



# MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION COMMITTEE (TCC)

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room  
630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA  
Thursday, December 13, 2012, 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Blackerby called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

### ROLL CALL:

#### TCC MEMBERS

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

#### Attendance

Present  
Present  
Present  
Present  
Present  
Present  
Present

#### CITY STAFF PRESENT :

Browning Allen, Transportation Manager  
  
Derrick Bailey, Traffic Engineer  
Kim Thaler-Strange, Administrative Specialist

#### LIAISONS PRESENT

Cathy Murillo, Council Liaison

### CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. No Public Comment.

### CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. Approval of Minutes from the November 8, 2012 meeting where a TCC quorum was present.

**Motion:** Approve the Minutes from the November 8, 2012, meeting. Change date

Motion made to approve the minutes by, Keith Coffman-Grey, seconded by Mark Bradley

Ayes: 6                      Noes:    Abstain: (1) Tabor    Absent:

Mr. Bradley came in at 6:04

## REPORTS

### 3. Recognition of outgoing members

Chair Blackerby acknowledged the outgoing Committee Members Tabor and Bradley and gave them plaques in recognition of their service. Mr. Tabor will be joining the MTD Board. Mr. Coffman-Grey said it was an honor to work with both of them and they will be missed. Mr. Tabor pointed out that the City is blessed with talented people. Mr. Bradley enjoyed his time on the committee and lots of things happened, and will be working with COAST.

(Ms. Rodriguez arrived at 5:35)

### 4. MTD Monthly Report

Mr. Allen reminded the Committee that this was a general standing item. Mr. Tabor noticed the dip in ridership. Mr. Allen pointed out that we did raise the fare, and will be reviewing that change mid-year to see if we are close to meeting our revenue target.

Ms. Horne –even though ridership is down, she asked if revenue has gone up. She was wondering if locals aren't riding anymore, because of the increase in fare. There could be many factors.

Mr. France asked if there was any change to the Carrillo lot service. Mr. Allen replied that it was discontinued. Some people moved their passes to the Cota lot, and others did not renew their subscriptions. The fact that it gets dark earlier could also play a part.

### 5. Pedestrian Median Refuge Island

Derrick Bailey, Traffic Engineer presented a report on the Pedestrian Median Refuge Islands. (Take summary from the report.) This is supported by the Fire department if it will help prevent crashes. This type of island is designed for collector and minor arterial streets. Staff has a Measure A Application in the works to seek funding. There are 6 proposed locations at this time near Franklin Elementary School and Adelante Charter School, and 3 proposed locations adjacent to La Cumbre Junior High/Santa Barbara Community Academy, There is another project for 3 crosswalks on: upper De La Vina at Arden Street, Samarkand, and Calle Laureles. There is an issue at Calle Laureles with a driveway, and a similar issue at Arden.

#### **TCC Comments:**

Mr. Allen mentioned DLV at Arden that a median island makes sense, blocking left turn access for driveways would be problematic.

Ms. Blackerby wanted a bit more detail about the turning situation at De La Vina and Arden. Mr. Bailey explained the challenges with left turns into driveways. She pointed out where most people exit the parking lot. Mr. Allen indicated that they would talk to the businesses, and this is pending approval of the Measure A Grant.

Mr. Bradley asked if there was a pedestrian refuge island at Cliff and Loma Alta. Mr. Bailey indicated that there was, but it was mainly there to encourage pedestrians to use the bus than for pedestrian use. There are a number of T intersections that would be good locations for pedestrian refuge islands.

Horne: If we apply for measure A and it's approved, and there are objections from businesses, what would happen? Mr. Allen indicated if we don't spend the money it goes back to measure A and would not be available until the next cycle.

Mr. Tabor: we had some comments about pedestrians in crosswalks. Do the rules change with the pedestrian median refuge island? Mr. Bailey replied that there is no legal break in the crosswalk. As soon as a pedestrian steps into the street, cars must yield regardless of what side of the street the pedestrian is on. He also indicated that one feature of median refuge island is that there are pavement markings and fluorescent green signs, which may blend in. Sign serves as a reminder that this is a crossing place. Mr. Tabor also asked if these can ever be applied without the other tools such as striped crosswalk or is it stand alone. Mr. Bailey discussed the use of this on its own. We will install 20 sets of flashers within the City. We are reaching the limit of what the City can maintain. There are more potential locations.

Ms. Horne commented that the recently improved La Cumbre Jr. High School are works much better for the drivers. There is a problem with people coming towards Mission dropping kids off at curb on Modoc. Maybe the median would mitigate that. The school is trying to educate parents.

