

COUNTYWIDE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CBAC)

DECEMBER 7, 2015

5:00 - 8:00 P.M.

AT THE

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

255 GLACIER DRIVE

MARTINEZ, CA 94553

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting began at 5:00 p.m.

Attendees: Jerry Fahy, Dave Stoeffler, Leslie "Skip" Warren, Bill Pinkham (District 1), Mark Ross, (Mayor's Conference), Amy Ma, Kenji Yamada, Glenn Umont (District 2), Bruce Ohlson (District 5), Dick Anderson, Derek Liecty, Jill Ray and Mary Beth Taylor

Purpose of Meeting: Review 2016/2017 Transportation Development Act, Article 3 (TDA) preliminary applications for funding of bicycle and pedestrian projects.

General Comments: Members nominated and elected a Chair and Vice Chair for next year. It was decided that it would be a one year term rather than four years. Bruce Ohlson was re-elected as Chair and Skip Warren was elected as Vice Chair. It was also discussed that the meetings take place more often than once a year.

The members reviewed the Transportation Development Act application process and suggested how to improve the application. Jerry Fahy provided an overview of the steps which include the call for projects and the submittal of preliminary applications to be reviewed by the CBAC. January 21, 2016 is the final application due date. Members noticed that many of the applications submitted were pedestrian projects and some members would like to see more bicycle projects. It was discussed that the allocated funds are for both bike and pedestrian projects.

General:

- Many applications identify the funds under "Next FY"; should be place under "Application FY".
- Bulbouts/curb extensions/splitter islands should be constructed/striped so as not to impact bike lanes.

CONTRA COSTA HEALTH SERVICES

• Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Education Project

CBAC Comments: This project requires very little money compared to other projects. Members agreed that the project was worthy of the money. Kenji mentioned that this event is very popular in Concord. Bruce mentioned there were grammatical errors. There was a question as to what defines "trained personnel". The application does not mention how people are trained.

CITY OF EL CERRITO

- **Korematsu Middle School, Safe Routes to School, Phase 1**

CBAC Comments: The committee expressed concern of the use of money and effectiveness of sharrows or the intended use of sharrows as they are completely different use for adults and not kids. The members liked the concept of the high visibility crosswalk. The members would like to see more matching funds. Applicant should provide more pictures, including crosswalk and detailed maps. Applicant should enhance application with description of type of traffic on Norvel Street, which includes volume and speed of cars. Bike Boulevard: Members questioned if the \$1,200 is a reasonable amount for each sign and if they were useful. Members questioned about parked cars and their impact on the road. Applicant should consider use of Rapid Repeating Flashing Beacons (RRFB's). Applicant should provide a cross section of the roadways.

CITY OF SAN PABLO

- **Radar Speed Signs on Giant Road**

CBAC Comments: The committee liked the layout on page one. Members discussed that the speed sign request was not bike related enough to be considered. Jerry Fahy mentioned that speed signs can be programed to a maximum speed to discourage speeding. Clerical error on page 15: states 2015 should be 2016. Applicant should consider other measures to slow vehicles. Some members supported the feedback signs while others did not.

CITY OF MARTINEZ

- **Reliez Valley Road Trail Sprur**

CBAC Comments: The committee suggested more documentation and a more detailed map is needed. Dick is familiar with area. Cyclist coming from south would be tempted to cross on bare ground and not go up to the stop sign. For northbound cyclist a stop sign may be needed on Tavan Estates Drive. Committee doubted that a simple cross walk would be enough based on letters from people. Flashing lights could be added to Tavan Estates Drive. Applicant should add a sign to direct cyclists to go to cross walk. Committee felt Blue Ridge more likely used by pedestrian. Committee agreed that it is a lot of money and would like to see some better matching funds from the city. Committee does not want any mature trees cut down. Please make sure bridge is one foot higher than the existing culvert. Committee suggested they build trail close to road as they want to see big tree saved. Applicant could connect sidewalk from Tavan Estates with city streets. Show the location of the Regional Trail.

CITY OF PLEASANT HILL

- **Contra Costa Boulevard/Doris Drive Crosswalk Enhancement**

CBAC Comments: The committee liked the Rapid Repeating Flashing Beacon (RRFB) near McDonalds and Taco Bell. One RRFB may be blocked by a big tree. Committee does not want mature tree cut down, but approved trimming the tree. Committee questioned if flasher needed to be exactly on crosswalk on northbound side where it may be blocked by tree. Committee agreed that this project is needed as this is a long block. Committee suggested a letter of support from

McDonald's and Taco Bell. The committee would like to see more matching funds from city. Description states bike lanes, but there are no bike lanes on southbound side. Northbound has bike lane, but no symbol. Bike lanes need to be clearly marked and have symbol. Are the "shark teeth" pavement markings oriented correctly?

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WEST COUNTY

- **San Pablo Dam Road Sidewalk Gap Project, El Sobrante**

CBAC Comments: The committee commented on the great matching funds. The members agreed that this is a tough road for bikes and any bike lane is good as they are all necessary, they realize that all sidewalks on this road are not feasible. Members complimented applicant on last page that included collision summary table as useful information and showing Sheldon Elementary in illustration.

- **Parker Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Project, Rodeo**

CBAC Comments: Committee agreed that this is a financially better deal than the San Pablo Dam Road. Suggestion was made to have a larger map to show school in relation to project. Committee member wondered if three RRFB's were necessary. Other committee members agreed that the more RRFB's the better. Committee would suggest having RRFB's on both sides.

CENTRAL COUNTY

- **Blackhawk road Bikeway Project, Diablo**

CBAC Comments: The committee was concerned about area where this bikeway ends and road becomes narrow in the middle. Committee was concerned about drainage grates protruding out too far and for them to be bicycle friendly. Photo is looking east, only 200 yard section does not have curbs. Committee suggested reducing width of bike lane by same percentage as traffic lane – proportional share. Main entrance to Blackhawk bike lane should be configured to give one lane to cyclist. Red line in Legend on map needs to be corrected. Suggest protected bike lanes. Sign to warn traffic that bikes will merge. Consider using green paint as it has been done in other jurisdictions. Overall, the committee likes this project.

EAST COUNTY

- **Delta De Anza Trail Crossing Project, Bay Point**

CBAC Comments: The members asked the question, "What does traffic do? Where does traffic go?" Committee likes this project and thinks it is a good/safe project. Committee likes the pictures with traffic. Sheet 1A of 2 needs to show school in relation to the project. Committee was concerned of big mature trees on sidewalk. Committee members would like to keep trees. Stump can go away. Committee wondered who will maintain sidewalks and that the homeowners should be made aware of liability. Grammatical error on second page – Purpose of Project indicates they are putting in more RRFB's. Need to make it clear only three RRFB's are being put in and name the streets.

- **Walnut Boulevard Bike Lane Gap Closure Project**

BAC Comments: The committee liked this project. Dave shared the story of a cyclist being clipped by a truck mirror. This is a great road to improve as it leads to Los Vaqueros Reservoir which is a great area for cyclists.

CITY OF PITTSBURG

- **West 4th Street Sidewalk Gap Closure Project**

CBAC Comments: The committee wondered if SR2T funds could be added to the funds. The committee thinks the students deserve a sidewalk near school. Members wondered if it could be funded in two sections.

Next Steps:

- Jerry to send out CBAC comments in the next week.
- Final Applications due **Thursday, January 21, 2016.**
- Field Review scheduled for **Tuesday, February 23, 2016.**
- Schedule meeting of CBAC in March or April of 2016

Meeting adjourned by Bruce Ohlson at 8:18 p.m.