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BAYSHORE BIKEWAY WORKING GROUP

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

Thursday, September 18, 2008

2:00 to 3:30 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
- ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION 2010 CAMPAIGN

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BAYSHORE BIKEWAY WORKING GROUP

Thursday, September 18, 2008

ITEM #	RECOMMENDATION
1. INTRODUCTIONS	
2. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS	
+3. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13, 2008, MEETING	APPROVE
4. WESTERN SALT PROJECT STATUS REPORT	INFORMATION
<p>This project through the salt evaporation ponds that will connect Imperial Beach and Chula Vista is ready to begin construction as early as on October 1, pending approval of the Coastal Commission and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The only matter remaining to be resolved is to ensure all the necessary parties have access through the easement agreement with the Metropolitan Transit System. Staff from SANDAG and the City of San Diego will provide a report.</p>	
+5. SANDAG PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING STUDY	DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION
<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 a report on the meeting with Burlington Northern & Santa Fe about access to their right-of-way in National City, a discussion of alignment alternatives between J Street and the power plant entrance in Chula Vista, and an update on the project schedule. The Working Group will be asked to provide direction on which alignment to pursue in the area of the power plant.</p>	
6. STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY FUNDING	INFORMATION
<p>SANDAG responded to a call for projects from the State Coastal Conservancy with a proposal to fund the Main Street to 32nd Street project. The funding source is Proposition 84 funds that have been dedicated to San Diego County. An announcement from the Coastal Conservancy identifying their high priority projects is expected by the time of the meeting. SANDAG staff will provide a report.</p>	

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7. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION 2010 CAMPAIGN

INFORMATION

The Active Transportation 2010 Campaign is a national effort spearheaded by the Rails to Trails Conservancy aimed at securing \$2 billion in the next federal transportation reauthorization to support programs around the country that will result in a significant increase in bicycling and walking. A delegation from the San Diego region recently attended a forum on the campaign in Seattle, WA. Supervisor Cox and Stephan Vance will provide a report. An event to launch the local campaign is scheduled for October 20th in conjunction with a groundbreaking ceremony for the Western Salt Project. Details of the event will be provided at the meeting.

8. BIKE THE BAY

INFORMATION

Nearly 2,000 riders took part in the first Bike the Bay event on the Bayshore Bikeway. Kathy Keehan from the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition will provide a report on the event.

9. ADJOURN

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San Diego Association of Governments
BAYSHORE BIKEWAY WORKING GROUP

September 18, 2008

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **3**

Action Requested: APPROVE

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13, 2008, MEETING

1. Introductions

See attached list of attendees.

2. Public Comments and Communication

Andy Hanshaw from Bike the Bay provided a status report on the bike ride planned along the Bayshore Bikeway for next September. He said they currently have about 200 people registered for the event. They have added a rest stop at Pepper Park in National City, and will consider adding one in Imperial Beach at 7th Street. The ride picked up REI as a sponsor for the event.

3. Approval of April 11, 2008, Meeting Minutes

Approved. (Motion Rindone, second McLean)

4. Western Salt Project Status Report

Frank Gaines from the City of San Diego reported that the Save Our Heritage Organization (SOHO) has agreed to the terms of the settlement agreement with the City of San Diego over the historic resources issue, and all parties should have signed the agreement within the next few weeks. The settlement was delayed when the terms offered by the San Diego City Council specified that any funds paid to SOHO should be spent within the area of the project rather than on ballast in Chula Vista as originally proposed. Mr. Gaines reported that progress is being made on the license agreement with MTS, however, they now realize that a memorandum of understanding will have to be drafted and approved to grant access by South Bay Salt Works to the new haul road that will be constructed as part of the project. When asked about the status of the bridges that are being prefabricated, he stated he will inquire with the bridge firm and report back.

