



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION

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TO: Traffic & Parking Commission
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SUBJECT: Bicycle Projects Update

Introduction

In the continued effort to achieve the FY12/13 and FY13/14 City Council Priorities for a *Citywide Bike Plan*, staff and the Traffic & Parking Commission's bicycle ad hoc committee developed a pilot bicycle route and bike parking program to improve bike facilities throughout the City.

Discussion

The City Council approved the design and implementation of pilot bikeways on Burton Way and North Crescent Drive in November 2012, and the graphics for a custom-designed bike rack for citywide installation at the February 19, 2013 meeting.

Pilot Bicycle Route Project

A Class II Bike Lane will be installed on east and westbound Burton Way between North Rexford Drive and the east city limits where it will connect to bike lanes in the City of Los Angeles on Burton Way that transitions onto San Vicente Boulevard.

The striped markings will include an 8-ft parking lane, 6-ft bike lane with a bicycle symbol, two (11 and 10-ft) travel lanes in each direction, and a dashed line approximately 100-ft of an intersection approach to allow interchanging traffic movements (Exhibit-1). Signs indicating the presence of a bike lane will be installed along both sides of the street in the public right-of-way.

A transitional segment on Burton Way between North Rexford and Crescent Drives will be marked as a Class III Bike Route. Due to existing traffic movements and street width, sharrow markings (arrow and bike symbols) will be placed on westbound Burton Way approximately 100-ft east of Civic Center Drive and continue to North Crescent Drive. On eastbound Burton Way (i.e., South Santa Monica Boulevard), sharrows will be placed between North Crescent and Rexford Drives, and the bike lane will start on the far side of North Rexford Drive to Robertson Boulevard (Exhibit-2).

North Crescent Drive will include a hybrid bike lane and route/sharrow between Wilshire and Sunset Boulevards. A Class III Bike Route will be installed on North Crescent Drive between Wilshire Boulevard and Park Way, immediately north of North Santa Monica Boulevard will include sharrow markings (arrow and bike symbols) between

Wilshire Boulevard and Park Way (Exhibit-3). A Class II Bike Lane will start at Park Way and continue north to Sunset Boulevard with a 7.5-ft parking lane, 6-ft bike lane with a bicycle symbol, and a 11.5-ft travel lane in each direction (Exhibit-4). Signs indicating the presence of a bike lane will be installed along both sides of the street in the public right-of-way.

The bike route/lane markings are included in the citywide street paving project managed by the Public Works Civil Engineering team. Project bids are due on March 27, 2013 and the award of contract is currently scheduled for the April 2, 2013 City Council meeting. The paving project is estimated to begin construction the first week of May 2013 and the bicycle lanes element installed by/before June 30, 2013.

Bicycle Rack Project

At the November 13, 2012 Study Session, the Beverly Hills City Council directed staff to proceed with implementation of a citywide bike rack program and approved a stainless steel post-and-loop model. Both the Traffic & Parking Commission and City Council recommended a custom-designed bike rack that would reflect the City's unique character and branding.

At its February 19, 2013 meeting¹, the City Council selected a custom design (referred to as *Option 1*) that includes a center plate shaped like a shield with the outline of the Beverly Hills shield, the "BH" logo in the upper left-hand corner of the shield, and a bicycle symbol in the center (Exhibit-5). The majority of the Traffic & Parking Commission had recommended Option 1 as its preferred design.

Next steps include issue a request for bids for the manufacturing of the custom bicycle rack, and developing the public notices and/or survey for a city-initiated process for installing bike racks in designated public right-of-ways (Exhibit-6). The implementation phase is estimated at approximately 3-6 months.

Conclusion

Transportation Planning staff will work in tandem with the Civil Engineering team to monitor the installation of the bikeways on Burton Way and North Crescent Drives, proceed with the manufacturing of the custom-designed bicycle racks, initiate the public notice/survey for the citywide installation of bike racks, and work with Public Works webmaster and Information Services department for an online "rack-on-request" application database.

¹ February 19, 2013 City Council Study Session report is available online: www.beverlyhills.org/councilmeetings .