

MTC Regional Pedestrian Committee  
Minutes of February, 2009 Meeting

Attendees: David Grant, Chairman, Beth Thomas, Sean Co, Sarah Whitsell (by phone), Michelle DeRobertis (ACT), Marshall Loring EDAC

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by Chairman Grant

In the absence of minutes, the December meeting activities were reviewed from our memories. The principal December activity items were the RPC Work Plan initial discussions and the procedure for conducting the Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle traffic counts.

- A. Discussions of the final 2009 RPC work plan included:
1. Additional Class 1 trails (joint pedestrian & bicycle) are needed
  2. It was proposed that the RPC advocate the use of CalTrans guidelines for TLC projects (including Safe Routes to Schools)
  3. We are uncertain about future funding guidelines.
    - a. Beth asked if the new guidelines (under T2035) will include more pedestrian funding that is provide in the plan's TLC and Safe Routes to School components.
  4. The Work Plan Wording was approved after brief discussion.
- B. The committee agreed that continuing to move the Regional Pedestrian Plan White Paper forward through EDAC to the MTC Planning Committee should be the next step – after T2035 is finished.
- C. Staff provided a list of proposed American Recovery Reinvestment Act [ARRA] projects that include bicycle and pedestrian enhancements. We were advised that local agencies have been asked to define the bike and pedestrian elements in the final projects. After the projects are approved by the MTC, Sean will review them and advise the RPC of any Routine Accommodations Checklists [RAC's].
- D. The Regional Cont program is going forward. MTC's 2003 count technique will probably be used. Local agencies are being asked to participate, to confirm that the 2003 MTC count sites are still appropriate, and to suggest any other sites that should be used. We learned tha California WALKS has submitted a proposal for a CalTrans 2010 grant to conduct bike & pedestrian counts in the area. In the mean time any counts that can be done will be done by the local agency. Chairman Grant agreed to tell EDAC of the pedestrian/bicycle count project at the March EDAC meeting.
- E. Michelle advised that the preliminary Alameda County pedestrian traffic model is done and is being used on a trial basis.

Submitted by Marshall Loring Acting Secretary  
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