

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

TO: Parking and Public Improvements Commission

FROM: Richard Thompson, Director of Community Development
Nhung Madrid, Management Analyst
Jack Rydell, Traffic Engineer

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DATE: December 6, 2012

SUBJECT: Installation of Shared Roadway Bicycle Markings (Sharrows) on Pacific Avenue

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Parking and Public Improvements Commission hold a public meeting, accept and discuss the presentation, hear public input and provide staff direction in regards to the installation of shared roadway bicycle markings (sharrows) on Pacific Avenue, from 5th Street to Rosecrans Avenue.

BACKGROUND:

On November 15, 2011, City Council adopted the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan. This plan is the region's first multi-jurisdictional bike plan which serves as a guiding document for increasing the City's bikeability as well as providing connectivity throughout the South Bay. Specifically, the Bicycle Master Plan proposes to expand the bikeway network an additional 213.8 miles across the seven cities of Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, Lawndale, Gardena, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Torrance over the next 20 years.

The South Bay Bicycle Master Plan identifies many roadways throughout the City targeted for modifications to create more bicycle friendly facilities. The new facilities can take the form of Class I bike paths (a completely separated, paved right-of-way designated for the exclusive use of bicycles); Class II bike lanes (a restricted right-of-way striped on a street and designated for the exclusive use of bicycles, with cross flows by pedestrians and motorists permitted); Class III bike routes (an on-street right-of-way designated by signs or pavement markings to be shared between bicyclists and motorists); or Bicycle Friendly Streets (Class III bike routes that have been enhanced with treatments that prioritize bicycle travel, including signage, pavement markings and traffic calming such as sharrows).

Prior to the implementation of the Bicycle Master Plan, the City had approximately 3.2 miles of bicycle facilities (The Strand and Valley Drive) and the Master Plan proposed to increase it by 27.8 miles for a total of 31 miles of bikeways in the City (Exhibit A). On February 7, 2012, the City Council approved the designation of Pacific Avenue and Redondo Avenue to become "Bicycle Friendly Streets" as identified in the Bike Master Plan. Designating these two roadways into Bicycle Friendly Streets has increased the City's bicycle facilities by 2.9 miles, essentially doubling the City's bicycle network (Exhibit B).

DISCUSSION:

In order to fully embrace the model and practice of creating Bike Friendly Streets throughout the

City, the implementation of enhancements should be a phased approach with additional discussion and participation from the community. The improvements planned for Pacific Avenue are based on four premises identified below:

- Follow the goals and objectives in the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan
- Immediately pursue easily implementable items
- Identify improvements that require additional discussion, approval and funding
- Adhere to the standards and guidelines in the current California Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)

With the approval of City Council to transform Pacific Avenue into a Bike Friendly Street, the Traffic Engineer reviewed the roadway and developed a series of locations to install “BIKE ROUTE” signage which have been in place since March 2012. These signs were installed at the beginning of each block location where Pacific Avenue intersected another roadway identified in the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan as a bike facility as shown in Exhibit C. This clearly identifies to bicyclists as well as motorists that the roadway is intended for bicycle use. It also provides consistent guidance to bicyclists that they are on a designated bicycle route. All signage was installed on existing poles, except for one sign that required the installation of a new pole at the intersection of Pacific Avenue and 5th Street.

With the Bike Routes signs in place, Staff is now recommending installation of shared roadway bicycle markings also known as “sharrows” as the next phase of the project. Included are examples of a sharrow roadway marking on Hermosa Avenue, a four lane roadway in Hermosa Beach as well as one showing their use on a two-lane roadway.

These markings perform several functions including advising bicyclists where to ride to avoid impacting opening doors of parked



Hermosa Beach Sharrows

vehicles, reinforcing to bicyclists that they are on a roadway intended for bicycle use and alerting motorists to the potential for encountering bicyclists. Exhibit D provides several Frequently Asked Questions and Answers regarding Shared Roadway Bicycle Markings.



Typical Sharrows on a Two-Lane Street

At this time, Staff is seeking input from the public and the Commission on the installation of the of sharrow markings along Pacific Avenue. Specifically, staff is interested in the level of support for the sharrow markings and the quantity of sharrow markings that should be considered. Some alternatives that the Commission may consider include:

- 1) Placing the sharrow markings on a limited basis, only adjacent to existing Bike Route signs on Pacific Avenue (10 markings). This approach is intended to slowly introduce the concept and meaning of Sharrows to the community. Once their use is more widely understood, consideration can be made to expand their use.

