



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

### Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

January 28, 2009

Roxie Anderson, Southgate Recreation & Park District  
Pete Atwood, SACOG  
William Appleby, Yuba County Trails Commission  
Cindy Bates, City of Sacramento  
Kevin Becker, City of Citrus Heights  
Ruth Ann Bertsch, Kaiser Permanente  
Michael Brady, Caltrans  
Lea Brooks, SABA  
Suzanne Butterfield, Delta Protection  
Jose Luis Caceres, SACOG  
Dawn Carlson, Power Inn Alliance  
Dave Cassel, FABA/SABA  
Joe Concannon, SACOG  
Ed Cox, City of Sacramento  
John Deeter, ECOS  
Woodrow Deloria, EDCTC  
Chris Dougherty, City of Sacramento  
Mike Dour, City of Roseville  
Jennifer Dzakowic, Placer County  
Tara Goddard, City of Davis

Jim Haagan-Smit, Placer County Advocate  
Becky Heieck, North Natomas TMA  
Owen Howlett, SABA  
Jon Johnson, City of Galt  
Dan Klinker, Sacramento County DOT  
Guy Kolling, Sacramento County Parks Dept.  
Jim Konopka, City of Folsom  
Steve Mara, CARB  
Paul Marx, Regional Transit  
Melissa Meng, SACBAC  
Jim Michaels, CA State Parks  
Anthony Palmere, Unitrans  
Terry Preston, Walk Sacramento  
Walt Seifert, SABA  
Bob Smart, El Dorado County Parks & Rec  
Donald Smith, Regional Transit  
Lacey Symons, SACOG  
Mark Thomas, City of Rancho Cordova  
Eric Veerkamp, City of Wheatland  
Greta Vohler, City of West Sacramento  
Olin Woods, SACOG

#### 1. Introductions and Information Sharing

- Jim Michaels discussed the fact that bond projects are put on hold due to budget crisis.
- Paul Marx announced that the short range transit master plan is being updated, includes TOD guidelines, bike/ped access guidelines, and will hopefully be adopted by the Board in May.
- Woody Deloria explained that the City of Placerville and El Dorado County bicycle plans are being updated.
- Suzanne Butterfield said she is looking for funding opportunities for the Delta Trails Commission. The Commission has received a large grant (that's currently frozen) but wants to work with Yolo and Sacramento to get Delta projects incorporated in city and county master plans.
- Anthony Palmere expressed an interest in having Unitrans incorporated with the trip planner.
- Owen Howlett also expressed an interest in the trip planner and having routes identified for beginning cyclists.
- Jim Haagan-Smit added he is trying to find advocates in Rocklin and Auburn areas.

- Mark Thomas announced a newly formed bicycle advocacy group, Bicycle Advocates for Rancho Cordova (BARC), and that the City of Rancho Cordova looks forward to working with them. Also, the City of Rancho Cordova is in the process of developing Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans.
- Dan Klinker explained that the Sacramento County bicycle master plan is still being updated.
- Mike Dour discussed the status of the Dry Creek greenway feasibility study and said that he is seeking guidance from other jurisdictions on trail etiquette signage/rules. (Guy Kolling had some guidelines with him.)
- Ruth Ann Birch said she is working with SACOG's demographer to get bicycle trip data in order to get a grant.
- Walt Seifert made two announcements: 1—State Office of Planning and Research is working on a new draft of CEQA guidelines and would like your support in revisiting the importance of LOS. 2—Research in the Netherlands shows that access to transit is much more important than frequency of transit.
- Becky Heieck revealed that North Natomas and the City of Sacramento are working together to complete bikeways in North Natomas and fix infrastructure including curbs, islands in 50 different areas in the area.
- Jim Konopka said that several bicycle projects are in the pipeline, including two bicycle/pedestrians overcrossings (at E. Bidwell and New Dam Road).
- Don Smith added that RT is looking at different ways to accommodate more bikes on transit.
- William Appleby said that Yuba County is nearing completion of the *General Plan* update, and they are working to have a map of proposed Bikeways included in the circulation element. They are also seeking funding for an updated *Bicycle Master Plan*
- Kevin Becker announced that the City of Citrus Heights adopted the bicycle master plan on January 8<sup>th</sup> but had to take out several Class I trails in order to do so.
- Ed Cox made several announcements: 1- the City of Sacramento is going for “gold” status (by the American Bicycle League). The City is planning to start asking businesses if they can put bicycle racks in front of their stores. They will start in the Downtown area and areas surrounding Downtown. This will be handled by the Parking Division. 2- There are several bicycle culture/events going on. Sac Bicycle Kitchen re-opened and newly formed Bikeramento (<http://www.bikeramento.org>). 3- The City is starting to look at how to turn alleys into good access for bicycles. 4- Meeting about crossing from Sac City College LRT to Curtis Park Village project at Sierra 2. 5- “Natomas fixes” project mentioned by Becky Heieck.
- Chris Dougherty discussed amending bike parking ordinances. Currently bike parking is based on number of car parking available instead of use. He is going through CBAC to develop standards. Owen Howlett inquired about setting a minimum standard for type of bicycle racks. Chris said they are moving away from 1-point to 2-point racks.
- Greta Vohlers said that the West Capital streetscape project is underway, including pavement, parking and signage.
- Roxie Anderson announced that Southgate is in the process of accepting a trail dedication from Triangle Rock Products for the Sacramento Aggregates Expansion, located south of Florin Road and west of Folsom South Canal. The trail dedication is a ½ mile long segment of the planned Laguna Creek Parkway and is an extension of a previous ½ mile trail dedication to the north of Florin Road. Trail development and construction of this 1-mile stretch of the Laguna Creek Parkway will occur upon completion of mining and will be

