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September 2009 SFMTA Bicycle Program Report to the San Francisco Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

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A. PLANNING

1. BICYCLE PLAN –

A.1.a. Plan – MTAB approved the Bicycle Plan and the CEQA findings to the Bike Plan Final EIR (FEIR) and legislated 45 near-term bicycle projects at the 6/26 public hearing.

A.1.b. EIR – The Planning Commission certified the Bicycle Plan FEIR, CEQA findings, and planning code amendments at the 6/25 public hearing. Two appeals against the FEIR were denied at the 8/4 BOS Public Hearing. General Plan amendments and Planning Code amendments were approved. The Mayor signed ordinances on 8/12 making these decisions official legislation. The City and County of San Francisco is scheduled to appear in front of the Superior Court of California on 11/2 to request the lifting of the injunction against the Bicycle Plan.

A.1.c. Implementation – Staff is preparing projects for implementation by updating cost estimates, striping drawings and drafting work orders.

Tentative Key Date Summary:

A.1.a. Plan

Citywide Open House Meeting – 3/26/08

Neighborhood/Area Public Meetings- May-June 2008

Executive Summary, including all goals, objectives, and actions – draft presented to BAC via Task Force 4/25/08, final version presented to BAC 7/24/08

Chapters 1-8 – Draft presented to BAC via Task Force 8/28/08

Final Presentation of Draft Plan at BAC- 10/30/08

Final Bicycle Plan Approved – 6/26/09

Unlegislated Bicycle Project Community Meetings – Winter 09/10

A.1.b. EIR

Initial Study - Final Draft – 3/15/2008

Transportation Impact Study - Final Draft – October 2008

Public Draft EIR – 11/26/08

Draft EIR Comment Period – 11/26/2008 through 1/13/2009

EIR Responses to Comments – 06/11/09

EIR Certification –06/25/09

BOS Appeal Period Deadline – 07/15/09

BOS Scheduled Appeal Hearings- 08/04/09

Superior Court Hearing – 11/02/09

A.1.c. Implementation

Neighborhood/Project Specific Public Meetings – May 2009

Legislative Public Hearings – 5/1/2009, 5/15/2009, 5/29/2009, 6/5/2009 and 6/26/2009

Near-Term Projects Implementation (after Superior Court lifts the injunction) estimated fall 2009

B. FACILITIES

1. BICYCLE PARKING – Staff has surveyed potential bicycle rack installation locations in every supervisorial district and citywide.

2. BICYCLE SHARING – BIXI of Montreal held a demonstration of their bicycle sharing system on car-free JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park on Sunday 8/2. City CarShare and SFMTA staff were on hand as well to promote the concept of bicycle sharing. The eight bicycles were in near constant use, serving hundreds of people throughout the day. Local television, radio, and print media were in attendance, and all provided positive reviews.

C. FUNDING

1. POST-INJUNCTION PROJECT FUNDING – Program staff is working with Grants staff and funding agencies to ensure adequate funding for year 1 projects as soon as the injunction is lifted.

2. TFCA-BFP – Staff submitted one application for bicycle racks and three applications for near-term bicycle projects to BAAQMD on 9/11.

3. HSIP – Staff is drafting an application for Upper Market bicycle projects to be submitted on 10/8 to Caltrans.

4. TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS – Staff is drafting an application for on and off-street bicycle parking to be submitted to the SFCTA on 10/2.

5. TDA – Staff completed project application forms for Transportation Development Act Article 3 money for bike parking, striping, signing and sharrows, and safety.

6. BICYCLE PROGRAM 5YPP – Staff is working with Grants and SFCTA staff on updating the 5YPP for EP 39 to include a detailed list of near-term projects.

7. OTS MIDDLE SCHOOL BIKE ED GRANT – Staff sent final report and invoice 8/26 to close this grant.

D. MISCELLANEOUS

1. STAFFING CHANGES – Three staff members have either left the Bicycle Program permanently or been temporarily reassigned to other duties and we have added one new planner. We thank Oliver Gajda, Nick Carr, and Deirdre Weinberg for their many years of service to the Bicycle Program. Damon Curtis is the Acting Implementation Manager for the Bicycle Program.

2. AUTOMATED BICYCLE COUNTERS – Staff finalized a list of locations to be reviewed and field checked. Installation is planned for fall 2009.

3. GERMAN MARSHALL FUND – Staff is preparing to host a delegation of European bicycle planning professionals and elected officials on 9/29. A panel discussion at 11a.m. in the 2nd Floor atrium conference room of 1 South Van Ness Avenue will be open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

4. TORONTO BICYCLE PROGRAM – A representative from the City of Toronto's bicycle program gave an overview of Toronto's bikestations, other bicycle related policies issues.

5. REGIONAL BICYCLE WORKING GROUP – Staff attended a combined Regional Pedestrian Committee/Regional Bicycle Working Group meeting on 8/20. Discussion items and presentations included TLC best practices, draft trail signage, and plans for a Regional Pedestrian Summit in December 2009.

6. PROGRESSIVE BICYCLING CITIES COALITION – The City of Portland, OR has extended an invitation to San Francisco and other NACTO cities to spearhead a multi-city initiative to advance technology and innovation in the development of urban bicycle transportation systems. SFMTA staff will present the first week of October.

7. ANNUAL CITYWIDE BIKE COUNT – Staff conducted the 4th Annual Citywide Bike Count in August and is in the process of compiling a report. Early indications are that the number of bicyclists has again increased over last year, but at a slower rate than in recent years.