- 2) Placing the sharrow markings immediately after an intersection and spaced at intervals not greater than 250 feet thereafter (Approximately 70 markings). This approach is compatible with suggestions contained within the CA MUTCD for frequency and spacing of sharrows. One nearby roadway with sharrows, Hermosa Ave in Hermosa Beach, exceeds this suggested frequency and spacing suggestion and appears to have resulted in increased cycling without an observed increase in accidents. Using this increased frequency of sharrows may provide a greater degree of motorist awareness of the potential for encountering bicyclists and would better assist bicyclists in avoiding the door zone of parked vehicles.

Staff will ensure that any recommendation that is implemented is appropriate per the CA MUTCD and consistent with the City Council's intent regarding expansion of bike facilities. The Police Department and Public Works Engineering Department have reviewed staff's recommendation and have no preliminary concerns at this time to the suggested markings.

By way of mailed postcards, the residents/property owners along Pacific Avenue from 5th Street to Rosecrans Avenue have been notified and invited to this meeting. Staff also provided notification through The Beach Reporter as shown in Exhibit E and all public comments have been provided in Exhibit F. In addition to standard noticing, Staff worked with the South Bay Bicycle Coalition to provide additional outreach through their existing networks.

Additional improvements that Staff will pursue with a separate funding source through the Capital Improvement Plan includes the modification of the signal for the intersection at Manhattan Beach Boulevard and Pacific Avenue in order to install bicycle detection at this intersection. This will provide increased convenience for bicyclists by allowing them to easily activate a green phase when they are present. Bicycle detection can take the form of either loops in the roadway or video detection.

CONCLUSION:

Enhancing and expanding bicycle facilities within Manhattan Beach and the entire South Bay will help provide a more cohesive network with better connectivity between the cities. Staff recommends that the Parking and Public Improvements Commission hold a public meeting, accept and discuss the presentation, hear public input and provide staff direction in regards to the installation of shared roadway bicycle markings (sharrows) on Pacific Avenue. The PPIC recommendation and public comments will be forwarded to the City Council for final action.

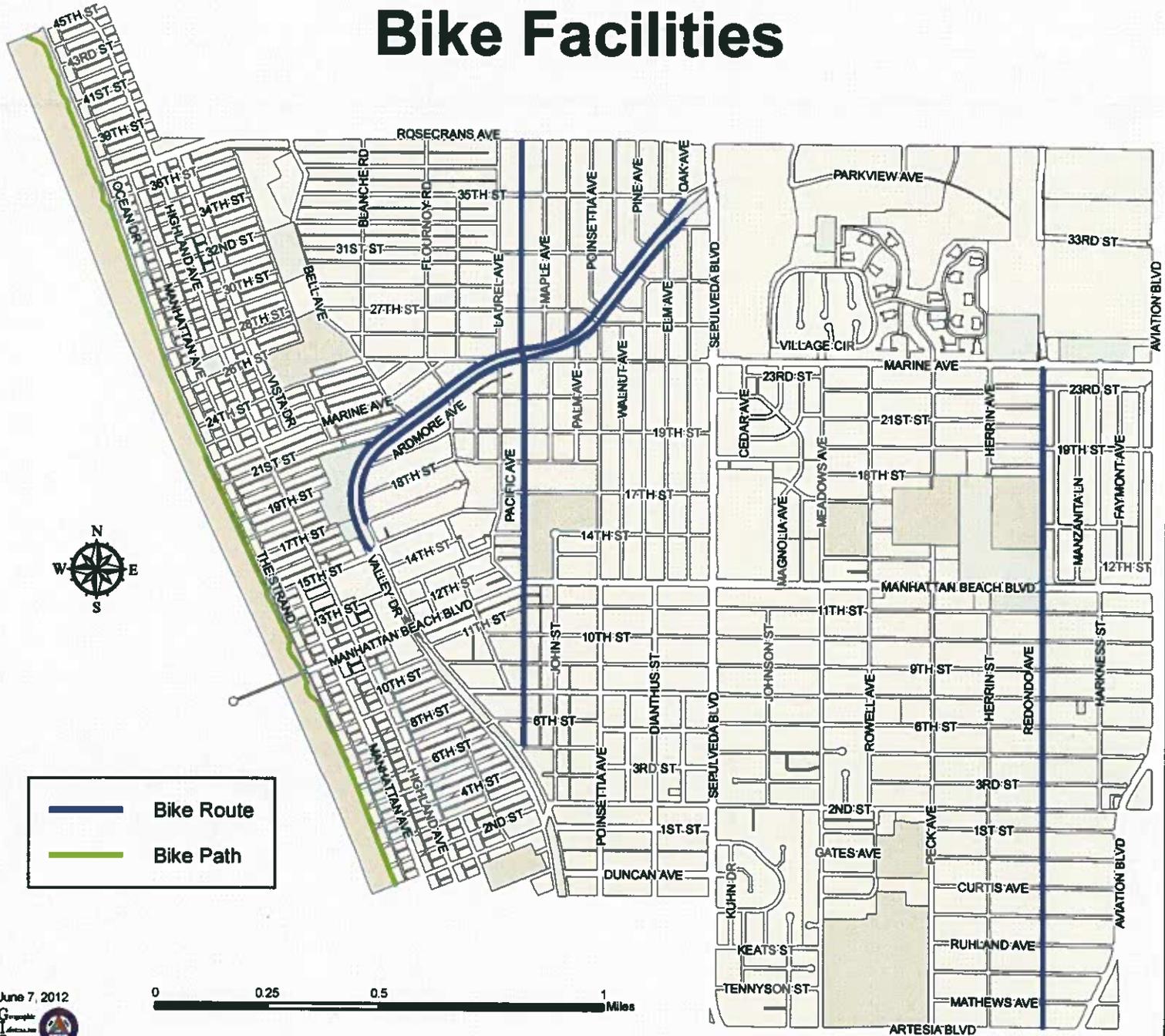
- Exhibit A: Manhattan Beach Bicycle Master Plan Map
- Exhibit B: Citywide Bicycle Facilities as of November 2012
- Exhibit C: Map of Pacific Avenue and Current Bike Route Sign Locations
- Exhibit D: Shared Roadway Bicycle Markings FAQ
- Exhibit E: Mailed Notice and The Beach Reporter Ad
- Exhibit F: Public Comments

