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## SFMTA Bicycle Program Report to the BAC

April 2008

### A. PLANNING

**1. BICYCLE PLAN**– Staff amended language for the Bicycle Plan Action Items and is preparing them for BAC review. Staff reviewed the intersection geometry for the design options of two additional study intersections along the Masonic Avenue corridor.

Staff attended Alliance for Better District 6 Meeting on 4/8/08 to discuss status of Bicycle Plan. Staff also attended the Western SoMa Citizens Planning Task Force Meeting on 4/9/08 to discuss their request for additional project inclusion to the Bicycle Plan. Staff communicated that SFMTA was not in support of their additions. A follow-up memo will occur that addresses both the inappropriate behavior of West SoMa Task Force Members and SFMTA's position on their recommendations

Staff continues to prepare presentation material for the neighborhood meetings at the end of May and beginning of June. The meetings are scheduled for 5/21/08, 5/22/08, 6/3/08, and 6/4/08.

#### 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**

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**2. MAYORS BIKE WORKING GROUP** - Staff attended meeting on 04/03/08. Attendees agreed that next meetings should focus on the implementation strategy and a review of Draft 5YPP.

**3. BICYCLE SHARING-** Staff is preparing for the May 3 bike sharing forum at the Southern Exposure Gallery. This is supposed to be a brainstorming session to assist in envisioning what a bicycle sharing program could look like in SF.

**4. MARKET STREET BOARDING ISLAND SAFE ZONES-** Bicycle Program staff met with transit staff to discuss their recent proposals to improve the Market Street boarding islands. Their proposals will be presented to the BAC.

## **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.

**2. ALEMANY BOULEVARD AND ROUSSEAU STREET** – Staff reactivated a year-old work order to the Paint Shop to maintain the guideline and bike lane on eastbound Alemany approaching Rousseau Street. Implementation delay was due to the water main construction at the site.

**3. FELL AND SHRADER STREETS INTERSECTION-** Received multiple complaints from bicyclists about recent removal of “No Turn on Red” sign at this intersection. Staff following up on resolution options.

**4. FELL STREET AND MASONIC AVENUE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS-** The proposed changes necessary to implement the westbound Left Turn Only lane were approved by the MTAB on April 1. The City Attorney’s office filed a motion with the Superior Court on March 31 seeking relief from the injunction to implement these changes. The motion is scheduled to be heard on April 29. In the interim staff will be finalizing the signal design and timing, and coordinating with the DPT Signal Shop, so that implementation of these improvements can occur immediately after the court rules on our motion (obviously this assumes a favorable outcome). The Directors report at the SFMTAB meeting discussed next steps for the Fell and Masonic intersection. Significant public comment in support of the proposed changes was received.

**5. MARKET STREET AND OCTAVIA BOULEVARD-**The City Attorney’s office filed a motion with the Superior Court on March 31 seeking relief from the injunction to implement additional safety improvements. The motion is scheduled to be heard on

April 29. The new Bicycle Warning sign, approved for experimentation by the CTCDC on January 31, has been installed. Staff continues to monitor intersection operations. In addition to the ongoing review of all intersection-related collision data, illegal eastbound right turn counts were performed in mid-January and 24-hour eastbound bike counts were collected March 12-16. Follow-up counts are being scheduled.

**6. JFK MAINTENANCE STRIPING-** Additional thermoplastic striping was added to JFK. The existing striping had faded.

### **C. FUNDING**

**1. BTA GRANT APPLICATION:** Staff is working with Caltrans to clarify what makes up the Bike Plan, and why Safety Education and Outreach projects listed in the Policy Framework are every bit as legitimate as the Facilities projects listed in the Network Improvement Document (which Caltrans apparently -and very mistakenly- considers the true and only Bike Plan.) SFMTA Grants experienced some push back from Caltrans on our BTA application. Bicycle Program attempted to clarify some items, but Grants is taking the lead on this.

**2. TFCA QTR REPORTS-** Staff is working on completing the 16 QTR reports for TFCA Program Manager Funds by end of next week.

### **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.

**2. SAN SIDEWALK BICYCLING PRESS CONFERENCE, VN/MARKET, 4/16, 11 am:** Staff attended and spoke briefly on collaborative efforts in this vein. Channel 2 reported on the event, but no other media outlets attended. Staff also presented the art for the current **‘RESPECT’ transit posters which ask all street users to “Please Wait Your Turn” and observe others’ ROW.**

**3. BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY (BFC) -** Staff will be working with the SFBC and resubmitting the Bicycle Friendly Community application in August.

**4. BIKE TO WORK DAY-** Staff is working with ED’s office to organize ED Staff participation in BTWD rides and press conferences. Street pole banners have been installed in various City locations. Bus ads should be posted soon. SFMTA will supply 800 bicycle bells to the Bicycle Coalition for distribution at energizer stations.

SFMTA will also supplied materials (Maps, guides, stickers and bells) to City College and SFSU for Bike to School Day, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**5. BICYCLE REPORT CARD-** The Bicycle Report Card is on schedule. Alta Planning + Design presented a draft survey and methodology to the Bicycle Program on March 21st. The TAC met to discuss our changes and questions which were sent back to Alta. Alta has responded by incorporating our changes and investigating our concerns. The next deliverable is due on May 30, which is the draft report including responses to the questionnaire and analysis of results. We have requested that Alta provide us with a non number-specific overview of their findings for Bike to Work Day on May 15 which they agreed to do.

## **E. OTHER**

**1. PRESS INQUIRIES-** National Geographic and KQED interviewed the Bicycle Program this weekend.

**2. THREE INFORMATION REQUESTS -** Staff has been trying to amass material for three information requests for this week. Two are related to recent court cases, while the third is related to the West SoMa Task Force.

**3. NEW BICYCLE PROGRAM POSTIONS:** In addition to the new Planner and Jr. Engineer added to the Bicycle Program, the Program is interviewing for an additional Associate Engineer.

**4. TEP OUTREACH MEETINGS-** A Bicycle Program representative will attend all TEP meetings. See the TEP schedule online for more information.

**5. CITIZEN REQUESTS AND COMMENTS:** Staff continues to record, forward and/or respond to requests and comments through the hotline. Staff updated the outgoing hotline message to include our new email address **bicycle@sfmta.com**.