIKE ED AND SAFETY

1. **BICYCLE LANE MARKING EXPERIMENTS:** Staff has conducted additional "before" observations for door zone markings and door zone markings have been striped on one block of 17th Street for evaluation. In addition, observations of approach treatments phase 2 (broken white) are ongoing. 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). (No change)
2. **STATE OF CYCLING:** The draft report was put on hold to perform a follow-up telephone survey. The follow-up survey occurred late June with results returning now. 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. (No change)

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. Please plan on joining us for events on the morning of September 19th and the evening of September 20th at City Hall. (No change)
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 change)
3. **SUNDAY STREETS:** Six of eight Sunday Streets events have already taken place this year. The most recent was the Tenderloin/Civic Center and the next one will occur on September 11.
4. **COLORED BIKE LANE EXPERIMENT:** SFMTA Staff identified locations for colored bike lanes where bike lanes are present to the left of vehicle right turn pockets. Grant funding is currently in hand for installation and evaluation at 5 locations, so locations

with the highest bike volumes were selected for implementation: Grove/Polk, 9th/Howard, Market/Duboce, Embarcadero/Lombard, Howard/Embarcadero.

5. SPOT IMPROVEMENTS:

BAC Request	SFMTA Response
<p>Signage on the “Shrader Valve” notifying motorists on southbound Shrader Street with a more conspicuous sign than presently; and notifying westbound cyclists on the Panhandle Path with path cross-hatching and signage to route cyclists to the crossing of Fell Street at Shrader Street. We still observe a lot of cyclists riding westbound into Stanyan Street directly from the Panhandle Path, many with bike rental bags on the front.</p>	<p>Motorists on southbound Shrader Street should obey the extinguishable NO RIGHT TURN sign which illuminates when the Panhandle Path has a green left turn arrow; no other signage is recommended. A draft proposal for additional signage and/or markings on the Panhandle Path directing cyclists to cross Fell Street at Shrader Street will be addressed as part of the John F Kennedy project.</p>
<p>Stockton Contra-Flow Lane Study – Presently cyclists trying to reach the Stockton Tunnel from the south and west have no efficient way to legally ride to the Tunnel. A one block northbound contra-flow lane on Stockton Street from Post to Sutter streets would allow cyclists to travel one block north from Post Street toward the tunnel.</p>	<p>Preliminary review indicates that creation of a northbound contra-flow lane may require removal of heavily-used loading zones along Stockton Street, and reconfiguration of the pedestrian island at the intersection of Stockton and Sutter streets. Response expected by September.</p>
<p>Improved signage for Cesar Chavez Street pathway under the US 101 Freeway interchange – Cyclists riding northbound on Bayshore Boulevard and eastbound on Cesar Chavez Street are often confused about entering and tracking the pathway under the US 101 Freeway interchange. Supervisor Cohen recently commented on attempting to ride through this interchange known as the “hairball.”</p>	<p>Existing Cesar Chavez Street (West) project may address pathway wayfinding for cyclists traveling eastbound on Cesar Chavez. Existing Cesar Chavez Street (East) project will explore several possibilities for the design near the interchange, including wayfinding signage. Resolution expected by April 2012.</p>
<p>Improved signage at intersection of Market and Castro streets guiding westbound bicyclists to use 17th Street and Corbett Avenue instead of Market</p>	<p>This item has been logged in. Response expected by November.</p>

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Street all the way to Portola Drive.	
Extend the Post Street bike lane from Steiner Street to Webster Street.	Merchants were opposed to bike lanes in this area in the past – pending new merchant survey, this item is beyond the scope of our current work. Richard Hashimoto is president of Japantown Merchants Association and can be reached at 415-567-4573.
Add sharrows on Geneva Avenue from Moscow Street to Brookdale Avenue and investigate adding a bike lane in the uphill (westbound) direction.	Work orders were issued to add sharrows in July. Response to bike lane request expected by September.
Add bike signal at intersection of Market and 12 th streets to reduce eastbound bicycle delay.	Response expected by September.
Additional signage requested on the Kezar path between Lincoln Way and Third Avenue.	Work orders have been drafted. Final response expected by September.
Better bike network transition from Market Street to Corbett Avenue in downhill direction, or sharrows on Market Street to Castro Street.	Response expected by September.
Data requested regarding bicycle theft at new bike corrals. BAC is specifically concerned with Metreon location as this is a high bike theft area.	The SFMTA does not have statistics available on bike thefts from bike corrals.
Review St. Francis Circle for signage and stencils to clarify cyclist route	This item has been logged in. Response expected by November.
Duboce and Market Street – eastbound cyclists end up in crosswalk	This item has been logged in. Response expected in November.
Route 55 contraflow improvements	The SFMTA needs more info about this request.