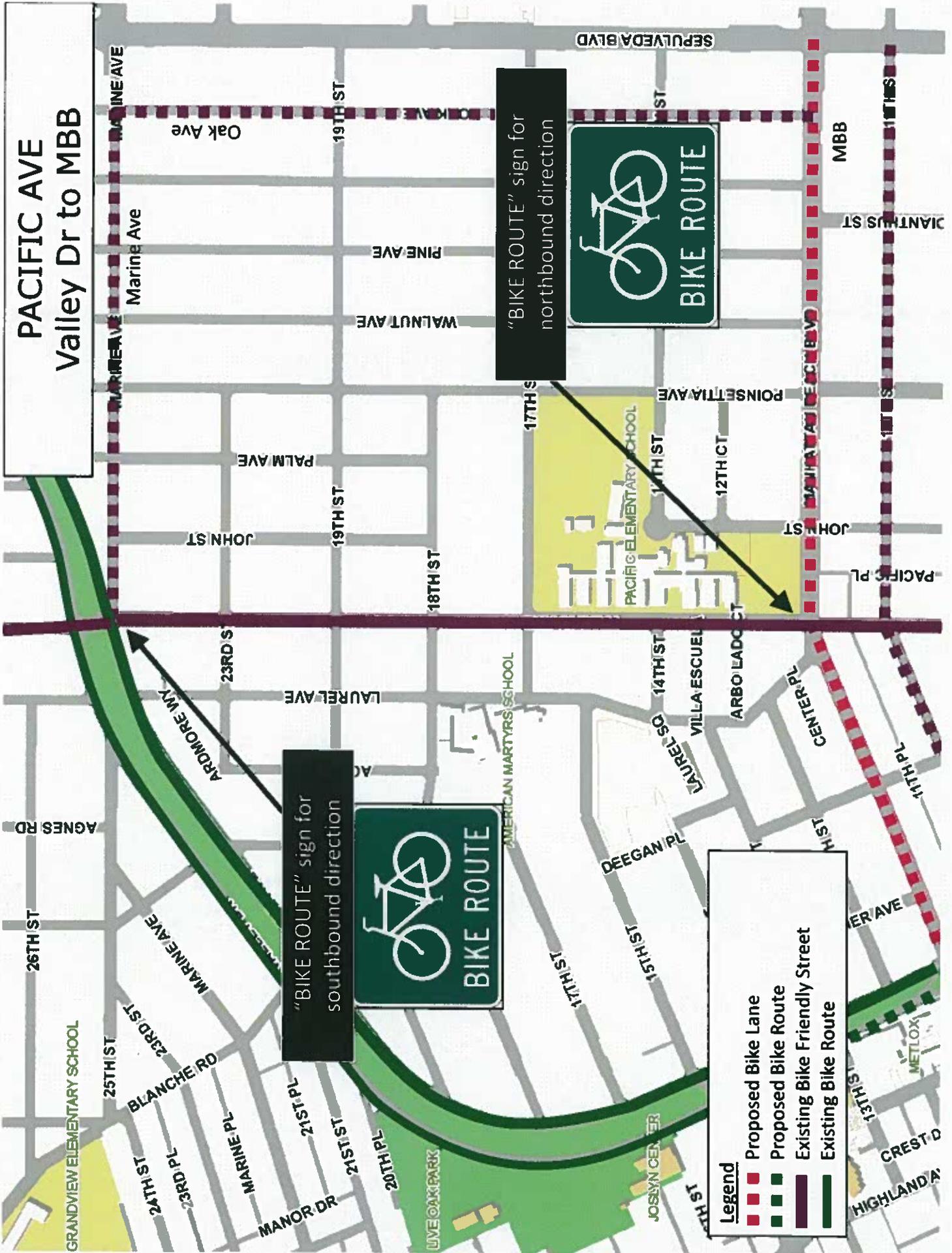


Figure 7-3: Proposed Bicycle Facilities in Manhattan Beach

South Bay Bicycle Master Plan
El Segundo • Gardena • Hermosa Beach • Lawndale • Manhattan Beach • Redondo Beach • Torrance

City of Manhattan Beach Bike Facilities





PACIFIC AVE
Valley Dr to MBB

"BIKE ROUTE" sign for northbound direction



"BIKE ROUTE" sign for southbound direction



- Legend**
- Proposed Bike Lane
 - Proposed Bike Route
 - Existing Bike Friendly Street
 - Existing Bike Route

Map labels include: 26TH ST, 25TH ST, 24TH ST, 23RD ST, 23RD S, 21ST PL, 21ST ST, 20TH PL, 20TH ST, MANOR DR, GRANDVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ARMORE WY, LAUREL AVE, AMERICAN MARTYRS SCHOOL, DEEGAN PL, 17TH ST, 15TH ST, 14TH ST, VILLA ESCUELA, ARBO LADO CT, CENTER PL, 11TH PL, 11TH ST, 10TH ST, PACIFIC PL, JOHN ST, POINSETTIA AVE, 12TH CT, 13TH ST, METLOX, CREST D, HIGHLAND A, 19TH ST, WALNUT AVE, PINE AVE, OAK AVE, SEPUVEDA BLVD, MBB, 19TH ST, JOHN ST, PACIFIC PL, CENTER PL, 11TH PL, 11TH ST, 10TH ST, PACIFIC PL, JOHN ST, POINSETTIA AVE, 12TH CT, 13TH ST, METLOX, CREST D, HIGHLAND A.

SHARED ROADWAY BICYCLE MARKINGS FAQ

Q1. WHAT ARE SHARED ROADWAY BICYCLE MARKINGS (SHARROWS) AND HOW DO THEY CHANGE THE ROAD?

A1. Shared Roadway Bicycle Markings are intended to help bicyclists position themselves away from parked cars, to avoid being struck by suddenly opened car doors, and to alert other road users to expect bicyclists to occupy travel lanes. These markings will also be used in situations where it may not be obvious where bicyclists should be riding, such as at intersections with multiple lanes. Sharrows do not change the rules of the road, they reinforce existing rules of the road.

Q2. BUT ON SOME STREETS, BICYCLISTS RIDING OVER THIS MARKING WILL TAKE THE ENTIRE LANE. AREN'T THEY SUPPOSED TO MOVE TO THE RIGHT?

A2. Not always. According to the CVC Section 21202, bicyclists are to stay to the right except to pass other bicyclists or vehicles, to prepare to make a left turn, or when necessary to avoid conditions that make it unsafe to continue along the right, including fixed or moving objects, surface hazards, or substandard width lanes too narrow for a bicycle and vehicle to travel side by side. Moving to the left in the lane to avoid car doors, for instance, even if it means taking the entire lane, is permitted by the CVC.

