

MINUTES
BICYCLE SAFETY COMMITTEE
December 6, 2010

Attendance: **Committee members** Barbara Danzi, Dennis La Bonge, John Heffernan, Sean Matsler, Stephen Sholkoff, Nancy Gardner; **Staff** Dave Kiff, Steve Badum, Jay Johnson, Brad Sommers, Tara Finnigan; **members of the public** Jim Fitzpatrick, Jonathan Huang, Bob Kahn, Evan Little, Frank Peters, Dan Purcell, Victor Vega.

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm. and introductions were made.

2. Report from the chair

The Orange County Bicycle Coalition is meeting with CalTrans December 16 to discuss signage and striping of the area where Newport Coast Drive and the 73 merge.

3. New Business

a. Review of Bicycle Safety Task Force final report

Additional areas that committee members would like the committee to review are 1) the entry and egress from Castaways Park to Dover Drive, 2) an emphasis on driver training relating to cycling, 3) conspicuity (i.e. helping bicycles and riders be more conspicuous to drivers) and bike lighting.

b. Committee goals for 2011

1) **Bicycle Capital Program** (draft): The committee reviewed immediate and short term projects. Staff will review suggested **improvements to Castaways entrance** and exit (suggested one way demarcations) when they look at work on Dover. **Fixed speed radar devices** were viewed as improvements. Committee members wondered whether Spyglass road would have barriers or pylons to cars crossing where they should not. Staff will look into signs for suggested bike speeds, and there was a caution about sign pollution. The committee is in favor of doing **sharrows** on PCH through CdM. There was discussion about the visibility of the sharrows on Bayside and possible color to enhance and also signs announcing the beginning of a sharrows stretch. Tara Finnigan will bring public outreach suggestions to the next meeting. There was a discussion of bike racks, what kind and where. Consensus may be toward “upside down U” bike racks. Private development should be encouraged to provide them as well as the city. Need to ensure they are at OASIS.

2) **Education and outreach**: A **city bike trails map** was discussed. Google has a bike overlay. So far the city has had no luck in reaching Google, but Frank Peters will try a contact he has. The city has a draft of a map, and Barbara Danzi and Sean Matzler will review it for the committee. Costa Mesa is developing a safe schools map for which it received outside funding. Targets for **outreach**

include elementary schools, including Bike Rodeos, and also programs for adults.

Staff will develop a letter for HOA's to remind their service staff not to park in bike lanes. The committee was encouraged to bring ideas to the next meeting about educational programs that could tie in to Bike to Work day in May. Dennis LaBonge and Frank Peters will work on ideas for outreach for the next meeting. Dave Kiff said that the city has included bicycle safety tips on its Facebook page.

A link will be provided to the City's Quest system so members can report safety issues such as uneven pavement, poor signage, potholes, and lights that are out. The police are already doing some safety programs, and the Chief will provide more information at the next meeting. **Liaison** with other groups will include the Coastal Cities Bicycle Coalition and Santa Ana River Trail PAC (Nancy Gardner); OCBC (Barbara Danzi), LAPD (Dennis LaBonge). It is also hoped that residents of other cities and groups will attend these meetings. A draft brochure to educate both motorists and cyclists was handed out for review.

c) Action plan:

- Review of bike map (Barbara and Sean);
- Report back on "marketing" ideas (Dennis and Frank);
- Seek contact at Google Maps (Frank);
- Send in areas (through Quest) where cyclists can report minor hazards (all – staff to e-mail link to Quest site);
- Review of brochure and ideas for Bike to Work day (everyone);
- Outreach suggestions for CdM sharrows (Tara);
- Letter for HOA's re: landscape crews' parking in bike lanes (staff);
- Review/summary of police educational programs (Chief Johnson)