

## Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Biking

On Sunday, June 6, 2021, Jim Flanagan, Jake Torrens, Vic Yepello, Brett Klein and Robin Abrahams met at Ruth Hardy Park to discuss long term bike planning. The goal of the meeting was to strategize on how to prioritize goals and work on implementation:

1. Success in other cities, what we can use to help us.
2. Bike path usage, how can we gather data and counts to get hard usage figures to set goals and show progress.
3. Survey data, what do we need and how do we gather it?
4. Prioritization, we have many wants, which is most important

### Meeting Discussion:

A wide ranging discussion ensued over past bike plan, bike plans for other cities, updates and outcome from Palm Springs adoption of the bike plan found in the Active Transportation Plan put together by CVAG and PS in 2001, updated in 2010 and again in 2016. Concerns over producing another shelf study were expressed. Past history and city involvement were examined, and an approach was put together that might result in implementation of our goals. Recognition of the momentum achieved after the plan update in 2016 and how it resulted in a number of new bike lanes and road diet restriping and many new bikers on the road seemed to be a good path for getting back on track for 2021.

A number of goals were discussed including:

- Bike Share
- CV Link connections and funding
- Tribal involvement in planning
- CTC - California Transportation Commission involvement
- Cycle Tracks proposal through downtown,
- Alternative routing for a downtown cycle track (Indian Canyon, Palm Canyon or Belardo)
- Building awareness and getting on city calendars
- Hosting a town hall, to raise awareness and gather data on priorities
- Running an online survey to gather rider input
- Installing counting equipment to gather usage and baseline data

Priorities agreed upon were short term: finish the South Palm Class 2 bike lanes originally planned and longer term: begin planning for implementation of a two way bike path in the downtown area.

### Recommendation:

- Subcommittee to work with City staff to develop and run an online survey to gather data about community needs and safety issues, gather fall/winter usage data at various bike lanes and routes through automated counters. Prepare for and host a bicycle town hall in the fall of 2021 with City Staff. This data to be used to update City bicycle plan as necessary and secure city funding as identified and adopted in past plans but since dropped.
- Request to Sustainability Commission:
- Request a subcommittee budget for Town Hall Meeting, online survey and bike counter data gathering, NTE \$4,000.

- Provide a budget for Town Hall Meeting, online survey and bike counter data gathering, NTE \$4,000.
- Downtown bike path on Palm Canyon currently identified as PS180 in the 2016 CVAG update, is budgeted at \$44,352. South Palm Canyon, similarly, identified as PS201 is estimated at \$253,440. Remaining capital costs, signage, maintenance, and parking budgets can be found in the CVAG report on page 4-121.