Q3. CAN'T BICYCLISTS JUST LOOK INTO PARKED CARS AS THEY RIDE AND SEE IF SOMEONE IS ABOUT TO OPEN THE DOOR?

A3. Bicyclists, like all road users, need to constantly scan the entire roadway for safety. Checking every car for a driver is difficult to do while paying attention to the road. Also, it is often impossible to see drivers due to large parked vehicles blocking the view of other parked vehicles, tinted windows, headrests, etc. Motorists should check their side view mirror or look back prior to opening their door. It is the driver's responsibility should any collision occur (CVC Section 22517).

Q4. IF I SEE THESE MARKINGS IN A LANE, IS THE LANE ONLY FOR BIKES?

A4. No. This marking is used for travel lanes that are shared by bicyclists and motorists. Shared lanes are different than bike lanes which are set aside for bicyclists and are marked by a solid white line.

Q5. SO IF I DON'T SEE THESE MARKINGS, THEN IT'S NOT A SHARED LANE AND BICYCLISTS AREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE THERE?

A5. No. Bicyclists can ride on any street in Manhattan Beach. Just as every street in Manhattan Beach has a 25 mph speed limit unless stated otherwise (even if there is no speed limit sign). Bicyclists are allowed on every street regardless of whether there is a marking or sign for them, unless stated otherwise.

Q6. ARE THESE MARKINGS GOING ON EVERY STREET THAT DOES NOT HAVE A BIKE LANE?

A6. No. These markings will only be used on streets designated as part of the Multi-jurisdictional South Bay Bicycle Master Plan. As part of The Plan, the City will evaluate all of the suggested bicycle facilities and install enhancements on a case-by-case basis.

Q7. I NEVER USED TO SEE THESE MARKINGS. WHY ARE THEY BEING USED NOW?

A7. Prior to 2005, there was no official marking to use on streets with shared lanes. The San Francisco Metropolitan Transit Agency (SFMTA) led an effort to study various markings and develop an official marking that was adopted by Caltrans in 2005, making California the first state to officially adopt a marking for shared lanes.



For more information, please visit: www.bicyclingingo.org or www.pedbikeinfo.org



Sharrows on Pacific Ave

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PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2012 AT 6:30 P.M.

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1400 HIGHLAND AVENUE, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266



The staff report will be available at www.citymb.info on November 30, 2012 after 5:00 P.M. For additional information, please contact Nhung Madrid at (310) 802-5540 or nmadrid@citymb.info. Please submit all public comments in writing.



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EXHIBIT E
PPIC 12/6/12

Nhung Madrid

From: Marcie <marcie44@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2012 8:34 AM
To: Nhung Madrid
Subject: Sharrows on Pacific Ave

I will not be able to attend the meeting on Dec. 6th, but I would like to submit a comment:

I oppose marking Pacific Ave with Sharrows. Pacific Ave is a two lane road with parking on either side. If there is a bicyclist in front of a car the car must go the same speed as the bicyclist and not overtake the cyclist as the cyclist is in the middle of the road. Pacific Ave is a very busy street as it is a main artery for north-south traffic. Large commercial trucks use Pacific Ave. Pacific Ave is not conducive to bicycle traffic.

Sharrows work best when there are four lanes (two in each direction), or when the roadway is not a main artery. There are other north-south routes in the tree section that would be more conducive to sharrows. I see very few bicyclists on Pacific Ave., whereas there are many on Ardmore and Valley Avenues, and even Marine Ave. and Manhattan Beach Blvd.

Marcie Pettigrew
2400 Pacific Ave
Manhattan Beach, CA

Nhung Madrid

From: bill@sunshinefam.com
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2012 5:24 PM
To: List - PPIC
Cc: Nhung Madrid
Subject: Bike Sharrow - Pacific

Dear PPIC,

Just a brief note of support for the proposed bike sharrows along Pacific.

Our reason is very simple - increased safety in our neighborhoods for family bike rides.

We have three young children and feel that the increased awareness that sharrows provide for automobile drivers is a positive investment in safer streets.

Moreover, it may even increase safety for the walking school bus program that also uses Pacific.

Regards,

Ana and Bill Hory
Manhattan Beach

November 30, 2012

To: Manhattan Beach City Council

I am writing to express support for the Sharrows on Pacific Avenue. Providing sharrows can be an effective way to remind bicyclists to ride further from parked cars to avoid 'dooring'. They can also make motorists more aware that bicyclists may be present.

