

SFMTA Bicycle Program Report to the BAC November/December 2008

A. PLANNING

1. BICYCLE PLAN –

A.1.a. Plan – Staff is working with External Affairs to develop an easily digestible “Citizen’s Guide” to the Bicycle Plan. Staff anticipates presenting a full brief on the Bicycle Plan to the SFMTA Board of Directors in February.

A.1.b. EIR – Draft EIR was distributed on 11/26/08 (hard copies were mailed, DEIR is posted on Planning Department website), and public comment period will be open until 1/13/09. A hearing will be scheduled for the Planning Commission on 1/8/09.

A.1.c. Implementation – Public comments, additional outreach with neighborhood and merchant groups, and the Draft EIR 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 2008/2009.

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 – 11/26/08

EIR Comments – 11/26/2008 through 1/13/2009

EIR Responses to Comments – 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 2008/2009

**Implementation after FEIR and Superior Court's lifting of injunction ~
Estimated Fall 2009**

B. FACILITIES

1. PANHANDLE PATH SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS – Bike signal improvements were made at the existing bike heads at Fell and Masonic. The bike/ped phase has been changed to a leading movement. Additionally, the northbound signals at Fell and Shrader include the addition of bike head lenses.

C. FUNDING

1. 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 12/31/08.

D. SAFETY OUTREACH

1. FALL BIKE LIGHT CAMPAIGN – 1500 bike lights were distributed to cyclists on 12/2/08.

2. BIKE ED & BIKE TO WORK DAY CONTRACT RFPs – Staff is working with the City Attorney to finalize RFPs. Target work start date is February 2009.

E. OTHER

1. STATE OF CYCLING REPORT – Staff is making final edits to update the report with 2008 bike count numbers. Staff is also working to strategize the release of this report along with our Gold Bike Friendly Communities Award and the 2008 Bike Count Report.

2. AUTOMATIC BICYCLE COUNTER – Staff is finalizing the contract process for this pilot project on Fell Street. Target installation is now January 2009.