



MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION COMMITTEE (TCC)

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA
Thursday, June 26th, 2008 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Tabor called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL:

<u>TCC MEMBERS</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>CITY STAFF PRESENT :</u>
William C. Boyd	Absent	Browning Allen, Transportation Manager
Mark Bradley	Present	Christine Andersen, Public Works Director
Keith Coffman-Grey	Present	Lisa Arroyo, Project Engineer I
Michael Cooper	Present	Michelle Bettel, Acting Administrative Specialist
Steve Maas	Present	John Ewasiuk, Principal Engineer
David Pritchett	Present	Hal Hill, Project Manager II
David Tabor	Present	Barbara Shelton, Project Planner

LIAISONS PRESENT:
Addison Thompson, Planning Commission Liaison

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Plan Santa Barbara, originally Item 7 on the agenda, was moved to the front of the reports section of the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Ralph Fertig representing the Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition distributed the monthly newsletter and announced that according to counts taken over 6 intersections, bicycling in Santa Barbara has increased by 14 percent.

Mr. Pritchett commended Mr. Fertig on his efforts conducting the bicycle counts and suggested that the bicycle counts be presented as an agenda item in the future.

In response to concerns about bicycle safety expressed by Dr. Cooper, Mr. Fertig announced the bicycle safety class offered by the Bicycle Coalition. Dr. Cooper expressed concerns about bicycle safety, in particular, bicyclists riding on the sidewalks, to which Mr. Fertig explained that people tend to ride on the sidewalks when there is no

bike lane present and they feel uncomfortable riding with the vehicle traffic. He then invited the community to take the bicycle safety class offered by the Bicycle Coalition as one goal of the class is to enable bicyclists to feel more confident riding on the roadways.

Susan Clark, an activist and Fred Kuhlmann, a resident of El Carillo, asked that the committee consider endorsing a City-funded bus-pass subsidy for residents of low-income housing communities.

Browning Allen, Transportation Manager introduced Christine Andersen, the newly appointed Public Works Director.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. Approval of TCC Minutes for April 24, 2008

Mr. Pritchett moved and Mr. Coffman-Grey seconded approving the TCC Minutes for April 24, 2008 as written.

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

3. Approval of Joint PC/TCC Minutes for May 8, 2008

Mr. Coffman-Grey moved and Dr. Cooper seconded approving the TCC Minutes for May 8, 2008 as written.

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

REPORTS

4. Plan Santa Barbara Update

Barbara Shelton, Project Planner for the City of Santa Barbara, presented an update on the Plan Santa Barbara process, reporting that the Land-use Database has been completed and the Existing Transportation Conditions Report is being reviewed by City Staff. Ms. Shelton then reviewed the timeline and briefly described outreach efforts.

Mr. Pritchett reminded Ms. Shelton that the committee would like to stay actively involved in helping to form the transportation model and would like the opportunity to review the model before completion.

Mr. Bradley and Mr. Coffman-Grey inquired about the telephone survey questions and expressed interest in reviewing the questions related to transportation.

Mr. Coffman-Grey commended the Plan Santa Barbara efforts emphasized the importance of youth surveys and the outreach effort.

5. Proposed Streetlight Design Guidelines

John Ewasiuk, Principal Engineer for the City of Santa Barbara, presented the Proposed Streetlight Design Guidelines. Mr. Ewasiuk reviewed the background of the guidelines, inventory of the city's streetlights and the fiscal impact and budget constraints in connection with replacing outdated or obsolete streetlights.

Mr. Pritchett asked what the trigger to replace the cobra-head style streetlights would be given that there is currently no budget to replace them. Mr. Ewasiuk responded that Municipal Code dictates the triggers, explaining that development-level projects would most likely trigger the replacement of the streetlights, whereas most aesthetic projects would not trigger the public improvement.

In response to a question raised by Mr. Bradley, Mr. Ewasiuk explained the current process for requesting streetlights which requires the majority vote on the block where the light is requested, resulting in an installation of a cobra-head style light on a wooden pole, which is owned and maintained by Edison and the City rents for about \$12 per month. There is currently no process to petition the newer style streetlights as there is no budget for the lights.

Mr. Coffman-Grey pointed out the cost factors involved in the process of choosing the lights. Mr. Coffman-Grey pointed out the cost factors involved in the process of choosing the lights.

Mr. Ewasiuk encouraged those members of the public with questions about the triggers for replacing streetlights to contact Community Development or Public Works staff.

Mr. Coffman-Grey moved and Mr. Bradley seconded that the committee recommend that Council approve the Design Guidelines.

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

6. Cabrillo Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project

Hal Hill, Civil Engineer for the City of Santa Barbara, gave a report on the Cabrillo Bridge Replacement Project. Mr. Hill gave a brief background of the project, followed by a description of the proposed improvements and the expected timeline for construction.

Mr. Pritchett asked if the detour plan would address parking. Mr. Hill said that the plan currently does not address parking, but it will be taken into consideration.

Mr. Hill concluded with an overview of planned outreach and invited further questions.

In response to Mr. Coffman-Grey's question about the age of the other bridge on Mission and State Street, Mr. Hill offered that he thought that the bridge was built in 1999.

7. MTD Monthly Report for April and May 2008 Transit Assisted Services

The committee received the MTD Monthly Reports for April and May 2008 Transit Assisted Services.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:46 PM

Committee Members: David Tabor (Chair), David Pritchett (Vice Chair), Bill Boyd, Mark Bradley, Michael Cooper, Keith Coffman-Grey, and Steve Maas

Liaisons: Roger Horton (Council Liaison), Addison Thompson (Planning Commission Liaison)