Any improvement of this kind increases safety and comfort for bicyclists and other active transportation. In doing so, it encourages more outdoor 'natural movement' and adds to the overall well-being of Manhattan Beach residents.

The Blue Zones Project applauds Manhattan Beach for its continued commitment to built environment changes that support a healthy community. For decades America has designed our cities for more efficient vehicle transportation and inadvertently sacrificed health and quality of life. Creating a network of active transportation options that connect destinations will encourage people to leave their cars at home and walk or bike for daily activities.

Sincerely,

**Katie McClure
Executive Director Community Programs
Blue Zones Project**



South Bay Bicycle Coalition
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Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
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www.southbaybicyclecoalition.com

November 30, 2012

City of Manhattan Beach
Parking and Public Improvements Commission
1400 Highland Ave.
Manhattan Beach, CA

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the hundreds of Manhattan Beach residents (including myself) and bike riders that want to commend the City Council's efforts to make Manhattan Beach a safer place for bike riders, walkers, and drivers. We understand that at next week's meeting, you are going to review a road that was already evaluated and approved for bike pathway designation in the city's bicycle master plan that was approved by City Council in November of 2011. Pacific Avenue is a great street to start with given its width, geography within the city, and use by pedestrians for access to two schools.

Pacific is only going to be given "Sharrows", painted markings that improve safety by helping riders, drivers, and pedestrians better understand where riding should take place. These markings do not affect traffic, do not change the laws or rules of the road, and do not in themselves affect who uses the road. As you know, under California law, bicycle riders can ride on any streets. Sharrows merely help everyone use the streets more safely. When drivers know there are bike riders expected in a certain place, they are more attentive and tend to drive more carefully. Studies have continuously shown that adding bike pathways to streets reduce the number of collisions both between bikes and cars and bikes and pedestrians. These markings will calm the streets for all involved.

As a parent, I am excited that by making the streets safer, we may have more families choose to bike or walk to school, rather than drop their children off in cars. This will further reduce pollution, congestion, and improve physical health.

Thank you for your efforts at improving Manhattan Beach.

Executive Director, SBBC
Mike Don
Sixth Street
Manhattan Beach

The South Bay Bicycle Coalition (SBBC) has been improving South Bay bike culture since 2009.



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**SOUTH BAY
BICYCLE
COALITION**

November 30, 2012

City of Manhattan Beach
Parking and Public Improvements Commission
1400 Highland Ave.
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Dear Commissioners:

I want to start by saying "thank you" for your commitment to public service, and the sacrifices that accompany that commitment. Your efforts to effect positive change in our city are sincerely appreciated!

In addition, I want to express my unwavering support for the installation of sharrows on Pacific Avenue every 250 feet in compliance with the State of California Department of Transportation Policy.

The benefits resulting from the installation of sharrows are many and include:

- **A reduction in unsafe wrong-way riding and sidewalk riding**
- **Safer sidewalk travel for walkers**
- **Increased safety from bikes avoiding doors of parked vehicles opening**
- **Increased awareness and space cushioning from car drivers passing bikes**

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As a resident of Manhattan Beach, and the father of 2 daughters, ages 3 and 4, both of whom ride a bike, I find our options for safe north/south bike travel limited to the strand walking path, a path not intended for bike travel. The installation of sharrows on Pacific will provide my family and many others throughout Manhattan Beach and adjoining communities a desperately needed safe north/south route for family bike rides!

Providing safe routes of travel for bicyclists and walkers through the installation of sharrows will help give those concerned for their safety and the safety of their family members the peace of mind necessary to consider bike rides and walking as a safe form of recreation, or simply as an option to jumping in the car to pick up a gallon of milk. This shift in thinking and behavior will make us a healthier community due to an increase in exercise and reduction in greenhouse gas emissions!

To help the city adhere to its commitments to the Master Bicycle Plan, the Vitality City Project, and the Cool Cities U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, I am hopeful you will exercise your authority to approve the installation of sharrows every 250 feet on Pacific Avenue.

Thank you again for all you do for our community!

