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CITY COUNCIL MEETING October 20, 2020

N.2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE SOUTH BAY BICYCLE MASTER PLAN AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INSTALLATION OF PROTECTED BIKE LANES IN THE CITY

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Khatirah Nazif

From: Chuck Tipton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 1:58 PM
To: CityClerk; Bill Brand; Todd Loewenstein; Nils Nehrenheim; Christian Horvath; Laura Emdee; John Gran
Subject: Please Approve South Bay Bicycle Master Plan Implementation



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Mayor Brand, Councilmembers;

Please let this serve as a strong endorsement and request of the Bicycle Master Plan on the agenda for October 20th, under Agenda item N2.

As you are all aware, I am a long time North Redondo Beach resident, and with gyms now closed or unsafe, I have taken up bike riding for my exercise. Actually getting out and about on the existing paths and trails does one realize just how lacking the City of Redondo Beach is in this area. We need to improve existing trails and paths and scale and grow the number of trails and paths available to the citizens of Redondo Beach.

Exercise, getting out in fresh air, shopping locally, improving the livability of our neighborhoods are all positives of bicycle usage. Improving the scale, reach and safety of these paths will encourage the use of bikes instead of cars, and help to connect the Northside of our city with the existing path infrastructure along the coast.

Please consider a Yes vote on Agenda Item N2, and support the improvement and growth of bicycle usage in the City of Redondo Beach, and the larger Beach cities area. Thank you for your consideration.

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Chuck Tipton

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Khatirah Nazif

From: Fred Manna <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2020 2:44 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Implementation of South Bay Bike Master Plan



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Dear City Council members,

As a Manhattan Beach resident and member of the BCHD Blue Zones Livability Committee, I want to extend my encouragement and support for your implementation of aspects of the Bicycle Master Plan as identified in item N2 in your October 20th city council meeting agenda. This has been a long process and I am hoping to see positive action as a result of your efforts.

Manhattan Beach has made admiral progress implementing the Bike Master plan but still has much more to go. I hope you will follow their lead, with the hopeful participation of Hermosa Beach, to help make a safe network of bikeways throughout your city and connect all three beach cities to improve the increase and safety of bicycle use.

If we want to make the citizens of Redondo Beach use alternate forms of transportation in lieu of unnecessary automobile trips you must give them extensive and safe options as outlined in the agreed upon master plan. This agenda item would send a strong and positive message to Redondo Beach residents that you hear them and want to make their alternate inner city trips safe, appealing and family friendly. Your leadership can be the engine to make this happen.

I want to ride too and around Redondo Beach. Help me and others like me do that safely. I look forward to seeing your directions.

Best regards,
Fred Manna

Khatirah Nazif

From: Howard Fishman [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 17, 2020 10:06 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Bike Master Plan Item N2

Categories: Khatirah

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Greetings

I am writing to show support and request you implement the proposed Master Bike Plan.

As a former Hermosa Beach Mayor, we adopted the Master Bike Plan several years ago and continue to work towards reducing our carbon footprint and supporting healthy lifestyles.

All the Best

Howard Fishman
[REDACTED]

BCHD Community Health Committee
BCHD Livability Community

Khatirah Nazif

From: Michael Don <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2020 5:30 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Agenda Item N2

Categories: Khatirah



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Thank you for sharing this note with the city council for the upcoming meeting. I am someone who uses his bike for exercise, commuting and fun. I don't ride in groups (other than my family) and pre-covid rode 10 miles each way to work. I ride the beach cities 6 days a week including Redondo Beach every week.

I really appreciate safety when I ride. As ridership has increased, the need to finally implement the Bike Master Plan is more important now than ever before. I have had some "near misses" despite being a very cautious rider. Bike lanes do so much to make drivers more aware of where bikers will be. Because of this, I want to respectfully request your immediate action to make roads more safe for people like me who commute and exercise on a bike.

Thank you for your consideration and leadership.

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Mike Don
[REDACTED]

Khatirah Nazif

From: MacKusick, Suzanne <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 10:54 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Re: In Favor of South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

Categories: Khatirah



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Apologies for the second email. This is related to agenda item N2 on the October 20 meeting.

Thank you,
Suzanne

On Mon, Oct 19, 2020 at 10:47 AM MacKusick, Suzanne <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Dear City Council of Redondo Beach,

I have heard that there is a vote regarding the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan coming up this October 20. While we do not live in Redondo Beach, my husband works there. He has often wanted to ride his bike to work, however he does not currently feel safe to do so. The portion of his ride in Redondo beach does not feel safe. This master plan will help that. It is a way to get healthy exercise integrated into your daily activities and helps reduce air pollution one car at a time. During this pandemic, I know that bike sales have gone up and many stores have been struggling with limited stock. This provides me hope for the future that more kids will be getting outside and riding their bikes - for fun, to friends houses, to school. However, this uptick will not have any lasting impact if kids, and their parents, do not feel that they are safe riding on the streets where they live. This plan will help with that. So please, help to give the children of your community the life-long skill of exercise and low-impact transportation. As well as those working members of your community a safe way to exercise while reducing air pollution and saving time in their busy days.

