

SUMMARY NOTES
CALIFORNIA BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 5, 2010 - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Room 513, Fifth Floor
Department of Veterans Affairs Building
1227 O Street, Sacramento

1. Welcome and Introductions Alan Wachtel called the meeting to order and listed additional agenda items, asked if anyone needs to speak first.

Members Present: (includes teleconference attendees)

Alan Wachtel, CBAC Chair – California Association of Bicycling Organizations (CABO)
Jim Baross, CBAC Vice-Chair – San Diego Co. Bicycle Coalition/CA Bicycle Coalition
Lynne Goldsmith – Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Michelle Mowery – City of Los Angeles
Jeffery Rosenhall – California Department of Public Health
Paul Goldstein – Bay Area Bicycle Coalition

Others Present: (includes teleconference attendees)

Robert Cronin – Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition
Clark Thompson – Fresno COG
Alan Forkosh – CABO
Maggie O’Mara – Caltrans Design
Nicholas Don Paladino - Fresno Cycling Club
Tami Quigley – D2 Bicycle Coordinator
Bob Shanteau – CABO Transportation Engineering Liaison
Ann Mahaney – Local Assistance
John Cinatl – member of public
Seth Cutter – D11 Bicycle Coordinator
Fabian Favila – Santa Rosa Transit Agency
Steve Bonrepos – Stan COG Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Ty Polastri – Lake Tahoe Bicycle Coalition
Eric Fredericks – Caltrans Div of Planning
Jim Brown – CBC

Members Absent:

Representative – California Highway Patrol
Hamid Bahadori - Auto Club of Southern California
Marie Haddad – California State Automobile Association

Kevin Pokrajac noted that Ken McGuire has retired and explained current CBAC staffing arrangements.

2. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Notes

Notes from 6/3/2010 meeting approved as submitted

3. District Reports

District 2 - Tami Quigley gave status report on Dana to Downtown Bikeway ribbon cutting in September

District 4 - Ina Gerhard stated Zampa bridge no restrictions on lines of use.

District 11 Seth Cutter – Hosted bike to work day (get dates). Initial review of Bike path grade separation project at SR 56 and Black Mountain Road @30% design. Got bike parking at District 11 office for visitors outside of controlled area.. Working on putting together a “complete streets” summit for outreach to local partners in fall. Recently had bike path turned over from construction to maintenance SR 52 bike path. Debris builds up easily behind K rail separating path from SR 52. Volunteers clean up about once a month. *(ask Seth why path belongs to CT usually they’re owned by local agencies)*
Seth says path appears to be permanent. Seth thinks most trash is blown from trash trucks going to a waste landfill.

District 12 - Romeo Estrella Santa Ana River Trail – bike detour spring 2011.

4. Status Reports/Various Items

Vehicle Code Legal Opinion and Bikes May Use Full Lane Sign - Sign is pending final approval by CTCDC for inclusion in CA MUTCD. Next step - guidance for implementation – prioritizing, defining what constitutes unsharable lane. Jim Baross read part of a letter regarding situations when bicyclists need not ride as far to right as practicable.

CTCDC Meeting Minutes - did not identify CBAC’s rep as “ex officio” (nonvoting) member.

Bikes in work zones –Baross emphasized CBAC concern that the accommodations should apply to all roads where bicycling is permitted.

Lack of consistency/clarity re request to experiment – order of going to CTCDC/FHWA, does agency have to go to one or both (CTCDC and FHWA)? CTCDC changed process - requires CTCDC approval in addition to FHWA. D5 doesn’t have CTCDC or CBAC approval to experiment with “bikes in lane” signs on Mission in Santa Cruz.

Action: Devinder Singh will ask whether D5 Bikes In Lane status reports should be on agendas and CBAC member will be identified as member in minutes. Traffic Ops will develop implementation guidance for prioritization of Bikes May Use Full Lane sign placement

Bike Boulevard Guidance - Caltrans has been asked to develop guidance. Maggie O’Mara, Division of Design will review HDM to ensure that it includes design standards for geometric features that might be appropriate to “green streets, traffic calmed streets, bike boulevards”. May need to identify “home” for general discussion.

