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BAYSHORE BIKEWAY WORKING GROUP

The Bayshore Bikeway Working Group may take action on any item appearing on this agenda.

Friday, June 13, 2008

2:30 p.m.

SANDAG, Conference Room 8A
 401 B Street, Suite 800
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AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- WESTERN SALT PROJECT STATUS REPORT
- SANDAG PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING STUDY
- FY 2009 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

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BAYSHORE BIKEWAY WORKING GROUP

Friday, June 13, 2008

ITEM #	RECOMMENDATION
1. INTRODUCTIONS	
2. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS	
+3. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11, 2008, MEETING	APPROVE
4. WESTERN SALT PROJECT STATUS REPORT	INFORMATION
<p>The San Diego City Council has approved a settlement offer to the Save Our Heritage Organization over the historic resource issues associated with this project, and work continues to complete the project's right-of-way agreement with the Metropolitan Transit System. City of San Diego staff will provide a report and answer questions.</p>	
+5. SANDAG PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING STUDY	DISCUSSION
<p>Work continues on the preliminary engineering study for the section of the bikeway between Main Street in Chula Vista and 32nd Street in the City of San Diego. Discussion items will include the resolution of alignment alternatives, especially related to Burlington Northern & Santa Fe property in National City (see attached map), establishing a lead agency for the project environmental document, and revised schedule assumptions.</p>	
6. FY 2009 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS	INFORMATION
<p>A recommendation on funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects will be brought to the SANDAG Transportation Committee on June 20, 2008. The draft recommendation includes additional funding needed to complete the Western Salt Project, and funding for final design of the bikeway between Stella Street and 32nd Street. Staff will report on the final recommendation at the meeting.</p>	
7. ADJOURN	

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San Diego Association of Governments
BAYSHORE BIKEWAY WORKING GROUP

June 13, 2008

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **3**

Action Requested: APPROVE

MEETING MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 11, 2008, MEETING

1. Introductions

See attached list of attendees.

2. Public Comments and Communication

None.

3. Approval of February 25, 2008, Meeting Minutes

Approved. (Motion Rindone, second Monroe)

4. Bike the Bay

Andy Hanshaw from Bike the Bay made a presentation about a fun ride he is organizing for September 7, 2008, that will utilize the Bayshore Bikeway. The event, which will benefit the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition, will start at South Embarcadero Park and include a ride over the San Diego-Coronado Bridge. The event will be limited to 2,500 riders 14 and older. Mr. Hanshaw indicated that he has contacted all the cities around the Bay, as well as the Port District and Caltrans, and is in the process of obtaining all the necessary permits for the event. He is also soliciting sponsors and volunteers. Current sponsors include the Port District, the Chula Vista Nature Center, and the Omni Hotel. Rest stops are planned for Coronado near the community center and at the Chula Vista Nature Center parking lot at E Street. Councilmember McLean suggested a rest stop at 7th Street in Imperial Beach as well. More information on the event is available at www.BiketheBay.net.

5. Western Salt Project Status Report

Frank Gaines from the City of San Diego reported that this project is still on schedule to begin construction on October 1, 2008, and to be completed by February 15, 2009. The two bridges have been ordered and are being fabricated in Texas. In addition, the City of San Diego has reached a tentative agreement with the Save Our Heritage Organization (SOHO). The agreement should resolve the historic resource issue that had delayed the project. Under this agreement, the City of San Diego will provide \$10,000 to the San Diego Electric Railway Museum to replace ballast improvements on the Coronado Belt Line in Chula Vista, six rails will be stacked next to one of the project's interpretive signs, and SOHO will provide the text for the historic resource interpretive

sign. Councilmember Monroe stated that the text provided for that sign was much too long to be effective. The San Diego City Council will act on the proposed settlement within several weeks.

Mr. Gaines also discussed the license agreement from MTS that is needed for the project. Because the language for the agreement most recently provided by the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) is different than the example agreement he used when the San Diego City Council approved the project, he will have to go back to the council to get approval for the license. The City Attorney's office will be negotiating the terms of the license with MTS. Councilmember Monroe asked that he be contacted if there were any problems coming to an agreement on the license.

