

Memorandum

То:	Gene Kim, City Traffic Engineer
From:	Nicole Jules, Consulting Project Manager
Date:	September 28, 2020
Re:	South Bay Bicycle Master Plan Implementation Project Public Works Commission Presentation

The City has received \$1.55M in grant funds from METRO to implement bicycle improvements within the City as identified in the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan (SBBMP). The grant project includes implementing Class II, Class III and ancillary bicycle facility improvements at various locations throughout the City. In an effort to complete this project as well as other bicycle improvements through on-going Capital Improvements, it is important to acknowledge the challenges of placing bicycle facilities within an already crowded footprint.

The City's rights-of-way is a confluence of competing uses: driving; parking; cycling; access; commerce; storage and greening. These competing uses must fit within a fixed-width right of way due to constraints created by adjacent uses and buildings. Given the public rights-of-way is limited, new bicycle facilities are considered with prioritizing parking, travel lanes, and/or lane widths. Minimum lane widths and intersection geometrics will be maintained for safe roadway operations. However, anything less than the minimums will compromise safety.

While new bicycle facilities can be accommodated within the existing roadway footprint by striping and signage, there are cases where adding a Class II or Class IV facility can only be accomplished by removing parking, narrowing lanes or even roadway widening by reducing the median or sidewalks. It is neither desirable nor feasible in most cases to narrow medians and/or sidewalks to accommodate bike facilities. Roadway widening and/or median and sidewalk narrowing is undesirable due to high construction costs associated with demolition and reconstruction of the roadway pavement, curb, gutter, parkway and sidewalk.

Staff is proceeding with implementing the grant-funded SBBMP Project however, it is important to note that bicycle facilities requiring anything more that pavement markings, striping and signage may not be implementable due to the inability to retain parking, travel lanes and/or minimum lane widths.

Tonight's presentation will provide a status update on the SBBMP Implementation project, identify current Capital Improvement projects where bicycle facility improvements will be incorporated and walk-through various roadway classifications and bicycle facility options. Staff will highlight existing conditions and run-through several scenarios for different bicycle facility types and the optional implementation trade-offs.

End of report

Public Right of Way Confluence of competing uses

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Public Right of Way – Use of space

✤ Is where movement meets access

✤ Is valuable and flexible

Pedestrians

Confluence of competing uses



6 Essential ROW Functions

1. Mobility

- 2. Access for people
- 3. Access for commerce
- 4. Activation (Parklets)
- 5. Greening (Parkway, trees)
- 6. Storage (Utility, Infrastructure)



Competing Interests

- 1. Roadway widths are in-line with General Plan Circulation Element
- 2. Complete Streets sets stage for future project development
- 3. Physical cost to achieve the goal
- 4. Add bike facilities without sacrificing:
 - parking
 - Minimum lane width or
 - Number of lanes
- 5. Clear implementation priorities

Major Arterial + Class III

Torrance Blvd Marine Avenue Manhattan Beach Blvd Inglewood Ave Artesia Blvd



- Two travel lanes in each direction
- Raised or striped median
- On-street parking
- ✤ Wide parkway and sidewalk



Added pavement markings & signs





Major Arterial + Class II

Torrance Blvd Marine Avenue Manhattan Beach Blvd Inglewood Ave Artesia Blvd





- ✤ ~ 80'-90' roadway width
- Two travel lanes in each direction
- Raised or striped median
- On-street parking
- Wide parkway and sidewalk

- Reduced lane widths
- Retain parking

Major Arterial + Class IV

Torrance Blvd Marine Avenue Manhattan Beach Blvd Inglewood Ave Artesia Blvd





- ~ 80'-90' roadway width
- Two travel lanes in each direction
- Raised or striped median
- On-street parking
- Wide parkway and sidewalk

Loss of parking

Secondary Arterial + Class III

Beryl Street Catalina Avenue Palos Verdes Blvd Prospect Avenue



- Two travel lanes in each direction
- On-street parking
- Parkway and sidewalk

Limited changes

Added pavement markings & signs



Secondary Arterial + Class II

- Current Configuration

Beryl Street Catalina Avenue Palos Verdes Blvd Prospect Avenue



- Two travel lanes in each direction
- On-street parking
- Parkway and sidewalk



Retain parking



Secondary Arterial + Class IV

- Current Configuration

Beryl Street Catalina Avenue Palos Verdes Blvd Prospect Avenue

- ~ 50' 80' roadway width
- Two travel lanes in each direction
- ✤ On-street parking
- Parkway and sidewalk



Loss of parking



Collector Roadway + Class III

Camino Real Del Amo Street Grant Avenue Kingsdale Avenue



- ✤ ~ 36' 65' roadway width
- One travel lane in each direction
- Center turn lane
- On-street parking

Retain parking

Parkway and sidewalk

Collector Roadway + Class II



Camino Real Del Amo Street Grant Avenue Kingsdale Avenue

- ✤ ~ 36' 65' roadway width
- One travel lane in each direction
- On-street parking
- Parkway and sidewalk

Reduced lane widthsRetain parking

Collector Roadway + Class IV

Camino Real Del Amo Street Grant Avenue Kingsdale Avenue



✤ ~ 36' - 65' roadway width

- One travel lane in each direction
- On-street parking
- Parkway and sidewalk

