

## Coastal Mobility and Livability Working Group (CMLWG)

### **DRAFT** Summary Notes

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#### Meeting No. 6.1

September 18, 2017

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Poinsettia Room, Encinitas Civic Center

505 S. Vulcan Avenue

Encinitas, California 92024

*A copy of the CMLWG meeting agenda and packet may be viewed by the public in the Planning and Building Department lobby during normal business hours and on the City's webpage at <http://www.encinitasca.gov/CMLS>*

#### 1. **AGENDA REVIEW**

#### 2. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The CMLWG is comprised of thirteen (13) regular members. The CMLWG is also comprised of a representative from each of the City's Commissions to serve as ex-officio members.

#### **Regular Members**

1. Kellie Hinze, Leucadia 101
2. Brett Farrow, Cardiff 101
3. Tom Cozens, Encinitas 101
4. Jim Benedetti, Chamber
5. Richard Risner, Preserve Cardiff Rail Corridor
6. Jody Hubbard, Yes Rail Trail
7. Rahul Deshpande, Cardiff T.C.
8. William Morrison, Leucadia T.C.
9. Judy Berlfein, Bike/Walk Encinitas
10. Mikayla McFadden, Paul Ecke

#### **Ex Officio Commission Members**

1. Greg Drakos, Planning
2. Peter Kohl, Traffic and Safety
3. Joy Lyndes, Environmental
4. Judy Thum, Arts
5. Gabriella Gjata, Youth
6. Kris Stewart, Senior
7. John Gjata, Parks and Recreation

School

11. Robert Hemphill, Engaged Citizen
12. Ron Dodge, Engaged Citizen
13. Carmen Barnard, Latino/Hispanic

At this meeting, seventeen (17) members that have been formally appointed were present. Three (3) were absent, (Gabrielle Gjata, Kris Sewart, and Judy Thum).

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT (15 MINUTES)**

No public comment received.

### **4. WORKING SESSION WITH CMLWG**

WSP continued their presentation on the Rail Corridor Vision Study. WSP also presented concept plans for below-grade and above-grade crossings at Verdi. See attached CMLS Working Group (WG) – Note from Meeting #6.1 (Attachment A)

### **5. NEXT STEPS**

- \*\* Additional Working Session (6.2) to discuss ATP – Oct. 2, 2017 (6:00 to 8:30p)
- \*\* Additional Working Session (6.3) to discuss ATP – Oct. 10, 2017 (6:00 to 8:30p)

### **6. PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED**

There was one request to speak by Elena Thompson. While long term goals are ideal, there are serious, tangible safety issues that need to be addressed. People are being killed and it is too dangerous. Let's get things done now.

### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting concluded at 8:30 PM.

## CMLS Working Group (WG) – Notes from Meeting #6.1 2017-09-18

### Rail Corridor Crossings

Existing and Proposed Crossing Location (continued from 2017-09-13)

#### WG Input

- Add roundabouts/crossing/parking pods from Streetscape plans on the maps
- Do not use circle symbol for crossing locations, it confused the group and they thought those were roundabouts planned
- Can a crossing be created that is not ADA compliant?
- Connectivity to Solana Beach Coastal Rail Trail needed
- Crosswalk on south side of Chesterfield Drive
- Bike sensitive signal activation at all intersections

#### Phoebe Street

- Glaucus Street preferred and add an additional crossing at Diana Street to take advantage of future signalized pedestrian crossing and parking pod

#### Leucadia Boulevard

- Long term goal is to trench and cover
- Lower Leucadia Blvd to shorten time frame to get it completed. Possible overhead crossing but be realistic about height
- Stephanie – scramble intersection planned but advanced preemption time devices required for NCTD right-of-way

#### Daphne Street/Basil Street

- Both good options - need more analysis. Possibly look at the middle
- More foot traffic on Daphne, businesses want it
- Bus stop is at Basil Street

#### Orpheus Avenue

- Consensus

#### Sunset Drive (added by Working Group)

- Prefer a roundabout here
- Connect to Cotton Wood Creek and/or create look of Cotton Wood Creek here
- Sunset Avenue needs traffic calming – It is not safe for pedestrians and cyclists

#### Encinitas Boulevard

- Bridge from east to west under Encinitas Blvd
- Bridge construction required for double tracking? Possibility to repurpose the old bridge?
- Parking spaces lost with double tracking?

### All Downtown Crossings

- Signal sensitivity for bicycles needed.

### H/I Street

- Either is desired but engineering needs to be analyzed extensively
- Traffic calming needed on Vulcan Avenue
- One additional crossing should be added between E Street and Santa Fe Drive

### North Cardiff Area

- Remove and reallocate funds to the crossing at Verdi

### Verdi Avenue/Montgomery Avenue

- Verdi Undercrossing Consensus
- Understand the new rail interchange near Montgomery and what that means for the Verdi location - Possibly a required minimum distance from rail interchanges
- Modify undercrossing to be more bicycle friendly
- Can the undercrossing be at an angle?
- Preserve natural vegetation, minimize concrete footprint

### Birmingham Drive

- Agreed on location but extensive engineering research required.
- Crosswalks on north and south side of intersection
- Squeeze down Hwy 101 (road diet)

### Glen Park

- Crossing desired here: there is an existing culvert that may be able to be utilized for an undercrossing

### Public Comment

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### Next Meetings

- October 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 pm to 8:30 pm
- October 10<sup>th</sup> 6 pm to 8:30 pm

## Verdi Crossing Concept Plans

### WG Input

- What is elevation difference between Verdi Avenue and Montgomery Avenue in relation to bottom of crossing?
- Understand the new rail interchange near Montgomery and what that means for the Verdi location - Possibly a required minimum distance from rail interchanges (200 ft?)
- Does the path function for bikes also? Possibly widen path and an alternative for right-angle at west side of crossing – Can undercrossing be at an angle?
- Consensus for undercrossing, although one member had cost concerns
- Minimize project footprint while meeting ADA requirements to keep the area as natural as possible (between tracks and Vulcan)
- Consensus for below grade undercrossing at Verdi Avenue