

Attendees: Wendy Alfsen (California WALKS), Sean Co (MTC), David Grant (Chair, EDAC), Seon Joo Kim (SFCTA), Marshall Loring (EDAC), Beth Thomas (Caltrans), Sara Woo (STA), Bob Plantholt, Lynne March (SCTA), Nancy Baer (Contra Costa Health Services), Robert Guerrero (STA), Nancy Adams (City of Santa Rosa), Ron Bishop

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

Pedestrian Summit [David]

David reported on the ACTIA Half-Day Bicycle/Pedestrian Conference <http://www.actia2022.com/rss/pdfs/Half%20Day%20Bike%20Ped%20Conference%20June%2009.pdf> and that it showed a potential for the Pedestrian Summit.

- Logistics
 - Auditorium + a break-out room (Rm 175)
 - 9:30 – 4
 - Since there is no CA bike conference this year, try to plan the Summit around the same time, before Veteran's Day (mid-Sep/early Oct)
 - Try to provide it for free (the conference and lunch)
- Objectives
 - Bring community/advocacy groups, local governments, and CMAs together
 - Information sharing
 - Currently there are so many moving targets in terms of development standards, etc. (e.g. Climate Plan, Climate Action Plan, RTP, each local agency's plan, Caltrans manual in development, other tools for SB375, PDA, etc.) [Robert]
 - Bring in best practices and discuss ways to consolidate/make best use of them
 - Important to offer something that people cannot get elsewhere [Nancy]
- Sponsors and Presenters
 - Potential sponsors: CA WALKS, Caltrans, ACTIA, California Pedestrian ?, AAA (lunch), MTC Public Relations (flyers, contact, etc.)
 - Those who have recently given presentations may be easier to recruit (because they already have materials ready) [Sean]
- Topic/Panel
 - Connection / access to transit (may attract transit agencies) [Wendy]
 - Input session for Caltrans manual [David, Beth]
 - How to advance Regional Pedestrian Plan
 - Presentation of MTC's resources and interpretation (e.g. what RTP/TLC/PDA says about the future of pedestrian-related infrastructure, related funding, etc.)
- Outreach
 - MTC Public Relations staff can help with flyers, contacting potential audience, etc. [Sean]
 - Email lists need to be checked [Bob]
 - Advance notice should be given [Nancy]
 - Outreach to school districts [Lynne]
- Next Steps
 - Sean will find out about feasibility / availability of staff, rooms, MTC speakers, etc.
 - Planning Committee: Wendy, Bob, Nancy, and Robert

Regional Pedestrian Plan [David]

Sean reported that his memo to director of planning got a feedback that it needs to have a more specific action plan with immediate action items, as well as long-term ideas.

- Ideas for the Plan (many of these ideas also apply to the Pedestrian Summit)
 - Regional pedestrian conference
 - Promotion for walking
 - RTP priorities need to be determined: for T2035, as well as for the next RTP
 - The next RTP shouldn't just repeat the vague language in TLC, PDA, etc., but should designate dollar amounts for pedestrian needs and focus on specific "safety hotspots" capital improvement projects [Beth]
 - Need to highlight the needs that are not addressed by the existing programs [Robert, Beth]
 - Information sharing and moving forward with existing tools
 - MTC's many resources (e.g. Safety Toolbox, Pedestrian District Study) need to be publicized and used
 - Different resources and topics need a "glue" [Robert]
 - Defining needs
 - Cost estimates for pedestrian safety improvements need to be gathered from countywide transportation plans, etc.
 - Should be careful to record how different basis has been used for different data sets [Bob, Robert]; the total bike needs that are being used have been developed by MTC but may not be comprehensive, either [Sean]
 - The total needs amount should be specified, however daunting it may be, but should also be prioritized [Wendy]
 - Alternative solutions
 - A majority of current pedestrian projects involve curb cuts, but there are other solutions, e.g. pre-cut curbs [Robert]
- Strategy
 - Call for data collection e.g. regional ped counts, collision analysis
 - Stumbling block: MTC staff writing the plan is reluctant to bring it to commission [David]
 - Need to publicize existing resources: put all the pedestrian related links (e.g. MTC guidance, Bay Area jurisdictions' plans, Caltrans guidance, etc.) in one MTC webpage [Wendy] – Sean said a MTC webpage on Planning > Bicycles / Pedestrians <<http://www.mtc.ca.gov/planning/bicyclespedestrians>> already has many links and he will appreciate feedbacks on the webpage
 - Need to strengthen the work plan in Sean's memo soon to get a meaningful feedback at the Summit [Nancy]
 - Coordinating with LSR projects would be a good idea (as suggested at the LSRWG meeting) [Sean]
- Next Steps
 - Committee to give feedback on the MTC webpage to Sean
 - [Sean to revise memo - ?]

Pedestrian Safety Training [Wendy]

- Pedestrian Safety Training <<http://www.tsc.berkeley.edu/pedtraining>>
 - 4-hour OTS free training, coordinated by Traffic Safety Center at UC Berkeley
 - 12 workshops have been done statewide
- Pedestrian Safety Assessment Workshop <<http://www.techtransfer.berkeley.edu/pedsafety>>
 - Two day training by ITS at UC Berkeley: Day 1 for design workshop, Day 2 for a questionnaire exercise, which results in Pedestrian Safety Action Plan
 - 15 or so workshops have been done (?)
- Currently both trainings are offered free of charge to local agencies but would cost ~ \$15K – a low cost, big return investment [David]

- LSR agencies and CMAs are not volunteering to supplement / pay for these trainings; those who participate in these trainings have been usually engineering staff who are not “at the power level” to change policies [Bob]

Walkable Community Workshops [Wendy]

- One day workshop free (?) to local communities <<http://caphysicalactivity.org/wcw.html>> [the website quotes \$1,200 fee]
 - Funded by UCSF, Caltrans (TE)
 - Share walking experiences, discuss options for change, etc.
 - Selection of workshop sites: communities with high pedestrian fatality rate, underserved communities, geographic distribution
 - Planning staff may not respond quickly to your request for workshop due to shortage of staff, etc.

EDAC Count Project Update [David]

- Looking for sponsors to recruit volunteers, etc., using a county-by-county list of local government groups and community groups
- Target: September / June

Routine Accommodation Policy Evaluation [Sean]

- Current status
 - 104 checklists have been completed
 - Not designed for programmatic projects – problem for ARRA projects (many of which have multiple projects within one project)
 - Does not capture how to ensure accuracy / validity of curb ramp design [Bob]
 - Should be captured at Caltrans design review [Sean]
 - Diagonal curb cut (instead of two perpendicular curb cuts) – no guidance yet [Beth]
 - Compliance is required, but programming cannot be withhold for too long even in case of incompliance [Sean]
- Suggestions
 - Name will change to Complete Streets Policy [Sean]
 - The incompliance issue needs to be raised on a case-by-case basis [David]
 - Need to receive feedback and discuss how to improve it for the STP/CMAQ Cycle 1 programming

Traffic Safety Center SWITRS mapping [Sean]

- Not yet released to public (due to Caltrans’s concern over liability issue), but local agency staff can request a password to access the database

Info Sharing

- The statewide Smart Mobility Workshop results will be posted on web soon [Bob will inform the Committee of the link]
- Benicia Bridge opening event: August 20 [Sean to email info]
- TOD Marketplace forums <www.todmarketplace.org> [David]
- ABAG Focus workshop: June 25 on development with diversity (SPUR), July 9 on health in urban areas (Embarcadero Pier 1) <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/meetings/events/focus_forum.htm> [Wendy]

Next meeting: August 20, 2009