

Richmond Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (RBPAC)
Regular Monthly Meeting Committee Minutes
Monday, August 9, 2010, 6pm
Pt. Molate Room, 2nd floor
450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA. City Hall

Community Members Present

Adrienne Harris, Chair
Nancy Baer
Rick Beal
Catalin Kaser
Bill Pinkham
Debbie Richerson
Tony Sustak

City Staff & Others Present

Joe Light
Michael Williams

Welcome and Introductions:

Adrienne Harris recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order. Attendees introduced themselves and their connection to Richmond and the bicycle pedestrian community issues.

Agenda Items

Website and Documents

Adrienne reported on the location of documents on the website including updates from the city and interactive maps, draft plans and the bike network spreadsheet.

Bicycle Master Plan Prioritization Process

Adrienne led a discussion on the prioritization document and approach for projects. The purpose is to have a process in place for determining what project should take priority when there are competing applications for limited funds. Fehr and peers supplied a document with a scoring mechanism based on a scale of 19 total points allocated to criteria related to:

- Connectivity
- Activity Centers
- Safety
- Regional Access
- Relative ability to access

Each of the criteria were reviewed at the meeting and the language describing, the components and the weighting of each selection were reviewed and discussed

• **Connectivity.**

- Edits were proposed focusing on linkages and overcoming physical barriers

- **Safety**
 - A discussion requesting Fehr and Peers to provide language about a parallel safety evaluation based on a reality rides framework or physical on site assessments ensued.
 - Adding language of avoiding mid-block crossings (one point)
 - Safety also prompted a discussion of the need to have regular communication with the Engineering and Public works departments. It was suggested that Engineering and Public Works be present at the October meeting which is scheduled to be devoted to the bicycle plan.
- **Regional Access**
 - It was agreed that Bart access should be called out and raised to 4 points, followed by regional bus at two points and local bus at one point.
- **Relative Ability to Access**
 - This category prompted a lengthy discussion to the effect that the criteria itself was not helpful. A discussion led to the conclusion that access to funding was a better criterion for Richmond. In order to meet the goals of implementation we discussed the importance of being nimble and adapting to funding opportunities.

Joe Light collated the changes for communication with Fehr and Peers.

Bicycle Master Plan Case Studies

A discussion of deeper dive case studies led to a discussion of a number of opportunities including:

- Barrett Ave underpass
- Cutting and Carlson
- Barrett/Nevin/McDonald expressways
- Marina Bay south of the freeway
- East-West Greenway connection
- Hilltop area
- Access from the south to the Greenway
- Circulation around the Bart station

The requests to Fehr & peers were:

- Barrett Ave. I-80 underpass area including Barrett crossing to allow reaching Target Center by bike
- East-West Richmond Greenway connection across Carlson/railroad tracks/ 23rd St.
- Marina Bay (S. 23rd St) / 580 interchange
- Hilltop Area bicycle network
- Bicycle circulation to, through, and around the Richmond BART station

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Points of Advocacy

An initial discussion occurred regarding the importance of identifying some key points of advocacy that extend beyond the borders of Richmond. These would include areas of interest for cross-jurisdictional funding and issues we believe should be funded.

Staff Report

Michael reported on the need for support from the BPAC for a grant application for more bicycle lockers at Bart. Michael noted in response to inquiries about a reservation system causing problems that the current lockers were underutilized but also under-promoted. A consensus vote was called for and obtained to support the application for the additional lockers.

By Laws

A discussion followed on the need to readdress the by law conversation that had occurred in the spring. It was suggested that this could be a topic of discussion for September along with a discussion of the education and outreach work-plan.

Adjournment

There being no further business and it being 7:30 the meeting was adjourned.