Mr. Coffman-Grey: Statistics mention FHWA came up with 46% reduction in pedestrian related crashes. Was this divided between arterials and collector streets? Is there a different statistic there? Seems like the wider the street the less chance of a crash. There are two kinds of streets here. The ones on wider streets work well, but there is concern about the smaller streets. Has a survey been done of the neighborhood? Mr. Allen indicated that will happen as part of the Eastside Neighborhood Project. The timing of the Measure A application was an issue. Mr. Bailey responded that it's mainly on the arterial streets that we are getting most of the crashes.

Mr. France: Appreciates the tools and projects for the Eastside neighborhood and thinks these are great projects. He asked about what tools the City has in inventory to help pedestrian activity safety.

Mr. Bailey replied that the City has 3 under design. There are 10 listed in the Measure A application. He answered Mr. France's concern about any conflicts and indicated that there are no turning conflicts at any of the locations. De La Vina and Arden, as well as Calle Laureles are being taken off the table due to the concerns about loss of driveway access.

Mr. Bradley is in favor of the grant proposal, and agreed with Mr. France that it is best to go with the least controversial options.

Ms. Rodriguez indicated her respect for the options. She has lived on the Mesa, and noted how dangerous Cliff Drive can be during sunset. She commented that cars need to slow down. Mr. Allen indicated that the City can look at that once we own the street, currently owned by Caltrans.

Ms. Blackerby is excited that we can look at the tools before looking at the emotional investment. She asked if all 20 flashers are up. Mr. Bailey indicated that the three locations mentioned above will be revisited. She also asked about what types of building materials would be used for the refuge island. Mr. Allen replied that regular bricks will be used, and that the island needs to be designed, taking maintenance issues into account.

No other comments

## 6. Endorsement of Measure A Grant Applications

The City is submitting applications for pedestrian and bicycle programs for Measure A allocations. There is roughly \$1 million in Safe Routes to School money available. Staff is working on finding projects that would be good candidates for this program, and will be working on pre applications for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) next week. The SRTS projects include:

- Sidewalk Enhancements on LaCumbre Road, near the junior high and Franklin Elementary
- Pedestrian Refuge Islands near the Franklin Elementary School, Santa Barbara Community Academy and Santa Barbara Junior High
- Access ramps near Santa Barbara Junior High on the East Side
- School Bicycle Education Program

Bicycle and Pedestrian Program projects include:

- Bicycle Master Plan Update
- Upper De La Vina Crossing Enhancements
- Sidewalk Infill on Alisos Street
- Design funding for the pedestrian bridge at Cacique Street

The pedestrian and bicycle grant applications are due January 11, and SRTS Grants are due January 3 or 4, 2012. Staff is asking the committee to support and endorse the projects being submitted for Measure A money.

Ms. Blackerby asked the exact location of the SRTS project on La Cumbre. Mr. Bailey replied that it begins at La Colina and goes north. Staff is proposing to fill in the City sections up to Calle Cita, including sidewalk enhancements and crosswalks at La Colina. Mr. Allen indicated that the City needs to obtain the money to do the sidewalks. When looking at the application and matching grants, staff has to decide what projects will be scored highest. Additionally, the City is sponsoring Traffic Solutions' application. COAST is working with the City on an Open Streets program; however, that is not reflected here because the City can only apply for four projects in each category.

Mr. Coffman-Grey asked if there is a ranking or do you submit on each level? Mr. Allen indicated that we will rank them; and each application will stand on its own. We may have a project that we rated No. 1; they may not score as high as other projects. We look at our high priority projects as we are competing against other agencies' projects.

Mr. Bradley asked if there would be a conflict of interest because he is on the Board of COAST. Mr. Allen responded that we believe there is not a conflict, since the County is the applicant for COAST grants. In regard to the SRTS grants, would the City Coordinate with Coast, because there are similarities to what is being done already. Mr. Allen indicated that the City would work with COAST and the Bicycle Coalition on these programs and would like to develop programs for secondary school programs. Some applications are being sponsored by the County.

Ms. Blackerby was appreciative that the City is coming to the Committee to talk about what is being submitted. She also asked about when the City would be notified. Mr. Allen said that the applications would be scored in February or March and final decisions would go to the SBCAG Subregional Subcommittee in April or May. In the last cycle we got all of our SRTS projects funded. After the first of the year there will be an idea of how many projects were submitted and how the City fared against other agencies.

**Motion:** That the TCC endorse the City of Santa Barbara Pedestrian and Bicycle and Safe Routes to School Measure A grant applications.

Motion made by, Keith Coffman-Grey, seconded by Susan Horne

Ayes: 7      Noes: 0      Abstain: 0      Absent: 0

#### **7. Selection of chair and vice chair...**

Chair Blackerby: we waited until new committee members were on committee to see if one of them would be chair/vice chair. Mr. Allen Can hold off if you want, keep same vice chair/chair, up to board. Give new committee members a chance to help in the selection process. There is consensus and it will be move to next meeting

Chair Blackerby adjourned the meeting at 6:31. Mr. Tabor added his appreciation of staff for their dedication and hard work.