



MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION COMMITTEE (TCC)

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA
September 27, 2012, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Blackerby called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM

ROLL CALL:

TCC MEMBERS

Hillary Blackerby
Mark Bradley
Keith Coffman-Grey
Edward France
Susan Horne
David Tabor
Kathleen Rodriguez

Attendance

Present
Present (6:05)
Present
Excused
Present
Present
Excused

CITY STAFF PRESENT :

Browning Allen, Transportation Manager

Jessica Grant, Project Engineer
Rob Dayton, Principal Transportation Planner
Kim Thaler-Strange, Administrative Specialist

LIAISONS PRESENT

Cathy Murillo, Council Liaison
Deborah Schwartz, Planning Commission Liaison

OTHERS PRESENT

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Chair Blackerby called the meeting to order at 6:01 and welcomed Committee Member Rodriguez.

Ralph Fertig, Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition discussed the American Community Survey. He mentioned that there was an increase in modesharing for both the State of California and the City of Santa Barbara. He also mentioned the Pro-walk, Pro Bike conference, and a representative from Bike Nation attending a COAST meeting.

Mr. Bradley came in at 6:05

CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. **Approval of Minutes from the July 26, 2012 meeting where a TCC quorum was present.**

Motion: Approve the Minutes from the July 26, 2012, meeting.

Motion made to approve the minutes by, MS. Horne, seconded by Mr. Coffman-Grey

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 1 (Bradley, Rodriguez) Absent: 1
(France)

REPORTS

3. MTD Annual Report

Sherrie Fisher, General Manager, and Steve Maas, Manager of Strategic Planning & Compliance, from MTD mentioned that there are positions open on the MTD Board. Applications are being accepted until October 1, 2012. The position of City Representative will be coming open for applications by mid October. The deadline is October 19, 2012

Steve presented the annual report, focusing on ridership and the City-sponsored routes. He mentioned that the Downtown Shuttle/Waterfront had an increase in ridership and discussed the discontinued Carrillo Commuter Lot Shuttle.

The Committee asked about signage at the bus stops and timing. Signage is limited at routes with fewer riders. The Schedule Guide is available via Google Transit, and is updated when the schedule changes. Ms. Fisher mentioned that the Waterfront Shuttle is kept on schedule as much as possible.

The few articulated busses in the fleet are very well used, especially the bus going from City College to UCSB.

Mr. Maas addressed Mr. Coffman-Grey's question regarding the cause of the loss of ridership in general by saying that the main factor was probably the increase in fare, and not related to the calendar.

Mr. Maas also indicated that the traffic mitigation numbers dropped in June. The mitigation measures impact Lines 1 and 2 and have to do with the enhancements. The drop does not imply that more people are driving.

4. Cabrillo Blvd. Bridge Beachway Relocation Project

Jessica Grant, Project Planner, presented the report on the Beachway Relocation Project.. The existing beachway has a lot of various pedestrians, walkers, skaters, bicyclists. It is the only portion of the beachway that connect with Cabrillo sidewalk area. Relocating the beachway during the course of the Cabrillo Bridge Project will result in a cost savings.

Mr. Coffman-Grey remembers when the project was first looked at by the Committee and asked if this was a two year project. Staff replied that it is a two-year project, and that the beachway will be done first so that the utilities can be moved from the existing bridge. The timeline is tight; the actual Project will go out to bid in early 2013, and still needs to go through the Boards and Commissions. She answered Ms. Blackerby's questions about the sidewalk and said that the approved sidewalk narrows on the bridge to 8 ½ feet, which is too small. Efforts are being made to make the approved sidewalk 12 feet. There will be improved signage so that people know where they can ride or walk on the beachway. There will also be some signal timing measures and modifications on to the intersection of State and Cabrillo. Also, the Arts and Crafts show location would be evaluated. There was some discussion of a chain fence similar to the one at the Chase Palm Park facility that

stretches along the Arts and Crafts show. Mr. Allen indicated that the signage would be at the end of the beachway at State Street.

Mr. Allen also mentioned the bridge replacement will be done in phases, and that traffic would be able to move over the bridge. Ms. Horne asked if staff considered only replacing the side parts of the bridge. The bridge entire bridge will be removed and replaced as the entire structure is deficient. There should be adequate room for foot traffic; and there is a desire to move the bike traffic 50 feet so that pedestrians have room. There is also still the possibility of bottlenecks with tour busses and similar vehicles.

Mr. Bradley wondered if there would be a bikeway open at all times? There will be a bikeway, and the City has to meet AASHTO standards for that bikeway. Ms. Grant also pointed out that the 12 feet of sidewalk would allow for observation of the water.

Staff is exploring the idea of the dredge line being combined with the beachway. There will be ground for a 22 inch permanent dredge pipe at the exit of the bridge. It would be underground in the grass and in the sand. The dredging contractor will be able to connect to it. The idea is to get rid of the current dredge line, which is an eyesore.

Ms. Blackerby thanked staff for being creative.

Motion: That the Cabrillo Boulevard Beachway Relocation Project is consistent with the Circulation Element of the General Plan

Motion Made by Mr. Coffman-Grey, seconded by Mr. Bradley

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 (France)

- Announcements:
- 1) Milpas Pedestrian Improvements are going to be completed by the Thanksgiving Holiday.
 - 2) Lower Eastside – at the last City Council Meeting, Council established priorities for Transportation, and gave direction for an Eastside Neighborhood Planning Effort. Staff is putting together a plan to move forward and will return to the Committee to discuss this. Staff will be working with the neighborhood on short and long-term solutions.
 - 3) Measure A South County Grants Cycle 2 will be announced on Monday, October 1, 2012 for Safe Routes to School and Pedestrian/Bicycling Projects. There is one million dollars available for each. The City will be applying for these grants.

There was some discussion about whether or not to have meetings in October and November. Ms. Blackerby will think about it.

Chair Blackerby adjourned the meeting at 7:00