



Great Reach Workshop City of Costa Mesa September 18, 2013 Circulation Element – Part 1

Meeting Summary

Approximately 40 community members participated in the 90 minute workshop held in Costa Mesa's Emergency Operations Center located at 99 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa.

The workshop began with an overview of the Circulation Element, addressing the current circulation System, the relationship to the County Master Plan of Arterial Highways and the current policy for level of service at city intersections. Raja Sethuraman, City Traffic Engineer was the presenter for the first part of the workshop. The second part of the workshop addressed the Bike Master Plan Update and was presented by consultant Rock Miller, Senior Principal at Stantec. The bike presentation described the existing biking system, defined the typical bike infrastructure and common bike deficiencies that are associated with built-out communities. The workshop continued with an interactive activity that allowed the participants to comment on both the Circulation and Bike system, and to make infrastructure recommendations. The participants' comments were recorded and various bike maps and circulation maps were available for the participants to post their comments. At the end of the evening, consultant Rock Miller reviewed all of the bike recommendations with the workshop attendees.

The following questions were noted and discussed during the workshop:

Circulation Element

- How did Bluff Road get added to the MPAH?
- When developers apply for variances for higher densities, does the City take into account the parking and traffic problems associated with those variances?
- Does the City look at the impacts of projects? For example, Harbor/ Mesa Verde Dr. East and how that traffic will impact the existing conditions?
- New development approvals do not require enough parking.
- What does it mean when roadways are "downgraded?"

Bike Master Plan Update

- Stripe one-way arrows to prevent bicyclists from riding in the wrong direction
- Are bikes allowed to ride on sidewalks?
- Bike facilities/racks are needed to promote bicycling.
- Recent Broadway improvements – traffic calming project or bike project?
- Will BMP consider future population centers when making recommendations for future bike infrastructure?
- Request for bike transportation systems to reduce traffic.
- Cyclists don't obey traffic rules; city policies should encourage people to bike responsibly and bicycle education programs are needed.
- Do other cities provide bells (for bicyclists) to warn pedestrians?
- What is policy to handle bicyclists that ride impaired (i.e., drunk riding)? Are bicyclists cited?

Master Plan of Highways Update

- Do not construct a bridge over the Santa Ana River along Gisler Avenue.
- Bluff Road should not be constructed and should be removed from the Master Plan.
- The lane drop (converting through lane to a right turn only lane) in the Southbound direction along Newport Boulevard at 18th Street results in traffic congestion (queuing) along southbound Newport Boulevard.
- Better signage and alignment of lanes on eastbound 17th Street just before Superior Avenue and from Superior Avenue to Newport Boulevard.
- Parking is not adequate at the commercial center at the northwest corner of the intersection of Harbor Boulevard/Adams Avenue and west of Harbor Boulevard between Baker Street and Nutmeg Place.