TRAFFIC ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 11, 2017
Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT
Tim Eriksen, TEC Chairman, Director of Public Works, City Engineer
Ben Kageyama, representing the City Manager
Sean Kaeser, representing the Chief of Police
Kevin Thompson, representing the Planning Director
Darin Malugani, representing the Supervisor of Public Works
Neil Davis, Public Representative, Active Transportation

MEMBERS ABSENT
John Lampi, Public Representative, TEC Vice Chairman
Carla Meyer, Mendocino Transit Authority
Keith Hewett, Public Representative

OTHERS PRESENT
Maureen Mulheren, Council Member
Lory Limbird, Public Works
Adele Phillips, Planning Department
Bruni Kobbe
Cynthia Ariosta, owner of Saucy
Shannon Riley, Department of City Manager
Wendy Jackson, 270 W. Gobbi Street

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
The Traffic Engineering Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Eriksen at 3:08 pm in Conference Room No. 3, Ukiah Civic Center, 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, California.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – December 13, 2016
M/S: Kaeser/Thompson to approve December 13, 2016 minutes. Motion carried by an all AYE voice vote of the members present.

3. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
Bruni Kobbe passed out a packet which includes the preliminary plan for the new courthouse site from Rau and Associates and an alternate proposal from the Friends of Gibson Creek. The Friends of Gibson Creek would like City to take this alternative plan in consideration and open up discussion about the courthouse site infrastructure in the TEC committee.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**
none

5. **NEW BUSINESS**
   b. **Discussion and possible action regarding decreasing the length of the loading zone on the north side of W. Standley Street just west of N. State Street to allow construction of bicycle parking at Saucy, 108 W. Standley Street (Neil Davis verbal report).**

Member Neil Davis presented this item. Cynthia Ariosta, owner of Saucy, and the Mendocino Environmental Center are interested in a community bicycle rack to keep the right of way in front of their businesses free of bicycles. He proposed reducing the loading zone by 12 feet with installation of 3 U-shaped bike racks which could hold up to 6 bicycles. This leaves room for one car to park in the loading zone.

Public Comment: Cynthia Ariosta

Shannon Riley added that the bike rack at Patrona's was part of the outdoor dining pilot program while Schat's Bakery paid for the bike rack in front of their business. A policy needs to be established about the placement of bike racks in the city.

Motion/Second: Eriksen/Davis to have Engineering study this loading zone and make recommendations about the dimensions that will work for bicycle parking at the next TEC meeting. A recommendation will be made to take to City Council along with a bike rack policy discussion.
Motion carried by an all AYE voice vote of the members present.

a. **Discussion and possible action regarding removal of parking on the north side of Gobbi Street between S. Oak Street and S. Dora Street in order to paint and install Class 2 bicycle lanes and signage (Neil Davis verbal report).**

Member Neil Davis presented this item. A Class 2 bike lane exists on Gobbi Street from Orchard Avenue to Oak Street. Currently there is a gap in the bike lane from Oak Street to Dora Street. This proposal is to make room for a bike lane by removing parking on the north side of Gobbi Street. There are 33 parking spaces on both sides of the street. The average number of parking spaces being used is 30%. This is a priority project listed in the Ukiah Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan on page 97.

Public notification was achieved with posted laminated notices of this item with 3 signs placed on each side of the street. Copies of this notice were handed out to all residents on the affected portion of Gobbi Street.

3:52 pm Wendy Jackson from 270 W. Gobbi Street arrived.

Public Comment: Wendy Jackson

Member Sean Kaeser suggested using the new Clay Street extension as an east/west bike corridor because there is not as much traffic on Clay as compared to Talmage, Gobbi or Perkins.

Motion/Second: Kageyama/Thompson to eliminate parking on the north side of Gobbi Street between Oak Street and Dora Street in order to install a bike lane. This proposal will be taken to council for approval.
Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Eriksen, Thompson, Davis, Kageyama. NOES: Kaeser, Malugani.

c. **Discussion and possible action regarding Walk & Bike Mendocino's Directional Bike Route Plan (Neil Davis verbal report).**
A desire was expressed from local bicyclists to have a directional route plan for the best bike corridors. On-street sign markers or logos could be used to point out that this is a preferred bike route. This is a recommendation of the Ukiah Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan on page 79.

Member Neil Davis is going to mark new bike routes on a map and bring it back to next meeting.

6. **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**
Neil Davis and Ben Kageyama are working on an Urban Greening Grant. The purpose of this grant is to reduce carbon by reducing vehicle miles and to decrease energy usage by planting trees to shade buildings. The project they are presenting is to extend the Rail Trail 3/10 mile to the north from Clara Avenue to Brush Street.

7. **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**
none

8. **ADJOURNMENT**
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Lory Limbird

Lory Limbird, Recording Secretary