required as part of the reclamation plan. Southgate will also start developing a Trails Master Plan this year, after the Sacramento County Bicycle Master Plan is released.

- Guy Kolling explained that several trails are receiving improvements: sections of Mather Bike trail and American River Parkway are being repaved; the first section of the Dry Creek Parkway is beginning construction; restrooms are being improved at Ansel Hoffman Park, Sacramento Bar, and Lower Sunrise.
- Tara Goddard said the City of Davis is almost done with the bike plan update and will email the link to the Committee. Also, Davis is preparing for the Amgen Tour of California. Finally, Davis is planning for several bicycle rodeos (for Junior High students) in April.

## 2. Summary of October 23, 2008 meeting approved.

**3. Update on Bicycle Trip Planner** Joe Concannon and Pete Atwood presented the bicycle trip planner. Joe explained the four components of the planner:

- Building the application—seeking feedback on functionality, looks, abilities (including providing different routes for different levels of experience), etc.
- Bike route data—still need data from several jurisdictions including Park districts. SACOG will coordinate this gathering over the next two months.
- Maintenance - SACOG is proposing to ask each local agency's GIS coordinator to maintain the Class I, II, and III bike route information in SACOG's Centerline file.
- Paper Map coordination—need to figure out how to present the maps (divide similar to Thomas Bros., by county, etc.) The largest portion of grant funding is for printing maps. This will start in late 2009 or early 2010.

Several suggestions were:

- Having different route answers for different levels of cyclists.
- Having functions to minimize crossings, trip distance, etc.
- Ranking route solutions to identifying high volume traffic, unsafe left hand turns, etc.
- Having mobile function (for use on Blackberry)
- Defining suitability (dangerous, experienced, etc.)
- Color coding Class types
- Identifying better bicycle routes, such as crossing US 50 at Sunrise overcrossing v. Sunrise corridor.
- How to apply constraints
- Utilizing SABA feedback re: cyclist preferences
- Utilizing the new suitability index Sacramento County (developing)
- Adding links to transit
- Establishing a small committee for web design and functions at a spring meeting

**4. “Last Mile” project** Steve Mara introduced his potential project for getting more people to bicycle and use transit. Allowing people to rent a bike for the first and last mile to/from transit would greatly increase transit ridership, reduce VMT and improve air quality. Steve is looking for guidance and information about implementing such a program in Sacramento. He is interested in coordinating with Regional Transit.

**5. Update on the Economic Recovery Act** 5. **Update on the Economic Recovery Act** Olin Woods updated the Committee with the latest information surrounding the Recovery Act. Olin encouraged Committee members to work quickly with their Public Works departments in identifying high priority bike/ped projects and rehabilitation projects that may qualify for Recovery Act funding. Local communities currently do not have to provide local match funding but must be obligated within 75 days of enactment of the bill. For construction projects, this means all engineering, environmental and ROW acquisition requirements must be complete in order for the project to be authorized on time. Resurfacing trails and complete streets projects qualify if they can meet the deadline.

**6. Adjournment** The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2009, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.