

Caltrans District 4 Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting  
July 16, 2008, 1:30 – 3:30PM  
District 4 Headquarters, Mountain View Room, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
111 Grand Avenue, Oakland

Attendees:

<b>Rochelle Wheeler</b>	<b>Alameda County Transportation</b>
<b>Pat Giorni</b>	<b>Bicyclist</b>
<b>Sean Co</b>	<b>Metropolitan Transportation Commission</b>
<b>Julian W. Carroll</b>	<b>Caltrans, Bicycle Coordinator</b>
<b>Pat Pang</b>	<b>Caltrans, Advance Planning</b>
<b>Robert Cronin</b>	<b>Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition</b>
<b>Craig Goldblatt</b>	<b>Metropolitan Transportation Commission</b>
<b>Bruce Ole Ohlson</b>	<b>Delta Peddlers</b>
<b>Robert Raburn</b>	<b>East Bay Bicycle Coalition</b>

Review of 7/16/08 Meeting Minutes:

1. Pat Pang: Wants minutes & agendas on website, and Provide easy access to D4 BAC website.
2. Rochelle Wheeler: Please send agenda weeks ahead of meeting.
3. Introduction of Aprile Smith & Anh Nguyen new Transportation Planners in the Office of Transit & Community Planning.

Item: 1.

What is the status of Project Initiation Documents (PID's) and Routine Accommodation Policy: MTC policy recommends posting of PID's from District 4 on quarterly or Semi-annual basis where non-motorized users are permitted. Pat Pang.

- A. Sean Coe: Distribute Pat's PID document to Bike Groups  
PID's will be placed on MTC website – When will PIDs on website become available.

- B. Pat Pang: Pat's suggestion is to post all projects, talk more about logistics once state-wide PID list becomes available.
- C. Pat made comment – willing to share hard copy of plan; Talked about posting a statewide PID list of projects. Internal concerns and legal issues prevents giving members copy of plan.
- D. Headquarters is preparing a statewide PID list.
- E. Plan on listing 2008/09 work plan and support for fiscal year.
- F. Willing to share the paper version for 2007/08 Work Plan; working on new work plan with CMA's and TA's
- G. Pat – Plan to circulate 2007/08 work plan.
- H. On lots of projects we provide oversight. New, hold or on-going projects.
- I. SHOPP Projects come around every two years; SHOPP and PID documents.
- J. Would like group to wait until 2008/09 Work Plan project list is finalized.
- K. Contact Julian to get a copy of PID list
- L. Rochelle Wheeler – Asked if the PID list is open to the public.
- M. Robert Raburn: Wants a copy of the list. Wants to know who the contact person, sponsor, post mile limits and project description.
- N. Pat Pang: Identify location and project and finalize PID list.

- O. Julian Carroll: Can talk to project manager to give out appropriate information. Wants to allow input at the early stage. Suggested links to work plan.
- P. Robert Raburn: Wants to know how to get information about PID development. Basic information released and public comment.
- Q. Pat Pang: Stated can send you out a work plan to Robert Raburn.
- R. Robert Raburn: Wants to know how logistics will work and why PIDS cannot be posted.
- S. Pat Pang: Wants to meet level of commitment. We will be providing info on statewide PID list.
- T. Robert Raburn: Wants transparency and a broad review of PID process.
- U. Pat Pang: Said he would send Robert an electronic copy of 2007/08 Work Plan.
- V. Rochelle Wheeler: Asked if we can have a copy of the 2007/08 Work Plan.
- W. Pat Pang: interested parties can request by email a copy of 2007/08 Work Plan.

Item: 2.

Bike Path Restrictions and Caltrans Funding Oversight; Bike Paths intended to serve commuters, but with restricted hours are compromised in their capacity to compete with modes and reduced emissions. Examples of programs where Caltrans selects projects include SHOPP, Safe Routes to Schools, and the Highway Safety Improvement Program.

Craig Goldblatt with MTC, and Michelle DeRobertis of VTA will apply their ongoing discussion of a downtown San Jose Bike Path (MTC administered CMAQ funding) too Caltrans funding guidelines.

- a. Sean Coe: Discussed restricted hours on bike paths, named SHOPP and safe routes to school and other funding sources that Caltrans provides to the Locals.
- b. Craig Goldblatt: STP funds and CMAQ programs and implementation, of Lifeline Program for Bike and Pedestrian projects. Should reduce emissions.
- c. Operation is a 3 year limitation. Bike and Pedestrian projects, and non-recreation bike trips should meet the needs of users.
- d. Portland is an example of 24 hour trail head.  
City of Portland wanted to close trail at night. FHWA wrote a paper to fund projects; FHWA wanted to shut down project unless it was kept open 24 hours.

They used emission reduction. City of Portland wanted to limit the hours of operation. MTC or CMAQ have additional criteria to operate a 24 hour trail. Nothing in the CMAQ policies on 24 hour trails.

Funding Resources – TDA, BTA, SAFETLU, earmark, CMAQ, local sales tax.

- e. Pat: Asked was there a cost benefit to the CMAQ project.
- f. Bruce Ole Ohlson: Wants trail access maintained by East Bay Regional Parks.
- g. Rochelle Wheeler: Look at routine accommodations policy to provide guidance.

- h. Pat Pang: Asked what the program cycles are for PID's.
- i. Robert Raburn: We don't have a 24 hour check list on our application. Very legitimate needs.
- j. Most projects would rank low. Include in the project evaluation.
- k. Craig Goldblatt: MTC adopt projects.
- l. Sean Coe: Agrees with Rochelle Wheeler to use routine accommodation as guidelines.
- m. Rochelle Wheeler: Contact Michelle De Roberts.
- n. Pat Pang: A challenge because of operation needs. Use scoping process.
- o. Sean Coe: We can follow up on this at the Regional Bike Meeting.

Item: 3.

Caltrans Commuter Bicycle Shuttle- Plans for the Transbay Transit Terminal are moving forward and construction is underway. In the short term, a convenient stop needs to be identified for the Interim Location (between Fremont & Main, and Folsom & Howard);

The Transbay Center Joint Powers Authority would like to explore a permanent "street level" shuttle stop. CTD4BAC has not revised or updated the schedule that adds a stop to Treasure Island.

- a. Robert Raburn: Met with Joint Power Authority to discuss demolition. Need to review interim phase. JPB Board is looking forward to keeping bike shuttle on the street. We need to consider construction plan for 2010.

- b. We need to use innovation in sharing images of traveling by rail. Robert will send email request for hard copy of PID list.

Item: 4.

The Status of 9 Bay Area County Bike Plans and Gap Closure priorities submitted by MTC.

- a. Sean Coe: Status of projects on the regional network; list of projects, limits, segmentation and post miles, geo-coded regional bike plan will be complete in November, 2008
- b. \$1 million funding for bikes.

Meeting Adjourned:

2008 Quarterly Meeting Schedule:

The meetings will be held on the following Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.:

- **January 16**
- **April 16**
- **July 16**
- **October 15**