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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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F.1   **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (NON-AGENDA)

Subject: FW: To Mayor Brand, City Council and Staff

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To Mayor Brand, City Council and Staff

I sent a request to the City Clerk office to speak on non-agenda items during the City Council meeting on 8/4? I guess it was lost in the mail and I am not be able to attend the next City Council meeting.

I hope you will accept the following statement, as this is what I planned to say:

My name is Jim Hannon, Board member of the South Bay Bicycle Coalition and a 40-year resident of the City of Redondo Beach
I am here to talk to you about the Bicycle Master Plan!

Creating a So Bay Bicycle Master Plan is not a trivial project and this is why:
1. 2009, the South Bay Bicycle Coalition was formed and funded with a $240,000 grant from the Los Angeles County Public Health Dept to create a 7-city Bicycle Master Plan.
2. In 2010 we held a total of 15 community workshops and were we had hundreds of residents provide their input that became the foundation for the network of 212 new miles bikeways throughout the South Bay region.
3. The Bicycle Master Plan was intended to create a healthy environment and support the growing interest in bicycling, and encourage more people of all ages to participate in active transportation and become less reliant on automobiles.
4. In 2011, the BMP was submitted and approved by the Redondo Beach Planning Commission and then unanimously approved by the City Council, and they accepted a challenge to implement the BMP within a 10-year period.

Moving forward and into the BMP implementation phase:

- In 2019, the city of Redondo Beach completed a dismal 2 miles of bikeways out of the 39 miles approved by the City Council in 2011.

COVID-9 has recently caused a huge uptick in the number of casual bike-riders and they have quickly learned outside activities are healthy for their mind and body and it can straighten their immune system, but now that has caused overcrowding and chaos on bikeways.

It should be noted, the bikeways in the BMP have little or no impact to motorist and for the most part its just paint on the ground, and it can be accomplished while resurfacing the city street, at a nominal cost to the city.

I have a couple of recent projects that we would I like to bring to your attention:

- Putting Bike Lanes on Torrance Blvd was a #1 priority and it gave cyclists that live East of RB access to the Pier and ocean, and then suddenly, the city painted over the Bike Lanes, why?
- South Catalina Ave was resurfaced a few months ago and the BMP called out to make it a bike friendly street with Class II Bike lanes and Sharrow markings, but that did not happen?

The SBBC would like to work closer with the City Council and Staff to improve the safety of the bicycling community.

I am sure you will all agree safety is paramount for pedestrians, bicycles and motorist and after nine years, we are asking the city to make some real progress on implementing the BMP.

Thank you and if you have any questions or suggestions, I would like to hear from you.

Jim Hannon

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