

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Thursday, April 24th 2013, 12PM

Attendees:

Jim Antone, Yolo-Solano AQMD

William Appleby, Yuba Area Bike
Advocates

Jerry Barton, El Dorado County
Transportation Commission (EDCTC)

Sabrina Bradbury, SACOG

Victoria Cacciatore, SACOG

Ed Cox, City of Sacramento

John Deeter, ECOS

Lisa Dixon, Elk Grove School District Safe
Routes to School

Chris Dougherty, City of West Sacramento

Mike Dour, City of Roseville

Travis Evans, City of Rancho Cordova

Monica Hernandez, SACOG

Jim Kirstein, Folsom Advocate, Folsom
Parkways

Dan Klinker, Sacramento County DOT

Jordan Lang, Sacramento Area Bicycle
Advocates

Amy Martin, SACOG

Terry Preston, WALKS Sacramento

Walt Seifert, Bicycle Advocate

Michael Sidhu, SACOG

Lacey Symons-Holtzen, SACOG

Robin Van Valkenburgh, El Dorado Transit

Jeff Werner, City of Elk Grove

1. Introductions and Information Sharing

Mr. Cox shared that the City of Sacramento is currently launching a Downtown Transportation Study. Stakeholders, private/public agencies, and the general public were invited to various sessions to discuss ideas and provide suggestions on improvements they feel should be prioritized or made within the downtown grid.

Mr. Preston made a quick announcement about encouraging the committee members to attend the PedsCount! 2014 Program hosted by California Walks that will be held over three days: May 14-May16, 2014.

Mr. Dougherty announced that the first phase of the Clarksville bike bridge trail will open next year on January 31st 2015.

Mr. Allison shared that multiple bike-related trainers and educators are trying to develop a Bike/Ped education plan and he intends to bring it to the next meeting.

Mr. Werner announced the grand opening ceremony for a new pedestrian overcrossing on Stockton Blvd. Mr. Werner also mentioned that the Running of the Elk 5k half marathon relay maxed out their enrollment.

Mr. Antone made a couple of announcements, including an upcoming clean air grants program, the city of Davis' street smart active transportation literacy program, and improvements to Peter Creek road.

Mr. Dour brought up that the City of Roseville installed bike link lockers at key commuter sites and that they are generally getting good use.

Mr. Barton announced that El Dorado County has programmed 10 million in CMAQ funds to a variety of Bike & Pedestrian and Air quality projects.

Mr. Van Valkenburgh mentioned to the committee that he will be working with Jerry Barton on air quality projects.

Ms. Dixon revealed that five schools in the Elk Grove School District received May is Bike Month collateral material from SACOG.

Mr. Evans mentioned that the City of Rancho Cordova will be working on a sidewalk infill project and they are going to be working with Safe Routes to School groups.

2. Summary of January 23, 2014, Meeting ◀ (Ms. Symons-Holtzen):

The summary of the July 25, 2013 BPAC meeting was approved by consensus.

3. Data Collection and Project Evaluation Working Group ◀ (Ms. Symons-Holtzen)

Ms. Symons-Holtzen shared that SACOG was awarded \$559,500 from the Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Funding Program for a regional data collection program. The program will involve the development of working groups to study and make recommendations on the following:

1. Different types of bike & pedestrian counters;
2. Recommended types of locations where the counters would provide the most use; and
3. Evaluation standards for future funding programs

The pilot will involve working with Sacramento County Parks as well as hopefully other agencies. The working groups are planned to kick-off in the fall. She sought input on the areas of expertise that should be used to develop the working group and the Committee provided recommendations to include a Sacramento County Park representative, an EDCTC representative (as they are interested in participating in the program) and a traffic engineer.