5. SANDAG Preliminary Engineering Study

Alex Estrella and David Berryman provided an update on the status of the project. Work is proceeding apace on refining the alignments and doing the necessary environmental work. A key issue at this point is the route for the bike path at Civic Center Drive and Harbor Drive. The Bayshore Bikeway Plan shows an alignment alternative that would use Burlington Northern and Santa Fe (BNSF) right-of-way to avoid the acute-angled corner at Civic Center and Harbor Drive. During a field visit by Supervisor Cox, Mayor Morrison of National City, and staff from National City and SANDAG, the parties all agreed that this alternative was worth pursuing. However, inquiries

were made with BNSF, and the response was that they were not interested in allowing this use. The working group discussed alternatives, including moving the adjacent fence from Navy base, but decided that the first choice for an alignment would be the rail right-of-way. Supervisor Cox will follow up with BNSF through their consultant, John Hoegemeier, to see if they could be persuaded to change their mind. He will ask Mayor Morrison to participate if a meeting is arranged with the people directing Mr. Hoegemeier. The working group decided the second alternative should be to see if the Navy would allow their boundary fence to be moved to make room for the bike path. Supervisor Cox and Councilmember Monroe will contact Admiral Herring if that alternative needs to be pursued.

A second issue for the project is identifying a lead agency for purposes of certifying the projects environmental document. The working group affirmed its preference that SANDAG should be the lead agency. Mr. Estrella responded that he will relay that position to SANDAG management.

With regard to SANDAG's role in helping to develop regional projects, Supervisor Cox stated that he has arranged to provide \$100,000 in County community projects funds for design work to close the gap in the Sweetwater River Bike Path between the bike path from the flood control channel and path that begins at Bonita Mesa Road. He also has asked SANDAG to consider participating in helping to develop the California Coastal Trail in the San Diego region. Regarding Coastal Conservancy funding, he said he had talked with Prentiss Williams about the Conservancies call for projects, and learned that 15 projects were submitted.

Supervisor Cox also passed out a letter from Senator Barbara Boxer about the upcoming federal transportation reauthorization and inviting his input. He stated that this presents an opportunity to communicate with the senator about the Active Transportation 2010 Campaign that is being developed.

6. FY 2009 Bicycle and Pedestrian Funding Recommendations

Chris Kluth reported that a funding recommendation for FY 2009 Transportation Development Act bicycle and pedestrian funds and *TransNet* Bicycle, Pedestrian and Neighborhood Safety funds will be going to the Transportation Committee on June 20 and to the Board on June 27. Because of prior commitments and known expenses on existing regional projects, the staff recommendation is to not have a competitive grant cycle this year. Instead, the \$7.32 million estimated to be available would be allocated as follows:

Prior commitment to the Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge	\$1,875,000
Known additional expenses for the Inland Rail Trail	3,870,000
Bayshore Bikeway Western Salt Project	624,000
Bayshore Bikeway (Main St. to 32 nd St.) Final Design	450,000
Unallocated Reserve	<u>501,000</u>
Total	\$7,320,000

Councilmember Monroe questioned how the Inland Rail Trail (IRT) was able to attract so much of the limited funds available for these projects. Stephan Vance explained that the estimated cost for the IRT was significantly less when construction funding for the project was first authorized. Everyone assumed that the most practical way to construct the project was in conjunction with the SPRINTER main line construction. Instead, it turned out that the significant need for redesign work

on the SPRINTER also caused the IRT costs to rise. At this point the expenses have been incurred, and there are limited sources of funding to cover the cost.

Mr. Kluth stated that the regional bike plan currently under development will provide a forum for discussing how best to prioritize and construct these regional projects. It also will include a financing strategy for how to fund them.