Thank you for your consideration.
Suzanne MacKusick

Khatirah Nazif

From: Bonnie Nixon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 4:22 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: PLEASE PLEASE APPROVE THE BICYCLE MASTER PLAN

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

As an avid South Bay bicyclist, I am urging you to approve the Bicycle Master Plan implementation phase, agenda item N2. Thank you very much. We so need more trails and for it to get safer and safer on our roads for bicyclists. Thank you. Bonnie Nixon



October 19, 2020

Dear City of Redondo Beach, Honorable Mayor Brand and Members of the City Council,

On behalf of the South Bay Bicycling Coalition, we are writing you in support of implementing the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan and City Staff's recommendations.

We believe the 38.8 miles of approved bikeways would benefit the city in many ways. Safer, accessible, more interconnected bikeways will increase the number of men, women, children and families riding bicycles and thus enjoying the health and wellness aspects that bicycling delivers.

Bikeways that connect to schools, local businesses, public services and recreation venues, as indicated in the Bicycle Master Plan, add much-needed, low-cost transportation options, reducing motor vehicle traffic, associated pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

Please review the (2) Data Analysis attachments and special thanks to Paul Ong, Director UCLA Director, Center for Neighborhood Knowledge and Jacqueline Sun, Senior Policy Analyst, Beach Cities Health District:

- Bike count data showing significant (33%) increase in the number of bicyclists in the past year.
- Bike collision data shows a much higher increase risk to Redondo Beach bicyclists compared to the other (6) coastal cities in the South Bay.

It appears the city has grant funding in place that would allow the city staff to move forward with implementing the Bicycle Master Plan and with the City Councils support, this will happen.

The South Bay Bicycle Coalition understands the importance of maintaining balance on our public roadways, but, the increased bike counts show our community is opting for biking now more than ever before.

We request the city integrates the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan into the Strategic Plan, option 3, Multi-modal Mobility Objectives and move the city forward with the full implementing the Bicycle Master Plan, Complete Streets initiatives, and adopting the Beach Cities Living Streets Design Manual.

Thank you,

Jim Hannon, Board Member South Bay Bicycle Coalition

**The South Bay Bicycle Coalition is designated by the IRS as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and your donation qualifies as a charitable contribution under the applicable federal tax law.*



Analysis of South Bay 2019 and 2020 Bicycling

Paul Ong, Jonathan Ong, Jim Hannon, Jacqueline Sun and Justis Guardia¹

October 17, 2020

Overview:

This study analyzes and compares cyclist counts in 2019 and 2020 in three South Bay cities: Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach.

Major findings:

- Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, with overall cycling increasing by 33%
- Weekend cycling increased more than weekday cycling
- Children ridership increased less than total ridership, particularly during the weekdays
- Cycling in each city increased, although there are variations by places and time

Data Source:

These locations were selected based on input from city staff in Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach and Manhattan Beach based on locations that have existing bicycle infrastructure, or to conduct pre-implementation assessments of locations where there is proposed future bicycle or pedestrian enhancements.

A screen line count was conducted based on the LA Metro and Southern California Association of Governments' methodology in their Manual for Conducting Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts.

Counts:

These counts are conducted annually in August of each year. Each count lasts a total of 2 hours and each location has 2 counts conducted during peak times on a weekend and weekday.

¹ and Paul Ong is a research professor at UCLA, Jonathan Ong is a researcher at Ong&Associates, Jim Hannon is President of the South Bay Bicycle Coalition, Jacqueline Sun MPH is the Senior Policy Analyst with Beach Cities Health District, and Justis Guardia is an undergraduate student at UCLA and volunteer with the South Bay Bicycle Coalition. Affiliations are for identification purpose only.



Analysis of South Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Collisions

Jim Hannon, Jonathan Ong and Paul Ong¹

September 28, 2020

Overview:

This study analyzes bicycle and pedestrian collisions and accidents in Redondo Beach relative to 6 other South Bay coastal cities (El Segundo, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, and Torrance).

