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SFMTA Bicycle Program Report to the BAC

May 2008

A. PLANNING

1. BICYCLE PLAN– Staff received consultant's Prototypical Cluster 1 for the Consolidated Transportation Impact Study, and submitted comments to MEA. Staff met with Planning Department staff to review Bicycle Plan projects within the Mission Streetscape Plan project area. Staff held the first of four local meetings to collect input on the bike plan update. Fifteen members of the public attended the meeting 5/21 at SoMa Rec Center. Next meeting is 5/22 in Bayview. The final two meetings are June 3 and 4 in the western city and northeastern city. Staff attended BAC meeting on 4/24/08. Discussion items included overlap of Bicycle Plan and TEP proposals, bicycle parking issues related to meter removal as part of SFPark Pilot Projects, and upcoming Market Street Safe Zone Pilot Project. Staff presented proposed Bicycle Plan Policy Framework Action Items to BAC on 4/24/08. BAC task force will review and make recommendations on the Action Items at their May meeting.

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. BETTER STREETS PLAN: Staff attended a meeting where the draft plan was presented for agency review. Agency comments on the draft plan were due by Friday, May 16.

3. PARKMERCED PLANNING: Staff met with consultant team preparing development proposal for Park Merced to review bicycle planning issues.

B. BICYCLE FACILITIES

1. BICYCLE ECO-COUNTERS – Staff spoke with Eco-counters for information gathering and drafted a memo and drawing to submit to Special Projects at MTA for inclusion in Contract 58 of one Eco-counter on Fell near Scott Streets.

2. FELL/MASONIC INTERSECTION: The City successfully petitioned the Court for relief from the injunction to implement the left turn pocket from Fell to Masonic. The legislation is set for DPT Public Hearing on May 16, then the MTA Board on June 17. Concurrently, staff is finalizing the signal timing and signal design, as well as coordinating with the various shops. Implementation of the new left turn phase is expected to be complete by the end of July.

3. MARKET/OCTAVIA INTERSECTION: The Court denied our request to implement the share lane design, indicating that it was premature and the intersection deserved further study. Staff will continue to monitor operations. In the interim, the associated legislation will be heard at the May 27 TASC meeting then placed on hold until such time as we deem it appropriate to return to court to seek permission to make the changes. Following that, staff would proceed directly to the MTA Board for final approval.

4. COLORED BIKE LANES - The Presidio has expressed interest in doing material testing for colored pavement in the bike lanes. Staff will meet to discuss possible areas for experimentation.

C. FUNDING

1. FUNDING PLANNING: Staff is working with Grants and the YMCA to scope a SRTS application for continuation of the YMCA Middle School Bike Safety Ed Project once the OTS funding is exhausted. Grant app due June 18.

2. TFCA - Staff is exploring apply for bicycle parking funds.

D. SAFETY OUTREACH

1. BIKE TO WORK DAY: BTWD was the largest ever in SF, and got regional and national attention due to the overwhelming number bicyclists who participated in the clean air commute May 15. BTWD drew roughly twice as many cyclists as a “typical” day in SF, with numbers as high as 75,000 cyclists quoted on SF streets for BTWD. There was a 100% increase of bicyclists during the B2WD morning rush hour at Market and Van Ness compared to last week’s non-B2WD count (only EB data). (406 EB cyclists were riding in the morning rush hour last week compared to 812 today) The inbound (eastbound) am rush hour traffic was comprised of 64% bicyclist compared to 32% automobiles. (812 EB bicyclists, 403 EB autos, 28 EB transit vehicles, 25 EB taxis)

There were twice as many bikes than cars in the inbound (EB) morning commute.

2. BIKE LIGHT BUS TAILS: Staff will reprint 20 “Light Your Bike at Night” bus tails, taking advantage of some unused funding which will soon expire. These will be posted in October as part of a second bicycle light giveaway event.

3. BICYCLE FATALITY @ FULTON/STEINER: staff is following up on the fatal bicycle collision that occurred 5/21 at this Western Addition intersection.

4. BICYCLE FRIENDLY CITY: staff will meet with SFBC to draft the SF update for BFC, due this summer.

5. PROWALK/PROBIKE 2010: staff is exploring SFMTA hosting the 2010 national bicycle and pedestrian conference.