

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

Attendees:

Dan Allison, San Juan Unified School District	Monika Jansen, WALKS Sacramento
Jim Antone, Yolo-Solano AQMD	Erik Johnson, SACOG
William Appleby, Yuba Area Bike Advocates	Eric Jones, Southgate Recreation and Park District
Donnie Brower, Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates	Dave "DK" Kemp, City of Davis
Jim Brown, Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates	Dan Klinker, Sacramento County DOT
Victoria S. Cacciatore, SACOG	Jim Konopka, City of Folsom
Ed Cox, City of Sacramento	Jordan Lang, Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates
John Deeter, Environmental Council of Sacramento	Amy Martin, SACOG
Renée Devere-Oki, SACOG	Terry Preston, WALKS Sacramento
Lisa Dixon, Elk Grove School District	Lindell Price, El Dorado County
Mark Doty, Elk Grove Trails Commission	Erik Reitz, Yolo County Transportation District
Chris Dougherty, City of West Sacramento	Tara Scheiter, SACOG
Rachel Dubose, Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD	Walt Seifert
Bill Forrest, City of Galt	Lacey Symons-Holtzen, SACOG
Cassie Gardener, Breathe California	AJ Tendick, SACOG
JJ Hurley, Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD	Jeff Werner, City of Elk Grove

1. Introductions and Information Sharing

Mr. Tendick shared that the staff recommendation for Transportation Demand Management Tier 2 projects is scheduled to go to the Board for approval in November, and that several bike projects are included in the recommendation. A full report on the TDM Tier 2 projects can be expected at the January Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Mr. Deeter shared that the ECOS Annual Award Ceremony is Monday, October 28, 4:30 p.m. at the Sierra Health Foundation on Garden Highway.

Mr. Appleby shared that members of the Yuba Area Bike Advocates recently attended a California Bicycle Advisory Committee presentation on the Active Transportation Program.

Mr. Brown shared that SABA has been talking with the City of Sacramento and the Kings ownership group about bicycle parking and access to the Entertainment & Sports Center site for events as well as regular transportation needs. SABA is working in the South Sacramento area conducting bike audits, bikeway mapping, and other services, and is preparing for the impending City of Sacramento bike plan update.

Mr. Antone announced that applications for Yolo-Solano AQMD's Clean Air Funds will be available at end of January.

Mr. Preston shared that WALKS Sacramento members attended the first Walking Summit in Washington D.C. and spoke with legislative officials about the importance of walkability.

Mr. Hurley announced that the Bike Share Business Plan has been released on the Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD's website.

<http://www.airquality.org/bikeshare/MediaAdvisory20131014.shtml>

Mr. Dougherty announced that West Sacramento received its first Bicycle Friendly City designation at the bronze level.

Ms. Cacciatore announced that the November 20th "Is There Safety in Numbers for Cyclists and Pedestrians" webinar will be hosted at the Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD and all are invited to attend. The webinar will run from 12-1PM and will be followed by a brief discussion period. Ms. Cacciatore agreed to follow-up on the committee's expressed interest in a public viewing of the November 7th APBP webinar about NACTO's new Urban Street Design Guidelines.

Mr. Tendick reminded the committee that SACOG Salutes! Nominations are open until November 1st. Award categories include: elected official, blueprint excellence, regional organization, regional project, regional business, employee of the year, citizen of the year, and youth excellence.

2. **Summary of July 25, 2013 Meeting:** The summary of the July 25, 2013 BPAC meeting was approved by consensus.
3. **2014 Meeting Dates:** Ms. Symons-Holtzen presented the proposed 2014 meeting dates to the Committee. The group discussed whether there was a need to meet more frequently, though the majority of members expressed satisfaction with meeting quarterly. The proposed 2014 meeting dates were approved by consensus.
4. **Legislative Update for California:** Mr. Johnson provided background on the recently concluded California legislative season and highlighted legislation affecting bicycle/transit connections. He also discussed the local and statewide impacts of a bill that establishes the impending Entertainment Sports Complex in Sacramento as a demonstration project for modernizing CEQA in an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Ms. Cacciatore summarized other legislation with potential impacts on the planning and construction of bicycle and pedestrian projects. The Committee discussed more in depth the pros and cons of Assembly Bill 1371, which requires vehicle drivers to allow three feet of space when overtaking a cyclist.