Vote by consensus: Passed

4. CycleTracks App for Sacramento Region (Ms. Symons-Holtzen)

Ms. Symons-Holtzen discussed that another component to the Data Collection project involves collecting anonymous bike/ped data through a Cycle Tracks based application that was developed by SFCTA. SFCTA's policy is that anyone is able to download the program, but they must upload it again with any/all changes made. Many jurisdictions utilize CycleTracks or a revised version. SACOG intends to utilize the program created by CycleAtlanta, as they developed additional features.

Ms. Cacciatore brought up to the committee that SACOG is looking for a brand name for the application. She suggested that the committee members and affiliates should brainstorm names and put them on the May is Bike Month website to poll the region.

5. May is Bike Month 2013 Recap and 2014 Campaign Update (Ms. Bradbury)

Ms. Bradbury announced SACOG is celebrating the 10th year of May is Bike Month (MIBM). She explained that her team is trying to renew the focus on trip replacement miles. She also brought up that Fix 50 is giving them a good opportunity to promote MIBM, allowing them to move the date earlier to log in miles.

Ms. Bradbury mentioned that the first big event will be on May 1st with organized commute rides made in West Sacramento, Oak Park, and William B Pond along the American River Parkway. Also new this year, on the challenges page participants will have the ability to sort by different cities and look at various employers that are participating, which allows companies/employers to compete against one another.

Ms. Hernandez mentioned that MIBM will have a twitter feed and said that there has been a large amount of participation through this approach.

6. Active Transportation Program Update (Ms. Symons-Holtzen/Ms. Devere-Oki)

Ms. Symons-Holtzen shared the recommended Regional ATP approach and guidelines. She mentioned that staff is working on preparing for a Regional ATP-only application.

7. SACOG Six-County Regional Active Transportation Program Working Group (Ms. Symons-Holtzen) ◀

Ms. Symons-Holtzen discussed the heavy interest by many qualified individuals interested in serving on this working group. Utilizing the working group areas of expertise outlined in ATP guidelines, she provided a recommended working group.

Consensus: Approved

8. Complete Streets Toolkit Update (Ms. Symons-Holtzen/Mr. Sidhu)

Mr. Sidhu gave an update on the Complete Streets Toolkit and mentioned that he has currently updated 18 new resources to the toolkit, and is expecting to add 15 more new resources by the end of the summer.

9. Connect Card Update (Ms. Symons-Holtzen)

Ms. Symons Holtzen mentioned that her team has started conducting outreach to transit riders and stakeholders. A pilot test on Regional Transit bus and light rail (as well as one line on e-Tran) will be conducted in May using existing transit riders in general, from CalEP and FTB, as well as at SACOG and RT. Currently staff are providing training to transit agency staff using a demonstration bus that houses all of the Connect Card equipment. More information is available at ConnectTransitCard.com

Mr. Cox asked whether there will be an employer specific Connect Card. Ms. Symons-Holtzen brought up that employers will be able to manage Connect Cards for or with their employees.

10. 2016 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies Update (Ms. Lizon/Mr. Holtzen)

Ms. Lizon discussed the regional Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS), a long range plan for the next 20 years. The MTP/SCS is updated every four years, and it was last adopted in 2012.

The 2016 update is in the early stages. Staff have been working with partners and the Board of Directors to provide input on framing the focus, explore issues, update technical scenarios, and review project performance. Ms. Hernandez discussed future public workshops related to the MTP/SCS will be more open-house style in order to improve dialogue with members of the public, stakeholders, and others and gain greater input than before.

11. Statewide Active Transportation Program Application Concepts

Ms. Symons-Holtzen talked about a potential ATP application by SACOG and sought input from the Committee. Concepts included examining barriers to biking and walking in Transit Priority Areas and with different disadvantaged groups (i.e. seniors, teenagers, low-income non-english speakers, and women), as well as conducting sidewalk inventories. She also briefly discussed the disadvantaged communities component to the ATP, and shared maps that highlighted these areas in the Sacramento region as defined through the ATP..

12. Other Matters

Ms. Dixon suggested that SACOG look into Bikeology.

13. Adjournment

Adjourned: 1:47pm