

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JULY 23, 2009

Attendees:

Jim Antone, Yolo-Solano AQMD
Kevin Becker, City of Citrus Heights
Lea Brooks, SABA
Matt Carpenter, SACOG
Nieves Castro, Caltrans
Bruce de Terra, Caltrans
Chris Dougherty, City of Sacramento
Greg Foell, Orangevale Rec & Park District
Ken Gaines, Sacramento County DOT
Tara Goddard, City of Davis
JJ Hurley, SMAQMD
Nisha Kapadia, Healthy Eating Active
Living Collaboration

Dan Klinker, Sacramento County DOT
Guy Kolling, Sacramento County Parks
Dept.
Charles Mason, Ubuntu Green
John Mott-Smith, Yolo County
Terry Preston, WALKS Sacramento
Don Saylor, City of Davis Councilmember
and SACOG Director
Walt Seifert, SABA
Don Smith, Regional Transit
Lacey Symons, SACOG
Mark Thomas, City of Rancho Cordova
Greta Vohlers, City of West Sacramento

1. Introductions and Information Sharing

- Mark Thomas said that the City of Rancho Cordova is in the middle of its Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan process, and it held a successful workshop six weeks ago.
- Greta Vohlers mentioned that the City of West Sacramento received formula funds for environmental and engineering phases of several Class I and II projects.
- Walt Seifert discussed several items:
 1. The Association for Bicyclists & Pedestrian Professionals hosted a webinar on Counting Bicyclists and Pedestrians, and noted that SABA has been doing bike/ped counts for the last two years.
 2. The California Natural Resources Agency, based on a proposal from the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), is updating CEQA guidelines. OPR initially proposed dropping Level of Service (LOS) requirements, but then reinstated use of LOS in the guidelines. SABA encourages everyone to write comments (due August 20) asking the agency to remove LOS requirements and emphasize safety issues for bicyclists. The California Natural Resources Agency Web page is <http://ceres.ca.gov/ceqa/guidelines/> and SABA's comments are at http://www.sacbike.org/letters/viewletter.php3?L_ID=602
 3. The workshop Complete Streets: The Road to Safer, Healthier, Livable Communities discussed street width, and Walt is interested in having the Committee set guidelines for recommended street width, sidewalk width, and landscaping strips for the region.

- Tara Goddard had several updates from the City of Davis: Bicycle parking is transforming to include some temporary and permanent on-street parking; the Bicycle Museum is expected to have its hard opening by the 2010 Tour of California (May 2010).; and Davis is preparing for several back-to-school activities such as rodeos and walking/rolling school buses.
- Terry Preston also mentioned the Complete Streets workshop and thanked SACOG for its help with the blog. He mentioned that the Natomas School District just got its first Safe Routes to School coordinator, as did the North Natomas TMA.
- Nisha Kapadia added that she is interested in having the Healthy Eating Active Living Collaboration work together with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.
- Dan Klinker said that Sacramento County hopes to have a draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan released for comment by mid-August.
- Chris Dougherty explained that the City of Sacramento hopes to have 200 bicycle racks in place by end of 2009. About 80 have been installed already. The city is looking for businesses to ask for the bike racks, but if you know of a place that needs the rack, please contact Chris or Ed Cox.
- Guy Kolling announced that the Lower Sunrise Main restroom replacements should be completed by November. Additionally, the Dry Creek Parkway trail design is nearly complete. The Negative Declaration is available for review at: Sacramento County Department of Environmental Review and Assessment 827 7th Street, Room 220, Sacramento, California 95814

2. **Summary of April 23, 2009, meeting** was approved by consensus.

3. **Regional Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Master Plan Update**

Lacey Symons announced that to ensure that local jurisdictions are allowed to submit their highest priority bicycle and pedestrian projects for funding, staff has completed a minor update to the Master Plan. Local agencies were able to submit new or altered projects for inclusion in the Master Plan project list. The project list (Appendix B) is the only section with substantive edits or new information. However, other minor updates have been made to the Plan: MTP2035 data replaced 2025 MTP data, and various references and statistics were updated. The Committee reviewed the project list and identified minor corrections. The Committee approved the Master Plan.

4. **Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Funding Program Working Group**

Lacey Symons discussed the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Funding Program (Funding Program), which is expected to begin this fall. Only projects in the SACOG Regional Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Master Plan (Master Plan) are eligible to receive funding. The last Master Plan update was made in July 2007. SACOG needs four Advisory Committee members to serve on the Funding Program project selection committee. The

Funding Program representatives should include two planners/engineers and two advocates. The Committee identified Ken Gaines, Terry Preston, Walt Seifert, and Greta Vohlers as representatives for the working group. The working group analyzes, evaluates, and ranks the proposals based on the criteria outlined in the program guidelines. SACOG staff then reviews the recommendations and makes a final recommendation to the SACOG Board. More information on application deadlines will be presented at a later meeting.

5. Other Matters

Bruce de Terra and Nieves Castro presented Corridor System Management Plans (CSMPs) for highways in Caltrans District 3, which includes the SACOG region. CSMPs are long-range transportation plans that integrate capital improvements, traffic and transit management strategies, and planning for moving people and goods through the corridor by evaluating the current and future operating conditions and deficiencies on the state highways. More information is available at www.corridormobility.org. Bruce also discussed the idea of trying to incorporate bicycle mobility as part of the CSMP. He suggested looking at the U.S. 50 corridor, specifically between downtown Sacramento and Watt Avenue, as a starting point. Bruce and Nieves welcome any ideas or feedback on this idea. Nieves is the project manager and can be reached at nieves_castro@dot.ca.gov or 916.274.0638.

6. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2009.