



## Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Item #2

### Meeting Notes October 25, 2012

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#### Attendance

Charlie Alexander, Fehr & Peers	Jim Kerstein – Friends of Sacramento parkway
Dan Allison, San Juan USD	Jim Konopka, City of Folsom
Jim Antone, Yolo-Solano AQMD	Amy Lee, SACOG
Jim Brown, SABA	Ray Leftowich, City of Lincoln
John Burton, Dry Creek Parkway	Ann Mahaney, Caltrans District 3
Victoria S. Cacciatore, SACOG	Steph Parent, WALKSac
Scott Carson, FHWA	Caroline Peck, SAFFE
Ed Cox, City of Sacramento	Paul Philley, Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD
John Deeter, ECOS	Mark Polhemus, WALKSac
Jennifer Donlon-Wyant, Alta Planning	Terry Preston, WALKSac
Mark Doty, City of Elk Grove Trails	Maricela Salazar, SACOG
Mike Dour, City of Roseville	Deborah Schrimmer, SACOG
Ardelyn Flores, City of Citrus Heights	Walt Seifert
Tricia Hedahl, SABA	Lacey Symons-Holtzen, SACOG
Chris Holm, WALKSac	Jeanie Ward-Waller, National SRTS
Alexis Kelso, WALKSac	Partnership
D. Kemp, City of Davis	Jeff Werner, City of Elk Grove

#### **1. Introductions and Information Sharing.**

Mr. Cox updated the Committee on the status of bike and pedestrian projects and upcoming public meetings in Sacramento. He shared that the downtown bikeway project—which applied road diets, lane narrowing, and bike lanes to seven miles of roadway—is successfully concluding. Mr. Cox also announced a public meeting to discuss a road diet for Freeport Blvd on October 25<sup>th</sup> and a public meeting to discuss the Sacramento River/American River Parkway planning and implementing bike trails on the riverfront on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Mahaney announced that Caltrans District 3 is developing their Bicycle Management & Development Plan. The Plan will include highways and trails, and a draft document will be available on their website soon. The project will finish by the end of December.

Mr. Preston shared that pedestrian countdowns and pedestrian advance stop lines will be installed at intersections around Fruitridge and Stockton. These additions to the streetscape signify progress in enhancing the safety for pedestrians in a dangerous area.

Ms. Hedahl announced her resignation from Executive Director and named Jim Brown of the California Bicycle Coalition as the interim Executive Director.

2. **Summary of July 27, 2012, Meeting.** The meeting was approved by consensus.
3. **Regional Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan Policies.** Ms. Symons-Holtzen re-introduced the Regional Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan and the biannual updating process. She then summarized the seven-month process to develop draft policies and priorities, which were presented to the committee for comment as part of this item. The draft policies include a vision intended to cover whole region; broad goals to define the vision; strategies to support the goals; and specific actions for SACOG to implement the Vision, Goals, and Strategies. Ms. Symons-Holtzen shared correspondence from ECOS, which supported the draft policies.

The Committee discussed various elements of the draft policies and how they related to best practices in bicycle and pedestrian planning, such as the *Five E's*. There was a high level of interest in increasing bicycle and pedestrian counts throughout the region to generate more data to support increased bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. The Committee reviewed how other metropolitan planning organizations help local agencies collect count data, from supporting grant applications seeking funding for counts to purchasing automatic counters. They also discussed the need for education-related goals, strategies, and actions to highlight education to help law enforcement professionals understand biking and walking as transportation, as well as to promote safe biking and walking practices among cyclists and pedestrians.

The Committee supported the policy and priority document; they also identified specific edits to the draft policies to be incorporated prior to the item going to the Transportation Committee on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Symons-Holtzen requested that any additional comments on the draft be submitted by October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

4. **SACOG Safe Routes to School Policy.** Ms. Symons-Holtzen re-introduced the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Transportation Control Measure (TCM) from the Sacramento Region Ozone State Implementation Plan. She provided information on the upcoming SRTS workshop in December and presented the draft SRTS policy for comment. Ms. Symons-Holtzen explained that the draft policy was created to help SACOG provide support to local agencies pursuing SRTS funding, as well as provide technical assistance whenever possible.

The Committee supported the policy, and voiced topics to be discussed at the workshop (e.g. how school closures create new barriers and affect student access to schools) as well as the future of federal and state SRTS funds. The Committee advised staff to promote joint-use agreements in the last strategy of the SRTS draft policy.

5. **Bikeshare Update.** Ms. Cacciatore provided a brief update on the bikeshare effort in the Sacramento region. The working group is gathering funds to conduct an implementation plan, with the intention of applying for funding in the 2014 Bike/Ped funding round. Anyone interested in learning more about the bikeshare working group or joining the effort should contact Chris Morfas from the Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD.

6. **Pro Walk/Pro Bike Conference Sharing.** Due to time constraints, information sharing from Pro Walk/Pro Bike was postponed to the next meeting.
7. **Other Matters.** None.
8. **Adjournment.**