

SFMTA Bicycle Program Report to the BAC

October 2008

A. PLANNING

1. BICYCLE PLAN –

A.1.a. Plan – Comments on Draft Plan from BAC were incorporated. Staff followed-up on outstanding issues with BART, Caltrain, the City Attorney, DPW, Port, and SFMTA Grants.

A.1.b. EIR – The third Draft of Consolidated Transportation Impact Study (TIS) was reviewed by SFMTA and screen checked by MEA. First Preliminary Draft of Draft EIR (DEIR) delivered by consultants on 10/06/08. Currently scheduled to complete DEIR by 11/27/08 (Thanksgiving).

A.1.c. Implementation – Public comments, additional outreach with neighborhood and merchant groups, and the draft results of the EIR TIS are being used to develop preferred options for some projects. Staff is in the process of bringing projects through the legislative process for implementation upon injunction relief. Staff anticipates additional public meetings in winter 2008.

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

A.1.b. EIR

Initial Study - Final Draft – 3/15/2008

Transportation Impact Study - Final Draft – October 2008

Public Draft EIR – 11/27/08*

EIR Comments and Responses – TBD*
EIR Certification –TBD*
BOS Appeal Period Ends – TBD*
Final EIR – Estimated Spring/Summer 2009*

* As Communicated at the 7/21/08 BOS Land Use Committee Hearing

A.1.b. Implementation

Additional Community Meetings- Winter 2008

Implementation after FEIR and Superior Court’s approval ~ Estimated Fall 2009

B. FACILITIES

1. FELL/MASONIC INTERSECTION – The signal modification at Fell and Masonic intersection was activated 9/16/08. Most recently, SFMTA completed a two-week long intensive outreach and data collection effort to further educate the public and attempt to measure the effectiveness of the signal changes. A portable changeable message sign was installed on Fell Street to provide advance notice of the change to motorists, SFPD officers conducted targeted enforcement, staff distributed hundreds of informational flyers to bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists, and staff collected counts of signal violations during the AM and PM peak hours. Based on analysis of the count data and observations of the traffic operations (automobile, bicycle and pedestrian), SFMTA has determined that better signal compliance could be achieved by switching the new westbound left-turn from a leading to a lagging phase. That means the left-turn signal will turn green AFTER the Panhandle path users cross Masonic Avenue. This new phase sequence (lagging left-turn) is similar to the way this signal operated before the modification, with the added benefit that left-turns will still be controlled by left-turn arrows and therefore separated from Panhandle path traffic. The new phase changes will be implemented within the next 2-3 weeks. Information regarding this signal remains available on our website

www.sfmta.com/bikes

2. MASONIC AVENUE – Staff is developing answers to SFCTA questions raised after our allocation request submittal for traffic calming funds that could be used for the comprehensive “FixMasonic” planning project.

3. BICYCLE LOCKERS – Bicycle locker renters at the Transbay Terminal were informed that they must remove their bicycles and belongings from the lockers before the scheduled demolition of the Transbay Terminal beginning in November.

C. FUNDING

1. BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT – Staff is updating and resubmitting our last unfunded application for safety materials, bike lane repaving and potentially other projects.

2. BICYCLE FACILITIES MAINTENANCE – Staff is in the process of compiling and scoping existing bicycle facilities requiring maintenance. Staff is working on amending the SFTCTA allocation request to extend the funding expiration date, which is currently December 31, 2008.

D. SAFETY OUTREACH

1. FALL BIKE LIGHT CAMPAIGN - Staff continues researching space for additional billboard placement and collecting quotes and looking for match-funding to purchase more bike lights for distribution in mid-November.

2. BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES – Staff will continue to provide data and information as needed for a research project on the top 6 US Bicycle Friendly Communities for the League of American Bicyclists.

3. BIKE ED & BIKE TO WORK DAY CONTRACT RFPs – Staff is preparing documents for these two RFPs for a work start date of February 2009.

4. SCHOOL BIKE ED – YMCA staff is taking on school-based requests while SFMTA has assisted in facilitating several upcoming events at elementary schools.

E. OTHER

1. REPORT CARD – Staff delivered final information and comments to consultant. The final report was turned in on 10/24/08. Target publication is fall 2008.

2. COLORED BIKE LANE EXPERIMENT– Responding to questions of the SFCTA on the ARF. Solicited support for the required 5YPP amendment by DPW, Caltrain and BART.

3. BICYCLE ROUTE NETWORK SIGNAGE – Staff worked with the Sign Shop in delivering 28 Bike Route Signs to the Presidio and also looked at Presidio's proposed bike route changes.

4. AUTOMATIC BICYCLE COUNTER – Staff is finalizing the scope of work for this pilot project on Fell Street. Target installation is November 2008.

5. PARK MERCED AND BIKE PROGRAM MEETING – Staff met with Park Merced project managers to discuss upcoming and long term bicycle-related transportation plans for the Park Merced community.