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SFMTA Bicycle Program Report to the BAC

March 2008

A. PLANNING

1. BICYCLE PLAN: EIR Initial Study was released on 3/15/08, and is now posted on MEA and SFMTA websites. A Citywide Bicycle Plan Update Open House was held on March 26, 2008. Approximately eighty (80) people attended this meeting. This meeting received widespread press coverage and was well attended. Notable attendees included Mr. Ford, Wade Crowfoot (Mayor's Office), Police Chief Heather Fong, and DPW Director Ed Reiskin. This meeting generally covered the Plan Update, EIR steps, and the post-injunction, implementation strategy. Specific area meetings will be scheduled in May and June to address the 60 projects.

Key Tentative Date Summary:

A.1.a. EIR

Initial Study - Final Draft – 3/15/2008

Transportation Impact - Final Draft – 5/2008

Public Draft EIR – 9/2008

EIR Comments and Responses – Final Draft – Spring 2009

EIR Certification – Spring 2009

BOS Appeal Period Ends – Spring 2009

Final EIR – Spring/Summer 2009

A.1.b. Plan

Citywide Open House Meeting – March 26, 2008

Chapters 1-2 – present to BAC via Task Force on 4/24/08

Chapters 3-8 – present to BAC via Task Force on 5/22/08

Final Presentation/Hearing at BAC- June 2008 (tentative)

Neighborhood/Area Public Meetings- May-August 2008

***Implementation after FEIR and Superior Court's Approval. Presumed Fall 2009**

2. MAYORS BIKE WORKING GROUP: Staff attended meeting 3/12/08 – Mayor’s Office requested MTA follow-up on implementation strategy, including phasing of EIR projects and estimate of which ones will be completed by 2010. Mayor’s Office also requested MTA summarize the legislative steps required for EIR projects.

B. BICYCLE FACILITIES

1. MAINTENANCE WORK ORDERS – Staff has been submitting work orders to repaint sharrows and stencils at various locations through-out the City. Please contact the Bicycle Program for specific requests.

C. FUNDING

1. BIKE PLAN EIR IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING: A TFCA application for Kirkham Street was submitted.

2. SFSU BICYCLE PATH: SFCTA CAC recommended approval on 3/26/08 of SFSU grant application for TFCA funds to build a portion of a bicycle path through campus that will eventually connect Buckingham Way to Holloway Avenue.

D. SAFETY OUTREACH

1. OUTDOOR MEDIA PROJECT: The next component of the “Give Respect, Get Respect” campaign should be on the buses. Please take photos. The Campaign is anticipated to run mid-March to mid-April.

E. OTHER

1. PLANNER I & JUNIOR ENGINEER POSTIONS: Two new staff have been added to the Bicycle Program.

2. DISTRICT 7 BIKE TOUR: Staff rode with Supervisor Elsbernd, Bert Hill (BAC) and Andy Thornley (SFBC) along various bicycle routes in District 7 on 3/22/08.

3. RADIO SHOWS ON BICYCLING: Staff provided background information on bicycling in San Francisco to Ruby Pap of City Visions Radio Show on KALW, which plans to air a show on March 31. The 2005-06 Bicycle Injury Collision Report was helpful in the 3/13 discussion on KQED (radio 88.5) FORUM with Michael Krasny.