MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

BAYSHORE BIKEWAY WORKING GROUP

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

Thursday, October 30, 2014

12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

SANDAG, Conference Room 8A
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AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- BAYSHORE BIKEWAY SEGMENTS 4 AND 5 STATUS REPORT
- BAYSHORE BIKEWAY SEGMENTS 2 AND 3 (BARRIO LOGAN)

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## INTRODUCTIONS

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## APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

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The Bayshore Bikeway Working Group (BBWG) is asked to review and approve the minutes from its February 27, 2014, meeting.

## PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

3. Members of the public shall have the opportunity to address the BBWG on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Working Group that is not on this agenda. Anyone desiring to speak shall reserve time by completing a “Request to Speak” form and giving it to the BBWG coordinator prior to speaking. Public Speakers should notify the BBWG coordinator if they have a handout for distribution to BBWG members. Public speakers are limited to three minutes or less per person. BBWG members also may provide information and announcements under this agenda item.

### REPORTS

4. **BAYSHORE BIKEWAY SEGMENTS 4 AND 5 STATUS REPORT**

   Segment 4 (32nd Street to Vesta Street) begins construction in October and will be completed by April 2015. Discussions with Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) regarding rail grade crossing upgrades were held on October 17th, and discussions are underway with National City and the Port District about completing Segment 5 all the way to Marina Way and West 32nd Street. Staff will provide an update on the construction, the results of the meeting with BNSF, and the status of Segment 5.

5. **BAYSHORE BIKEWAY SEGMENTS 2 AND 3 (BARRIO LOGAN)**

   Work on the planning phase of this project is underway. A stakeholders group has been formed, and meetings have been held with key community members in the project area. Staff and consultants will provide a report on the existing conditions analysis and on the upcoming stakeholders meeting. In addition, the SANDAG Board has recommended that the California Transportation Commission approve $1.47 million in state Active Transportation Program funds for this project to complete final design.

6. **BAYSHORE BIKEWAY SEGMENT 8B (PALOMAR STREET TO MAIN STREET)**

   Coordination with the Charles Company (Gabee family) on the portion of the alignment through the salt works has advanced as they continue to pursue development of their property. This development could provide an opportunity for an alignment adjacent to the rail line, but could also delay project implementation. Staff and a representative of the Charles Company will report on the status.
7. REBRANDING THE BAYSHORE BIKEWAY  

SANDAG has been approached by a graphic arts student at San Diego State University about a rebranding project for the bikeway. The BBWG will see examples the student's work and provide feedback.

8. BAYSHORE BIKEWAY STORY MAP  

SANDAG has developed a story map that will help the public become more familiar with the Bayshore Bikeway. Staff will preview the map for the working group and take comments on possible additions to the map.

9. UPDATES ON PROJECTS RELATED TO THE BAYSHORE BIKEWAY  

Members of the BBWG will have an opportunity to provide updates on any local projects related to the Bayshore Bikeway.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. ADJOURN

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The meeting of the Bayshore Bikeway Working Group (BWWG) was called to order by Chair Greg Cox (County of San Diego) at 2 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions were conducted.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (APPROVE)

BWWG members were asked to review and approve the minutes for the July 24, 2013, and October 25, 2013, meetings.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Brian Bilbray (City of Imperial Beach) and a second by Councilmember Mona Rios (City of National City), the July 24 2013, and October 25, 2013, BBWG meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS (INFORMATION)

There were no public comments.

REPORTS

4. REGIONAL BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN MONITORING PROGRAM (INFORMATION)

In 2010, the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency received a grant from the Center of Disease Control and Prevention to promote physical activity through built environment changes. Under that grant, the County purchased automated counters to monitor bike and pedestrian activity around the region. Two of these counters are along the Bayshore Bikeway. These locations are at E Street in Chula Vista, and Glorietta Boulevard in Coronado. These counters record data 24 hours a day. The counters are able to record directional information, showing where walkers and riders are coming from and going to. They are battery operated and will required periodic maintenance to replace batteries. This system will allow SANDAG to monitor activity along the Bayshore Bikeway on an ongoing basis.

The counting system has been in place since 2012. Stephan Vance (SANDAG) discussed how the data show differences in travel patterns by direction, time of day, and day of the week. He offered to make the data available to working group members on request.
The BBWG discussed concerns about the placement of counters. Recently, a counter in Imperial Beach that was placed too close to the bicycle path has been vandalized. When the counter is replaced, the installer will need to be instructed about how far to place it from the bike path.

5. BIKEWAY FENCING IN IMPERIAL BEACH (INFORMATION)

The Bikeway in Imperial Beach includes post and cable fencing that was installed to discourage bikeway users from entering the wildlife refuge. Some bicyclists have expressed concern that the fencing constrains bike riders from taking evasive action to avoid on-coming traffic. At the October BBWG meeting, the BBWG discussed possible solutions. At that time Andy Yuen (United States Fish and Wildlife Service) said the post and cable fencing could be moved slightly to provide more room.

Larry Hofstetter (City of Coronado resident) said he has studied the posts, and reported that there are approximately 450 in Imperial Beach from 13th Street to 7th Street. Hank Levien, Public Works Director for the City of Imperial Beach, expressed concern in two areas. The first is the importance of the chain link fence at the public works facility. It would be difficult to move the fence because it is needed for security. Another area of concern is the recently built Nature Park. The fence there keeps people from biking or driving onto the park. With regard to the private development at the Bikeway Village, the City of Imperial Beach has asked the developer to move their landscaping back five feet from the fence.

