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SFMTA Bicycle Program Report to the BAC

June 2008

A. PLANNING

1. BICYCLE PLAN – Met with TEP team to continue discussion of Bicycle Plan project overlaps with TEP proposals. Sent descriptions of bike boxes and bicycle boulevards to MEA for inclusion in EIR. Sent BAC's recommended changes to Action Items to MEA for review. Received revised transit delay methodology from consultant on 6/18/08 – awaiting MEA approval of methodology. Provided updated project descriptions and drawings to consultant for several projects as a result of comments from the Initial Study and from May/June outreach meetings and updated our website with the various changes.

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

Neighborhood/Area Public Meetings- May-August 2008

Chapters 1-8 – present to BAC via Task Force TBD

Final Presentation/Hearing at BAC- TBD

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

2. CALTAIN BICYCLE PLAN - Staff attended an evening meeting regarding the proposed Caltrain Bicycle Master Plan. The interest of the meeting was mostly focused on onboard issues, however there was some discussion regarding Townsend Street.

3. CESAR CHAVEZ STREET DESIGN PLAN – Staff attended public workshop hosted by Planning Department on 5-28-08.

4. MASONIC AVENUE – Staff attended a FixMasonic meeting where various conceptual visions for a future Masonic were presented by Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates. Staff also attended a joint FixMasonic and Planning Department meeting.

5. TRANSIT CENTER DISTRICT PLAN – Staff attended the 6/16/08 meeting with Planning Department to discuss proposals for street modifications.

B. BICYCLE FACILITIES

1. AUTOMATIC BICYCLE COUNTERS – Staff submitted documents to include a test bicycle counter into an existing SFMTA signal contract.

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 was approved at DPT Public Hearing on May 16, and is scheduled to be heard by the MTA Board on August 5 (note: item was postponed from the original MTAB date of June 17) Staff has completed the new signal timing and continues to work on finalizing the signal layout design and coordinating with the various shops. Implementation of the new left turn phase is now expected to be complete by the end of August.

3. COLORED BIKE LANES – Staff met with Presidio staff and identified possible locations for material testing. Staff is in contact with vendors to test material at the Presidio at a TBD date. Staff also awaits final approval from FHWA for material testing.

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 July 18.

2. TFCA BICYCLE RACK APPLICATION – SFMTA Grants staff deemed a SFMTA TFCA application for bike racks unfeasible. The maximum cost per bicycle for parking racks in the TFCA guidelines is \$60 and the price of steel has made the cost of racks balloon significantly over that cost ceiling.

3. TFCA BICYCLE RACK APPLICATION FOR SFUSD SCHOOL BIKE PARKING-

The prohibitive price of steel has made TFCA bike parking guidelines and price ceilings obsolete. This has left the SFMTA and other bicycle parking sponsors scrambling for “match” funds to make up the more than 70% funding shortfall. SFBC placed pressure on the SFCTA and Mayor’s Office not to pull this application. SFMTA agreed to forgo some of its Prop K 08/09 funds to address this shortfall. Unless BAAQMD guidelines change, Regional TFCA funds should be reconsidered for bicycle parking.

D. SAFETY OUTREACH

1. POST BIKE TO WORK DAY COUNTS – Staff conducted counts one month following Bike to Work Day. A one page report is forthcoming, but the numbers remain high with more bicyclists than autos in the AM peak.

2. BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY – August 19 planned meeting with YMCA to strategize starting a ‘Bike to School Day’ next spring. Meeting will include SFBC and SFMTA staff.

3. YMCA BIKE ED PROGRAM – Staff met with YMCA staff to plan for an upcoming SRTS grant application to fund and potentially expand the Middle School Bike Ed Program.

E. OTHER

1. BICYCLE PROGRAM STAFF ADDITIONS – A new Associate Engineer has been added to the Bicycle Program as well as one new intern whom has joined the Bicycle Program for summer 2008.

2. SYDNEY AUSTRALIA – Members of the City Council would like to meet with Bicycle Program staff to discuss our program and tour our facilities. Bicycle Program staff have been coordinating.

3. BELGIUM PARLIAMENT – A delegation of at least 10 members of the Flemish Parliament will be in San Francisco late June. Bicycle Program staff have been coordinating.

4. PROWALK/PROBIKE 2010 – Staff submitted the application to host the 2010 national bicycle and pedestrian conference. The decision date is September 2008.