7. Adjourn

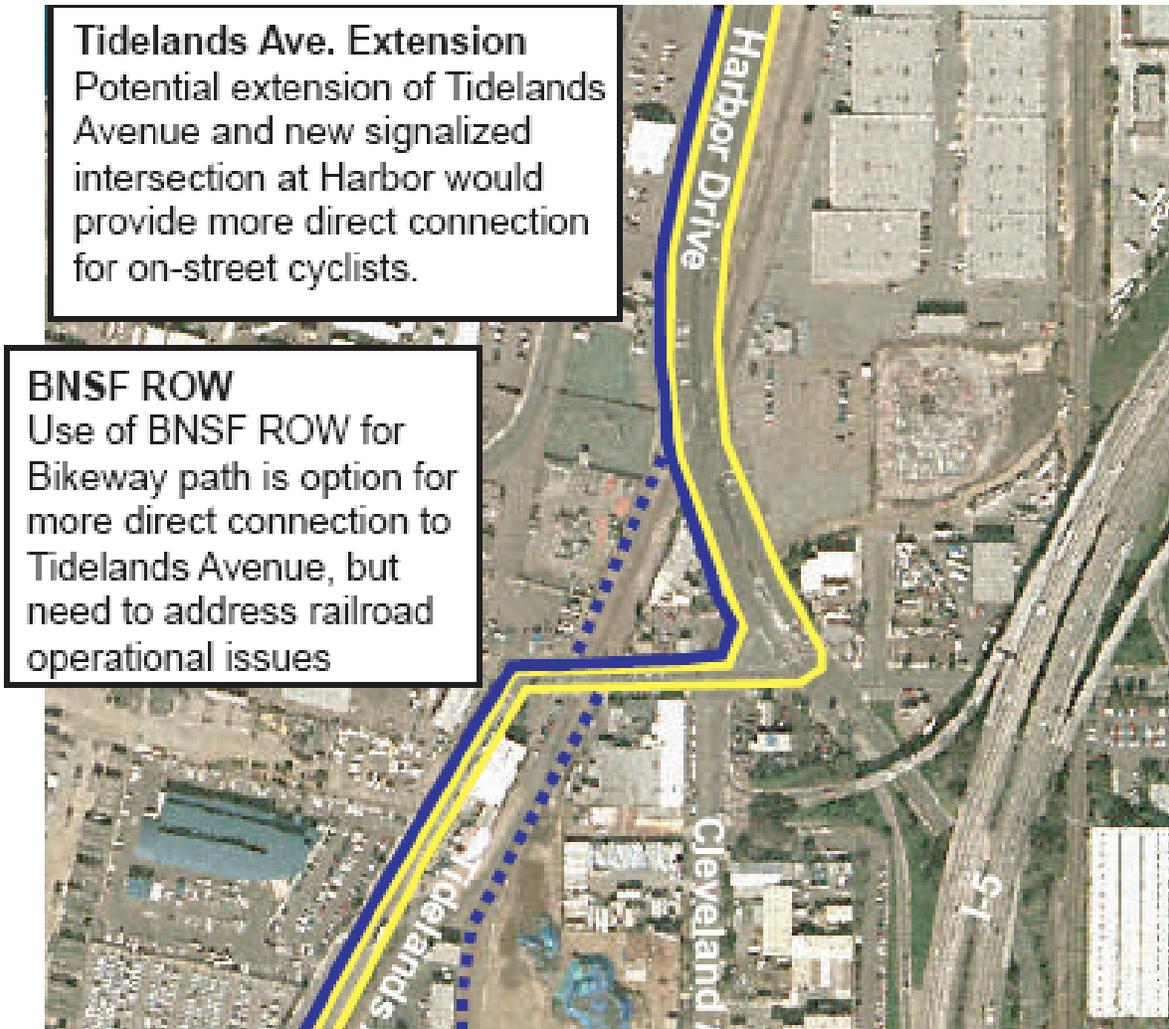
Next Meeting. The Working Group agreed that the next meeting should be at 2 p.m. on September 18, 2008, at SANDAG.

BAYSHORE BIKEWAY WORKING GROUP ATTENDANCE

Date: April 11, 2008

<i>NAME</i>	<i>AGENCY</i>
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
Councilmember Rosalie Zarate	City of National City
Staff and Others	
Danny Melgoza	County of San Diego
Stephan Vance	SANDAG
Frank Gaines	City of San Diego, Engineering
Frank Rivera	City of Chula Vista
David Berryman	Bureau Veritas
Andy Hanshaw	Bike the Bay
Kathy Keehan	San Diego County Bicycle Coalition
Robert Ripley	Naval Base San Diego Planning
Brad Jacobsen	City of San Diego
Dan Martin	SANDAG
Alex Estrella	SANDAG
Chris Kluth	SANDAG

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



Excerpted from the 2006 SANDAG Bayshore Bikeway Plan