

City of Laguna Beach Mobility and Transit

Community Workshop 2 Summary | Community and Susi Q Senior Center, August 26, 2014

I. Introduction

On Tuesday, August 26, 2014, the City of Laguna Beach held a community workshop for the *Enhanced Mobility and Complete Streets Transition Plan and the Transit Program Service Analysis*. During the workshop, the project team provided an overview of community input received; presented updated preliminary multimodal recommendations for pedestrians, bicycles and transit modified since the first Community Workshop; and engaged community members in providing input through two activities.



The workshop included a presentation with an opportunity for questions, and one group activity designed to generate discussion and allow participants to provide feedback to the project team about the updated preliminary recommendations. During the activity, participants reviewed the recommendations in small groups and provided feedback on flip charts and on worksheets. The following sections summarize the input and comments received during the exercise.

II. **Small Group Exercise – Updated Preliminary Recommendations and Considerations**

The project team presented preliminary recommendations in two categories: pedestrian improvements, bicycle improvements,. In small groups, workshop participants were asked to review the recommendations and provide feedback on the appropriateness of the tools and techniques and potential locations. Groups were also able to suggest additional tools or techniques for the project team to consider. Included below are recommendations for both pedestrian and bicycle improvements. Only recommendations with written comments are included. Small group comments included on each table’s flip charts is included separately.

Preliminary Pedestrian Improvements

The small group discussion on bike and ped improvements covered several recommendations, but participants honed in a on a few to highlight. Participants discussed ways to implement a sidewalk zone system in relation to a road diet and parking. Some groups expressed approval for an All Way Pedestrian Crossing on Main Beach, and expressed support for a Roundabout after seeing how a test case on Laguna Canyon Road.

Specific comments on each recommendation are included in Appendix A.

Additional Comments

In the small group discussions, participants were able to make comments on the Recommendations, and also shared general ideas and concerns with their smaller group and reported back to the larger group. Participants expressed concern that there would need to be a funding plan and community support for the project, and that not all streets can be “complete”.

Bicycles

Discussion included creating an App for cyclists, creating a North-South route for cyclists, bright colored lane marking for buffered bike lanes, and electric bikes/scooters for a bike share program. It was also noted that there is a need for more bike racks on Main Beach, and that some areas will not have bike facilities.

Parking



Participants suggested making Forest Avenue a test site, with diagonal parking on the South side, and a wider sidewalk with dining on the North side. Other parking ideas included staggering diagonal parking new Hotel Laguna and moving parking meters off of the sidewalk.

Crosswalks

Support for all way pedestrian crossings on Broadway/Coast was mentioned by multiple participants, as well as suggestions for pedestrian bridges at LCAD and Festival, synchronized lights on Pacific Coast Highway. Participants also suggested creating sidewalk zones in conjunction with road diets



Roundabout

In terms of roundabouts, participants suggested that a roundabout on Laguna Canyon Road would set the tone as the entrance to the City, noted Act V as a possible location for a roundabout, and noted that the City should see how the trial roundabout will work before implementing anything else.

General suggestions included the following:

- Start something now!
- Multi-use trail on LCR
- Ocean-Forest streetscape
- Enforcement/technology for landscape maintenance
- Multiuse trail – consider semi-permeable pedestrian paths

III. Next Steps

Community input received during the second workshop will be used by the project team to further refine the preliminary recommendations for the *Enhanced Mobility and Complete Streets Transition Plan* and the *Transit Program Service Analysis*.

Appendix A.

Specific written comments on each recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION: Enhanced Corridors

- Ok, default
- South Coast Highway

RECOMMENDATION: Landscape Maintenance Plan

- App to notify City where plants grow into road
- Enforcement

RECOMMENDATION: Develop a Sidewalk Zone System

- One side of street sidewalk, the other parking
- Road diet downtown
- With road diet
- Most streets are not wide enough
- Pedestrian zone on Forest Ave

RECOMMENDATION: Crosswalk Policies

- Ok
- This has been confusing on Glenneyre

RECOMMENDATION: Arterial Crossing Enhancement

- Area usage

RECOMMENDATION: All Way Pedestrian Crossing

- Main Beach, don't have to wait for pedestrians with Left hand turn
- Fun – cars dominate intersection
- Yes
- Good – synchronize traffic lights on PCH
- Might be ok, consider sidewalks on PCH

RECOMMENDATION: Roundabout

- Bikes don't need to stop
- Traffic does not stop

- Drainage?
- Driver education
- Yes
- Yes, use instead of street lights

Preliminary Bicycle Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: Network of Bicycle Corridors

- Yes

RECOMMENDATION: Multiuse trails

- Yes
- Consider Semipermeable surface/paving/gravel

RECOMMENDATION: Road Diets

- Yes
- Sharrows would work on Glenneyre

RECOMMENDATION: Protected Lanes/Cycle Tracks

- Laguna Canyon Road

RECOMMENDATION: Buffered Bike Lanes

- The Buffer void should be painted red or yellow

RECOMMENDATION: Bike Share

- OK
- Scooters/Electric
- Bike rack at post office, Main Beach, banks, downtown shops