Action: Put on list of items for future agenda, identify presenter.

Highway Design Manual Revision – Kevin Herritt – M. O’Mara presented - plan to circulate in September for review to stakeholders.

Bikes on Roadways Training (Understanding Bicycle Transportation) – Maggie O’Mara-

Action: send CBAC link to modules, list of agency attendees.

Interchange/Intersections Guidelines – No report

AB 1358 Implementation - No Report

DD-64 R1 Implementation – Caltrans Staff/OPR Staff - Eric Fredericks gave status report on Complete Streets Implementation Plan– action items on track

5. Unfinished Business

a. NEV legislation: AB 584, Huber; AB 1781, Villines – Jim Baross

Attachment 5.a. **AB 584 introduced Feb 25 09 last amended June 1 2010 – allows cities to develop standards and standard specifications**

Motion: CBAC Supports NEV use but due to concerns about current piecemeal approach recommends that Caltrans oppose current bill. CBAC opposes further legislation authorizing NEV plans until current projects evaluated due to potential negative impact of current approach on other modes of transportation. Unanimously carried.

Action:

6 New Business

a. Share the Road Sign Proposal – Steve Bonepros –

STANCOG Bike/Ped Advisory Committee –PowerPoint on proposal to consolidate message and bike lane symbol currently on separate W11 (bicycle) and W-16 (share the road) signs.

CBAC members commented – Sign is in process of being approved; no need for new proposal. Change color to black on white, and make sign shape rectangular or square instead of diamond.

b. Statewide Bicycle Advisory Committee working w/CHP and post – Jim Baross preparing proposed curriculum based on City of L.A.’s/LAB. Agreement on need for training, but there’s some disagreement on content.

c. New SHSP CA 13 Actions – Jim Baross – read list of additional needed actions & asked for more ideas –

- Collecting bicycle counts and getting consistency across state
- Pedicabs
- Rail lines/trolley lines
- CEQA – problem - avoidance of adding bike lanes because it triggers ED
- Universal safe road use for school age children (walking and bicycling)
- Address lack of liability for bike paths (Prokop ruling issues)
- Addressing wrong way bicycling
- Need to collect crash data for bike crashes that don’t involve motor vehicles – requires change in CHP Form 555, design of crash databases, and to policies and possibly laws.

Action: Jim to locate first list of items recommended, but not assigned an Action Item number

- d. **VeloCity Conference / Copenhagen Cycling** – Jim Baross reported on his observations on his trip to Copenhagen.
- e. **Bike Facility Inconsistencies** – discussion of how to educate local agencies on need to adhere to standards and how to interpret them.

7. **Legislative Update** – Alan Wachtel

AB 1951, Ammiano – Dead - This bill increases penalties for a violation of California Vehicle Code Division 11 that results in an injury

SB, 1475, Simitian – Strengthen anti-texting laws for motorists

AB 2294, Block and Fletcher – Treats pedicabs as vehicles for hire – legislation was considerably amended.

SB 1061, Hancock - Increased bicycle access to the San Francisco – Oakland Bay Bridge west span – use seismic retrofit tolls on pathway – working way through legislature

Issue on Paving of Shoulder in Tahoe – only roadway is being paved.

Action Item: Alan Wachtel will send email string so Maggie can ask Kevin Herritt to help identify person who should present/take questions on this topic at future meeting.

8. **Old Business** -

9. **Other Business/Topics for Next Meeting/Adjourn**

Bicycle Boulevards – Green Streets

ProWalk ProBike – Chattanooga

CAMUTCD sign

Traffic Operations – Status Report

Rail County Study

Bridge Rail Height

Amtrak – Inconsistencies allowing bikes

Work Zone Accommodations

The next meeting of the California Bicycle Advisory Committee will be on October 7, 2010, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Room 2116, 2nd floor, Department of Transportation Headquarters, 1120 N Street in Sacramento