Major findings:

- Redondo Beach has the second highest total bicycle accident rate
- Redondo Beach has the second highest fatal plus severe pedestrian accident rate
- Redondo Beach's accident rates are about 70% higher than the other coastal cities

Graphs:

- Total and Fatal+Severe Bicycle Accident rates by cities
- Total and Fatal+Severe Pedestrian Accident rates by cities
- Rates in first graph on different scale for presentation
- Parity analysis of Redondo Beach rates versus rates for other six cities

¹Jim Hannon is President of the South Bay Bicycle Coalition, Jonathan Ong is a researcher at Ong&Associates, and Paul Ong is a research professor at UCLA. Affiliations are for identification purpose only.

Data Source:

Injuries: California Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS).

<https://tims.berkeley.edu/>

Selection criteria:

- Date Range: 01/01/2010 to 12/31/2019 (9 years)
- Collision Filter: Bicycle Collisions
- Collision Severity (1) Fatal, (2) Severe, (3) Visible and (4) Complaints

Population: California Department of Finance.

<http://www.dof.ca.gov/Forecasting/Demographics/Estimates/E-1/>

Selection criteria:

- Estimated population, January 1, 2020

Metrics:

- Total accidents = Fatal + Severe + Visible + Complaints
- Total accident rate = $1,000 \times (\text{Total accident rate}) / \text{Population}$
- F+S accidents = Fatal + Severe
- F+S accident rate = $10,000 \times (\text{F+S accidents}) / \text{Population}$
- Total and F+S rates on different scales (per 1,000 and per 10,000)

Khatirah Nazif

From: Gary Hankamer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 5:42 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Agenda item N2

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Dear sir/madam

I am writing to urge you to approve the implementation phase of the South Bay bicycle master plan. My family and I are avid cyclists. The South Bay offers many great ride opportunities, and safety is a top priority. Life is so very precious, and one close call is one too many. Bike lanes provide an extra level of protection and are in short supply

I beg your support in making and keeping cycling a safe activity in the South Bay. Thank you for your understanding

Sincerely

Gary Hankamer
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Khatirah Nazif

From: Debbie Hannon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 8:14 PM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Debbie Hannon
Subject: City Council 10/20/20 Meeting



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To: City Council 10/20/20 Meeting

I write you in regard to the Staff presentation of item N-2 on the Agenda. My name is Debbie Hannon, my husband Jim (often referred to as the "BikeGuy,") and I have been residents of Redondo Beach for 39 years, and like most of us who live in Redondo, we love this city and all it has to offer.

Both of us consider ourselves Recreational Cyclists and of course we have been riding bikes in and around Redondo Beach, for most of those 39 years; and we also walk a fair amount in our City and feel strongly about the Safety for all residents being most important. In light of Safety for all, I encourage you to vote in favor of the Bike Master Plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Debbie Hannon

Debbie Hannon



October 19, 2020

Live Well. Health Matters.

Mayor Bill Brand and Members of the Redondo Beach City Council
415 Diamond Street
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Re: Implementation of the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

Dear Mayor Brand and Members of the City Council:

The Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) is pleased to support the City of Redondo Beach's plan to implement the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan. We applaud the City's continued commitment to built environment improvements that support public health, livability and economic vitality. Redondo Beach has a long history of championing policies and projects that support Living Streets principles, active transportation, safety and connectivity for all modes of transportation. In addition to adopting the Bicycle Master Plan in 2011, the City adopted the Beach Cities Livability Plan in 2011, a Living Streets Policy in October 2013, and was designated as a Bicycle Friendly Community at the Bronze Level by the League of American Cyclists in November 2016.

Studies show that installing more bicycle infrastructure is not just good for cyclists, but for all road users as well as the community. Benefits include safer sidewalks, smoother trips, less congestion, boosts in economic vitality and healthcare savings. The implementation of the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan ensures that families can ride their bikes safely and comfortably; 60% of cyclists identify as "interested but concerned" and the plan addresses the needs of those who would be more willing to get around by bike if more high quality bicycle infrastructure were in place. The network outlined by the seven-city regional plan calls for connected bike routes with continuity across jurisdictions to help people get to their desired destinations. With the safer at home adjustments we've made in response to COVID-19, more people are spending time in their own community and walking and biking to get around the neighborhood. Our annual bike counts in August 2020 demonstrated a 33% increase in cyclists in the Beach Cities from the previous year. Now more than ever it's important to prioritize infrastructure and facilities that support safer alternatives to getting around.

We are very supportive of the City of Redondo Beach's efforts to improve safety and connectivity for cyclists. As you enter your strategic planning meeting later this month, we celebrate your leadership and vision to enact a comprehensive transportation and mobility plan that balances the needs of all users and modes of transportation. These strategic goals further enhance our collective objectives of creating vibrant living streets that promote the health of our community.

Sincerely,

Tom Bakaly
Chief Executive Officer
Beach Cities Health District