

Bayshore Bikeway Stakeholder Meeting #2, 2/2/2015

SANDAG hosted the second of two stakeholder meetings on Monday, February 2, 2015. The meeting was held at the Woodbury School of Architecture in the Barrio Logan neighborhood of San Diego from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

The Barrio-Logan Stakeholder Group includes representatives of public agencies, community and advocacy organizations and private sector businesses located within the project limits. Stakeholders and community members were invited to learn about the progress made on the alignment of the proposed path and the impacts it would have on parking. Various cross sections along the corridor were reviewed to inform the meeting attendees on potential changes that would occur along Harbor Drive.

The sign in table had a sheet for stakeholders who had RSVP'd, or their representatives. There was also a sheet for anyone else who wanted to be on a mailing list for updates on the project. Attendees were offered a bike pin and refreshments upon entering. Rows of chairs were set up in a horseshoe shape facing the projector screen with the stakeholders (who RSVP'd) positioned in the inner row of chairs with nameplates. There were 10 stakeholders and 33 community members in attendance.

Welcome & PowerPoint Presentation

The formal meeting kicked off with welcome statements from County Supervisor Cox, City of San Diego Councilmember Alvarez, and Port Commissioner Castellanos. A PowerPoint presentation was delivered by Stephan Vance and Craig Williams. The slides provided a brief description of the project, background, funding, and stakeholder feedback thus far. Detailed slides were also shown that illustrated the proposed bikeway placement along Harbor Dr.



These locations were illustrated with details:

1. Harbor Drive and Park Blvd
2. Harbor Drive over the Railroad (south of Park Blvd)

3. Harbor Drive at Cesar Chavez
4. Harbor Drive near Schley Street (north of the at-grade BNSF Railroad crossing)
5. Harbor Drive west of 28th Street
6. Harbor Drive near Chollas Creek
7. Harbor Drive on Chollas Creek Bridge
8. Harbor Drive near 32nd Street

Facilitated Discussion

After the locations were discussed in detail by Craig Williams of Alta Planning + Design, meeting members were invited to ask questions and discuss the project. Parking was, again, a point of discussion. Craig Williams and Stephan Vance of SANDAG stated the goal was to minimally impact the current amount of parking spaces available, and that the most recent parking estimates confirmed this should be possible.

Another topic was the connection of the Bayshore Bikeway with the Barrio Logan neighborhood. Many of the streets connecting Harbor Drive into the community do not have designated facilities for cyclists, and community stakeholders expressed interest in seeing this improved. Ryan Zellers from RBF/Baker Engineering added information about how intersections could be set up with separate signal timing to improve accessibility for cyclists and pedestrians.



Additional topics of discussion included construction impacts on the bikeway, signals and signage, maintenance and integration into the community. Participants also voiced positive feedback about the project. Alta staff recorded the discussion on post-it pads, so that all comments were properly recorded and were available for participants to refer to afterwards. The full list of these comments can be found in Appendix B.



Open House

After the PowerPoint presentation and discussion, participants were invited to walk around the room to look at a large print-out of the path alignment over an aerial map, a missing sidewalks and parking graphic, as well as details of the 8 cross-sections that were described in the presentation and discussed by the group. Participants had the opportunity to speak with SANDAG and Alta staff

with specific questions about the project.

Conclusion:

The meeting provided an opportunity for robust dialogue on the emerging details of the bikeway path alignment, and there was active participation from most in attendance. No one expressed opposition to or reservations about what was proposed and there were positive comments referring to the 'good options' laid out and to speed up the timeline to get the bikeway built.

Appendix B: Community Comments during Meeting

Comments recorded on Post-It pads

Additional Comments/Concerns:

- During Construction → Provide space for people riding bikes
- In areas where right-of-way is ambiguous, consider more 'share the road' signs?
- Make sure maintenance is thought out – debris, etc.
- Team has come up with good options.
- How will this be integrated into the Barrio Logan Community and for residents to get to it/use it?
- For bike signals → Some in SD turn too quickly for bicyclists.
- Please finish this (project) faster!
- Include purple pipes for non-potable water landscaping.