Stephan Vance reported that, based on an analysis by SANDAG staff, the project will need \$536,500 in additional funding to cover contingencies and construction support. Chris Kluth indicated that those funds should be available under a recommendation that will be brought to the SANDAG Transportation Committee in May. That recommendation will set aside most of the bicycle and pedestrian funding for FY 2009 for regional bikeway projects, primarily the Bayshore Bikeway and the Inland Rail Trail.

6. SANDAG Preliminary Engineering Study

David Berryman reported that preliminary engineering work for the project between Stella Lane and 32nd Street is on schedule. The engineering work is a little ahead of the environmental studies, but that is not a concern. Stephan Vance indicated that two issues with the alignment have been identified where the project development team would like feedback from the Working Group.

The first issue is in Chula Vista where the Coronado Belt line goes through the Goodrich plant site. The plant site is fenced for security, and Goodrich has a license from MTS to use a portion of the right-of-way for parking. This makes running a bike path through the site very problematic. The Bayshore Bikeway Plan identifies an alternative alignment along J Street, Marina Parkway and Lagoon Drive to E Street. This alignment, with some variation due to future road realignments, is included in the Chula Vista Bayfront master plan. Lesley Nishihira from the Port District indicated the Bayfront plan calls for a Class 1 bikeway that would be built as part of the first phase of Bayfront redevelopment. That work is currently scheduled to take place in 2012, assuming the developer agreement, environmental clearance and permits all proceed according to plan. The Working Group agreed that this was an appropriate alignment to assume for the study. The bike lanes on Bay Boulevard and the existing Marina Parkway can serve as interim facilities. The PE study should develop the bike path as far north as H Street, and then direct bicyclists to Bay Boulevard for now. This approach would include a provision to go from J Street to the existing Marina Parkway bike lanes. Additional study would be required for a connection to the future Marina Parkway bike path once H Street is extended to the west.

The other alignment issue is in National City where the plan calls for a bike path along Tidelands Avenue. It also suggests an alternative route along Harrison Avenue. Suggestions have come from several sources to also consider an alignment along Cleveland Avenue. Cross traffic from cross streets and driveways present a challenge in designing a bike path along the Tidelands alignment. Harrison Avenue may not be viable because apparently the northern portion of the road has been vacated by the City of National City. Steve Manganiello will do more research to confirm that is the case. The consultant team will bring in their bikeway planning specialist to re-evaluate the alternatives, including consideration of a Cleveland Avenue alternative, and report back to the

Working Group. If feedback on this issue is needed before the next scheduled Working Group meeting the meeting date may have to be moved up.

Supervisor Cox asked if funding was being reserved to complete final design on this project once the preliminary engineering is completed. Staff said this cost would be added to the list of regional bikeway funding needs identified for FY 2009.

7. Coastal Conservancy Future Funding Opportunity

Stephan Vance reported that the state Coastal Conservancy has up to \$10 million in state water bond funds to provide grants for projects that will help develop the California Coastal Trail and improve coastal access in the San Diego region. SANDAG responded to a request for proposals with a proposal that identified a need for \$4.4 million for the Bayshore Bikeway project from Stella to 32nd Street. Because the Bayshore Bikeway also serves as the California Coastal Trail, this should be a very competitive project. The Coastal Conservancy is just gathering information at this time and has not indicated when grants would be awarded. A reasonable expectation is that they would offer to fund some portion of project cost and that the remainder would have to come from local sources. There should be significant competition for these funds from other agencies in the region.

