

## MINUTES

### BICYCLE SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, July 11, 2011

Attending: Committee members; Denis LaBonge, Sean Matsler, Tony Petros, John Heffernan, Tom Croxton, Nancy Gardner; Staff: Dave Kiff, Brad Sommers; Members of the Public: Jim Mosher, Marshall Perkins, Dan Purcell, Amy Senk, Laura Curran, Jim Mosher

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 and introductions were made
2. Old Business: Capital Projects.
  - a. Discussion of alternate routes, PCH through CdM—for the casual rider, staff suggested taking Poppy or Poinsettia to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, coming down Dahlia, staying on the sidewalk to make the pedestrian crossing at MacArthur, and picking up the bikeway on the other side of the highway; coming the other direction, down Avocado to First Avenue and to Jasmine and Bayside or down Goldenrod to the footbridge and Seaview. The committee will continue to work on ideas to make PCH through CdM a better ride.
  - b. Key intersections: staff has had good contact with CalTrans about the 73 transition and continues to study ways to do lane markings to facilitate safer bike paths where there are dedicated right-hand turns on PCH.
  - c. Utility vehicles—After a fervent discussion, it was decided to focus on Newport Coast as a first step and work with the master association. Denis will get the date of the next meeting.
3. Old Business—Education and outreach
  - a. Bike ride—Denis would like to do a post-Halloween ride.
  - b. Cyclovia—rather than trying to do a cyclovia, the committee decided to focus on a Newport Bike Week in conjunction with Bike to Work Week, with a number of events that could include things like Bike to Work Day, Bike to School Day, Bike to Eat Day in conjunction with the restaurant association, culminating in a big bike ride and picnic.
4. Police report—there were six reported bike injury accidents in June. Four were deemed the cyclist's fault including riding on the wrong side of the road. The boardwalk unit was out in June, educating users, and June 22 was a safety enforcement day for bicycles with 21 warnings issued. It was suggested that the department should step up enforcement on Bayside in the sharrow area where increased aggressiveness against cyclists has been noted. Denis suggested better signage was needed.
5. New Business
  - a. Tony and Sean will be at the CdM BID meeting 7/28 to talk about including bike issues in the next round of visioning.

- b. Newport Beach Citizens' Bicycle Committee—Frank Peters reported on a new group collaborating with Long Beach with the goal of getting sharrows from Long Beach to San Clemente.
6. Public comment
- a. Dan Purcell showed footage of the refigured bike path by the Shake Shack which exits into a handicapped parking space. It's under State Parks, but the City will send a letter suggesting that be made more bicycle friendly.
  - b. The question was raised as to whether pedicabs were legal. A definitive answer could not be given.
  - c. Dave asked if anyone had knowledge of a non-profit that refurbished bikes to give away. Laura Curran suggested a bike shop might want to take it on.

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting, August 1, 2011.