While the United States Fish and Wildlife Service will allow the fence to be moved, the issue of how to pay for the work remains. The Mayor of Imperial Beach is supportive of this project; however, questions about funding need to be addressed.

Chairman Cox recommended the City of Imperial Beach use Mr. Hofstetter’s study and develop graphics of specific problem areas where the City would not want to remove the fence, and where it could be moved. A meeting with United States Fish and Wildlife Service should then be scheduled to discuss how the work could be done and how it might relate to other projects being planned in the area.

6. PROJECT STATUS REPORT SEGMENTS 4, 5, AND 8B (INFORMATION)

The design for Segments 4 and 5 is close to being complete, but the main issue remains the right of way agreements for the 19th Street and 8th Street railroad crossings. These crossings involve the City of National City and the Burlington & Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF). Critical next steps include approval of the maintenance and operation agreement by the City of National City, and obtaining concurrence for the crossing modifications from BNSF. These steps must be completed in a timely manner so SANDAG can request an allocation of the projects federal Transportation Enhancement funds from the California Transportation Commission. SANDAG needs to be able to advertise the project for construction by April 2014, and award a contract by August 2014 to avoid losing federal funds.

At the October meeting, staff reported that a preferred alignment had been identified for Segment 8B between Palomar Street and Main Street. This alignment would utilize a maintenance access road on property owned by the Charles Company. George Ray, representing the Charles Company, discussed potential future redevelopment plans for the property. The Charles Company is supportive of the Bikeway and would like to work with the Cities of Chula Vista and San Diego to
incorporate the Bikeway into the future development. Construction for this segment could begin as early as fall 2015.

7. **BARRIO LOGAN SEGMENTS 2 AND 3 SCOPE OF WORK (DISCUSSION)**

The Scope of Work for the planning phase of this project is under development. Stakeholder involvement will be an important part of the process. The BBWG discussed strategies for involving stakeholders, and supported establishing a stakeholder’s group and holding a public workshop for input. A technical working group of local agency staff will be created as well.

Major issues in the project area identified by previous studies include parking impacts and drainage. In developing a preferred alignment, a major goal is to avoid parking loss. This may be possible by utilizing unused space in the Harbor Drive medians. SANDAG will also look at alternative alignments.

The draft Scope of Work for the planning phase includes an existing conditions analysis, identification of alignment alternatives, and public input. This planning phase is scheduled to be completed by fall 2014. Preliminary engineering, environmental analysis, and design would follow, with construction scheduled for spring 2016.

The BBWG discussed funding for this project. The planning and engineering phases are fully funded through the SANDAG Early Action Program (EAP). The construction phase was not originally included in the 40 projects funded in the initial EAP; however, $18 million in federal funding has been programmed for the Inland Rail Trail, which should provide additional capacity to fund more projects, including this segment of the Bayshore Bikeway.

The BBWG discussed a need for safety and lighting along the route, especially for the waterfront and trolley connection. Currently many people commute in the early morning hours and there is not proper lighting for safety.

Options for the bridge on Harbor Drive also were discussed. These options included using a cantilever design off the side of the bridge and moving the center concrete divider to provide room for a bicycle and pedestrian path on one side.

8. **CHOLLAS CREEK TRAIL (INFORMATION)**

Leslie Reynolds (Groundworks San Diego) presented the agency’s plans to develop a trail along Chollas Creek connecting to the Bayshore Bikeway at Harbor Drive. Groundworks San Diego has been working with the public on this project, and has received positive feedback from the community. Residents around Chollas Creek are excited to have access to the Bay. Many of these residents use their bicycle for transportation. A stakeholder’s event will be held on June 7th.

Ms. Rios suggested SANDAG create a map of other connections from the barrios to the Bayshore Bikeway. This would be helpful for raising public awareness and support for the bikeway.

During the presentation, planning challenges were presented. A small group will meet with Groundworks San Diego and their planning team to strategize solutions for challenging intersections. Groundworks San Diego is looking for input on design from a bicyclist’s perspective.
Andy Hanshaw (San Diego County Bicycle Coalition), Stephan Vance, and John Holloway (KTU+A) volunteered to provide input.

9. UPDATES ON PROJECTS RELATED TO THE BAYSHORE BIKEWAY (INFORMATION)

Councilmember Woiwode (City of Coronado) reported that Class II bike lanes have been installed along Glorietta Boulevard with a flashing beacon for the bike/pedestrian crossing at 5th Avenue in Coronado. There will be several improvements along the bike path at the Coronado Cays. The entrance to the Cays will be redesigned, including moving the guard shack back, and adding roundabouts leading up to the entrance to slow bicycle speeds.

The working group discussed the temporary closure of the Bayshore Bikeway’s between J Street and H Street. This could impact the Bike the Bay event in August.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING MEETINGS (INFORMATION)

CicloSDias will be Sunday, March 30th in Pacific Beach.

The BBWG will discuss Barrio Logan in detail at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the BBWG is scheduled for June 2014.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cox adjourned the meeting at 4 p.m.