8. Adjourn

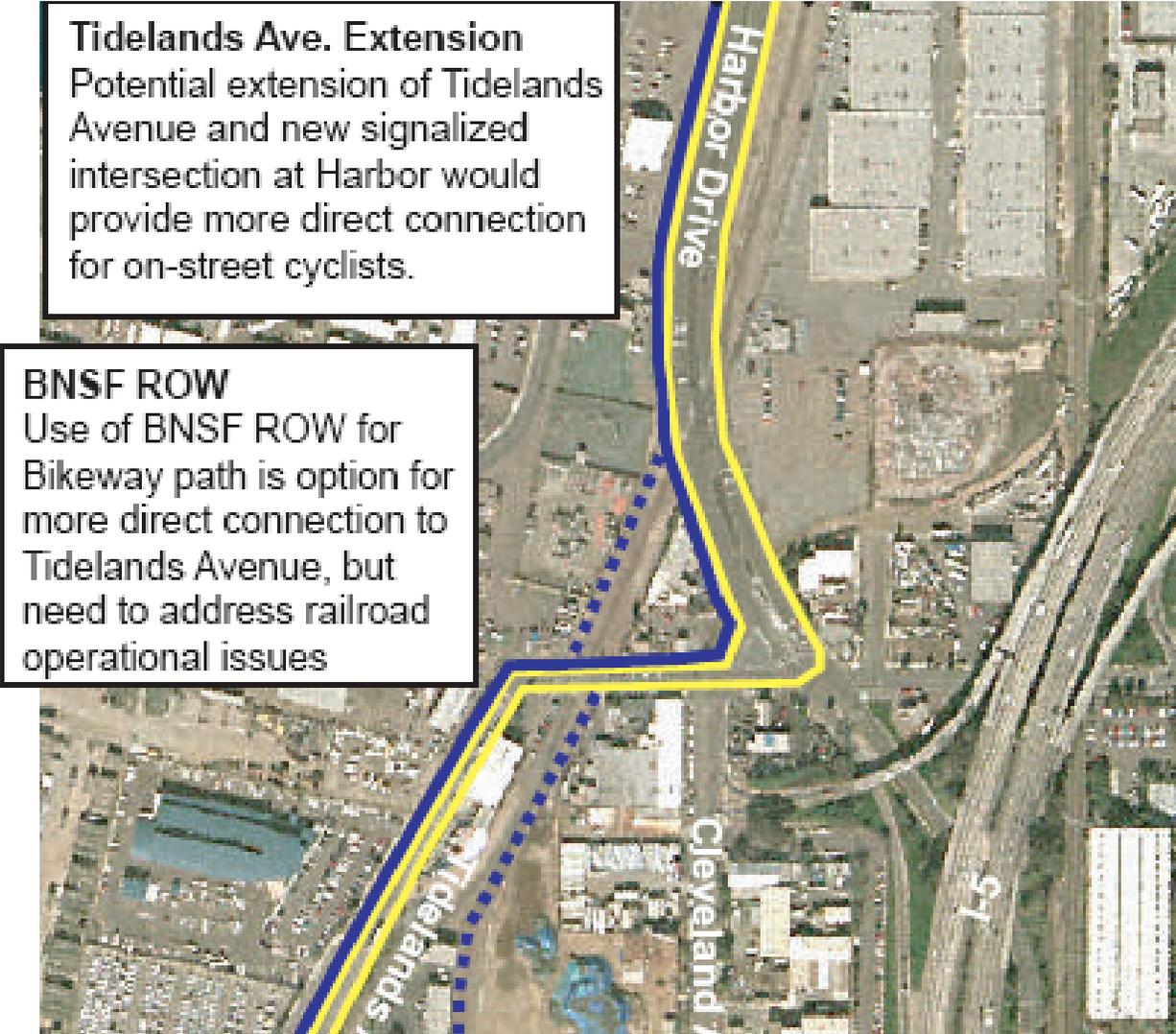
Next Meeting. The Working Group tentatively agreed that the next meeting should be at 2 p.m., on June 13, 2008, at SANDAG.

BAYSHORE BIKEWAY WORKING GROUP ATTENDANCE

Date: April 11, 2008

NAME	AGENCY
Members	
Supervisor Greg Cox	County of San Diego
Gordy Shields	Bicycle Activist
Councilmember Phil Monroe	City of Coronado
Councilmember Fred McLean	City of Imperial Beach
Deputy Mayor Jerry Rindone	City of Chula Vista
Staff and Others	
Danny Melgoza	County of San Diego
Stephan Vance	SANDAG
Frank Gaines	City of San Diego, Engineering
Tom Adler	City of Chula Vista
David Berryman	Bureau Veritas
Andy Hanshaw	Bike the Bay
Lesley Nishihira	Unified Port District
Robert Ripley	Naval Base San Diego Planning
Stephen Manganiello	City of National City
Dan Martin	SANDAG
Bill Briggs	Unified Port District
Chris Kluth	SANDAG

**Bayshore Bikeway Alignment Alternatives
At Civic Center Drive and Harbor Drive**



Excerpted from the 2006 SANDAG Bayshore Bikeway Plan