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December 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 – The Superior Court of California has partially lifted the injunction against the Bicycle Plan to allow 8 of the least impactful near-term bicycle projects to be implemented along with bicycle racks, sharrows and minor improvements that are reversible if the EIR is deemed inadequate at a future hearing.

A.1.b. EIR – The City and County of San Francisco appeared in front of the Superior Court of California on 11/2 and 11/12 to request the lifting of the injunction against the Bicycle Plan. The injunction has been partially lifted and a hearing on the EIR will occur in June 2010.

A.1.c. Implementation – Staff is in the process of issuing work orders for near-term bicycle projects and sharrows that are allowable through the partial lifting of the injunction. Staff is also in the process of installing bicycle racks.

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

Superior Court Hearing and Briefs – 11/12/09

Superior Court Hearing – June 2010.

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

Partial Near-Term Projects Implementation – 12/2009 (starting)

Full Near-Term Projects Implementation (after Superior Court lifts the injunction) estimated summer 2010

B. FACILITIES

1. BICYCLE PARKING – Staff has procured bicycle racks and is in the process of installing them.

2. SHARROWS – Staff is in the process of issuing work orders for installation.

3. NEAR-TERM PROJECTS – Staff is in the process of issuing work orders for the installation of several projects.

4. BICYCLE LOCKERS – Staff is researching which SFMTA division other than the Bicycle Program would be most appropriate to handle managing bicycle lockers.

5. BICYCLE SHARING – Staff is in negotiations with Clear Channel regarding a contract for bicycle sharing.

C. FUNDING

1. TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS (TE) – Staff submitted a \$235,000 application for on-street and sidewalk bike parking to the SFCTA. The project has

been recommended for funding and is being submitted for approval by SFCTA's committees and board.

2. BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT (BTA) – Staff submitted final application on 11/17 to Grants Procurement for six near-term bicycle projects for \$600K. The application was submitted to Caltrans by the 12/1 deadline.

3. BICYCLE PROGRAM 5YPP – Staff submitted a draft 5YPP that will be go before the SFCTA CAC, Plans and Programs Committee, and full Board in early and mid December 2010

4. ARRA – On 11/19, staff finalized the bike parking submission on behalf of Rec-Park and the Library for DPH's \$10M stimulus grant application.

5. ALLOCATION REQUESTS – Staff submitted 3 Prop K Allocation Request Forms (ARFs) to SFMTA Grants Procurement on 11/10. The allocations will fund various outreach, planning and design projects. The ARFs will go before the SFCTA CAC, Plans and Programs Committee, and full Board in early and mid December. Funds should be available to expend in January or early February 2010.

D. MISCELLANEOUS

1. STAFF CHANGES – Damon Curtis has been promoted to the position of 5241 Engineer, Bicycle Plan Implementation Manager. The Bicycle Program also added a Planner I from the Pedestrian Program and welcomes a new intern planner.

2. ANNUAL CITYWIDE BIKE COUNT – Staff conducted the 4th Annual Citywide Bike Count in August and will release the report in December.

3. DREAMS ON WHEELS – Staff attended the opening reception for the Dreams on Wheels exhibit at City Hall on 11/18. Dreams on Wheels, sponsored by the Danish Embassy, is an interactive art exhibit featuring unique bicycles as well as photos and testimonials that celebrate the various benefits of cycling. The exhibit will be open in the South Light Court on the ground floor of City Hall until December 15.

4. RBWG – Staff attended the quarterly meeting of MTC's Regional Bicycle Working Group meeting. Discussion included Regional Bikeway Network funding from the New Act STP/CMAQ Cycle 1.

5. AUTOMATED BICYCLE COUNTERS – Staff is in the process of procuring automated bicycle counters to be installed winter 09/10.

6. BIKE LIGHT GIVEAWAY – Staff is in the process of receiving funding and procuring bike lights for the annual giveaway.