

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
April 23, 2015**

04/23/15-3 Presentation of South Bay Bicycle Mini-Corral Plan

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained that staff recommends the Commission receive the presentation, hear public comments and discuss the South Bay Bicycle Mini-Corral Plan.

Ryan Johnson, Consultant with Alta Planning + Design gave a presentation on the designs, potential locations and funding of the Bicycle Mini-Corrals.

Chair Nicholson opened the Audience Participation.

Audience Participation

David Sundius, Manhattan Beach Resident, said he thought it was a great idea and really liked it.

Julian Katz, President of the South Bay Bicycle Coalition, Hermosa Beach Resident, said the intention of these Bicycle Mini-Corrals was to place them in the downtown areas of the cities close to businesses to encourage people to ride their bikes instead of driving a car. He explained that so far they have not taken away any current parking spaces when the Bicycle Mini-Corrals were installed. He encouraged the Commission to approve the plan.

James R. Gill, 3017 Valley Drive, said he thought it was a good idea to use some of the dead space downtown for the Bicycle Mini-Corrals, but he had some concerns about the bikes taking ownership of the road and affecting the flow of traffic. He felt the city should start small when installing the Bicycle Mini-Corrals.

Bob Ives, 3609 Oak Ave., stated he thought it was a good idea but felt the Bicycle Mini-Corrals do need some kind of barriers or striping for the safety of the cyclists. He said he was concerned about the downtown businesses employees taking all the spaces and the lack of turnover of the spaces for the residents use. He asked about enforcement to prevent the bikes from being left for days or even weeks.

Chair Nicholson closed the Audience Participation.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Apostol asked if there was any feedback from the other cities involved in this plan and who initiates the Grant Program.

Ryan Johnson answered that all the participating cities were excited to get started with the plan. He said the one question he had not heard was the one about leaving the bicycles locked for days at a time. He stated he wasn't sure what could be done to control that if it happened.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet answered that bicycles fall under the same 72 hour parking law as vehicles, which is enforceable, and the bicycle could be removed if necessary. Traffic Engineer Zandvliet then answered Commissioner Apostol's question in regards to the Grant Program saying it would be himself who would apply for any Grants.

Chair Nicholson asked if this type of idea for bicycles is going to carry over to the new Mall design.

Laurie Jester, Planning Manager, answered yes there are very detailed conditions that require bicycle access and facilities within the Mall design.

The Commissioners and Traffic Engineer Zandvliet thanked Ryan Johnson for his presentation and said that all the information would be forwarded to the City Council for review and their ultimate approval.