Ms. Cacciatore summarized Senate Bill 99, which consolidates many existing state and federal bike/ped-related funding sources into one funding pot called the Active Transportation Program. California Transportation Commission (CTC) is currently developing the guidelines and hosting a series of listening sessions throughout the state to determine how the program will be implemented; the CTC expects to have draft guidelines available in January. Funds will be distributed competitively through SB 99, 50 percent statewide, 40 percent through MPOs such as SACOG, and 10 percent through small urban and rural areas. The Committee was interested in learning more about how the funds will be distributed regionally and statewide, how state and federal funds will be split between statewide and regional shares, and what the role of bicycle transportation plans will be under the new program. More information is expected to be available in time for the January committee meeting.

- 5. Draft Recommendations for Flexible Funds Programming Round:** Ms. DeVere-Okie introduced the draft recommendations for the flexible funds programming round. The recommendations are being presented to the various SACOG advisory committees prior to the Transportation Committee and SACOG Board in November; the funding recommendation is scheduled to be approved by the Board in December. Analysis and a “snapshot” of each project recommended or not recommended for funding is included in the item. Ms. DeVere-Okie explained that the CMAQ and RSTP funds programmed through this funding round will be available in Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2015, 2016, and 2017, while State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds would be available in FFY 2018 and 2019. Ms. Devere-Okie reminded the committee that there may be an opportunity to advance projects through the Delivery Process once the funds are programmed into the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).

Additional comments from the Committee included questions about Caltrans projects, how bike/ped projects integrated with transit projects, and how to strengthen connections between bike/ped and transit.

- 6. Bicycle Count Efforts in the Sacramento Region:** Ms. Cacciatore introduced the discussion of bicycle count efforts by providing background on recent discussion through the Committee and webinars dissecting the topic. Mr. Konopka shared that City of Folsom has been conducting manual counts at eight locations, half on the trail network and half on the on-street bicycle facilities. The effort is conducted annually in September with assistance from approximately 15 volunteers. Bike ridership has increased over the three-year monitoring period, and City of Folsom is now pursuing the installation of bike/ped count-capable ECO counters in key locations to collect continuous data.

Mr. Dougherty shared that City of West Sacramento is experimenting by “tweaking” pneumatic traffic counters to detect bicycle traffic. Mr. Dougherty shared additional information from Boulder, CO, another area that has experimented with this type of traffic

detection. City of West Sacramento expects to document the process and initial results in a white paper that could be shared with other interested parties.

Mr. Kemp described the City of Davis's involvement in an NCHRP study to test and evaluate bike/ped count equipment, primarily ECO counter. City of Davis anticipates using the continuous data to identify patterns of use, illustrate the efficacy of different bike facilities, and target marketing/educational programs. The Committee discussed concerns surrounding automatic counters, such as the effects of weather and external conditions on the counter's accuracy, and counting cars as bikes.

Mr. Brown shared that SABA has been conducting quarterly manual counts for nine years at more than 20 locations in Sacramento and, recently, West Sacramento. Their methodology complies with the National Bicycle Documentation Project, and they recently developed an iPhone app to supplant use of paper count forms. SABA's counts consider turning behavior, direction of travel, gender of rider (when discernible), and sidewalk use.

The Committee expressed interest in another update once the Cities of Folsom, West Sacramento, and Davis can share more implementation experiences with their varied data collection approaches.

- 7. SRTS Advisory Committee Update:** Ms. Jansen described the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Advisory Committee as an opportunity for collaboration on existing Safe Routes policies and programs. The group has met twice in 2013, and is now exploring SRTS data collection and use to support the future funding of projects. An upcoming effort is to create a regional bicycle and pedestrian education project as a baseline product for interested schools—such a product is in high-demand but is also difficult to provide.
- 8. Other Matters:** None.
- 9. Adjournment**