With gratitude,

John Wilcox
SBBC Advocate for Manhattan Beach, and 10 year Manhattan Beach resident

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Nhung Madrid

From: Michael Don <mikedon56@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2012 9:01 AM
To: Nhung Madrid
Subject: Fwd: Sharrows on Pacific

Here is another one in case the e-mail address did not work. Thanks, Mike

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **roger spencer** <roger90266@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, Nov 30, 2012 at 8:49 AM
Subject: Sharrows on Pacific
To: "listppic@citymb.info" <listppic@citymb.info>, "mikedon56@gmail.com" <mikedon56@gmail.com>

PPIC-

I am writing to express my strong support for sharrows on Pacific Avenue every 250 feet in compliance with California guidelines. I don't see any compelling reason not to mark the street, along with existing signs. The markings will encourage both motorists and cyclists to comply with the rules of the road.

I support Manhattan Beach urgently creating significantly more bikeways to make our streets safer for all levels of bike riders. I look forward to the City's continued implementation of the Bicycle Master Plan - especially as it comes to Meadows and Redondo.

Roger Spencer, father of 2 elementary aged kids who love to bike and 15 year resident of Manhattan Beach
1335 21st St, M.B., CA 90266
(310) 293-5188

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Mike Don
Coalition Director
South Bay Bicycle Coalition
310-560-3945

Nhung Madrid

From: Michael Don <mikedon56@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2012 10:01 AM
To: Nhung Madrid
Cc: John Wilcox
Subject: Fwd: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)

If not too late, here is another one. Not sure why so many e-mail issues. Thanks, Mike

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Subject: Sharrows on Pacific

From: Bob Kellogg <rkellogg@gmail.com>

To: listppic@citymb.info, +mikedon56@gmail.com

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I am writing to express my strong support for sharrows on Pacific Avenue. I commute to work in El Segundo on my bike and am a weekend recreational rider as well. I frequently ride (and drive) on the sharrows in Hermosa Beach and I feel like they have made their streets much safer for bicycles with virtually no negative impact on cars.

I look forward to the sharrows on Pacific and hopefully sharrows and/or bike lanes on some of the east/west streets in Mahattan Beach.

Thank you for your time,
Bob Kellogg
1207 Second St.

Nhung Madrid

From: mark lipps <mark.lipps34@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2012 10:39 AM
To: List - PPIC; Nhung Madrid; mikedon56@gmail
Subject: Supporting Sharrows on Pacific

I believe one of the selling points of the South Bay is that we pride ourselves on being a pedestrian community. Once here we can usually walk, ride our bike or skateboard to wherever we need to be. We need to continue to promote that lifestyle. Unfortunately our current safety is not at the standard it needs to be to accommodate this South Bay lifestyle.



Mark Lipps
310-849-9181
Mark.lipps34@gmail.com

Nhung Madrid

From: Charmaine Cosky <ccosky@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2012 10:40 AM
To: List - PPIC; Nhung Madrid; mikedon56@gmail.com
Subject: Supporting Sharrows on Pacific Ave.

Hello,

I am writing to support the sharrows for Pacific Avenue in Manhattan Beach. It is surprising how few routes there are for biking safely in Manhattan Beach. The Pacific Ave. stretch to/from Pacific Elementary would be great with a sharrow lane. We need more bikeways since many who live here are active but don't always find it so safe or convenient to get around by bike.

Our community needs safer bike routes especially with the nearby Strand, an amazing asset to the beach communities. Let's make our home even better!

Thank you,
Charmaine Cosky

Nhung Madrid

From: Rosemary A Ray <Rosemary.A.Ray@aero.org>
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2012 10:41 AM
To: List - PPIC; Nhung Madrid; mikedon56
Subject: Supporting Sharrows on Pacific

To Whom It May Concern:

I support the addition of bicycle "sharrows" on Pacific Avenue. Mainly, to let us motorists know there IS one AND that someone may be riding in it. It will also prevent wrong-way riding and riding on sidewalks which is a hindrance to those using the sidewalks to "walk" on.
I think it's a "win-win" for all.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Ray
1200 Walnut Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Rosemary Ray
Executive Secretary
MILSATCOM Division
The Aerospace Corporation
310.336.3236
rosemary.ray@aero.org

Nhung Madrid

Subject: FW: Wrong email addresses

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From: Pauline Massart <paulinemassart@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Nov 30, 2012 at 2:37 PM

Subject: Re: Wrong email addresses

To: Michael Don <mikedon56@gmail.com>

Here is my text:

I have been a Manhattan Beach resident for a year now and have tried to use my bike as much as I can to travel around South Bay but I do feel unsecured as not much has been done to make the road safer for us. It is not normal that cars have priority on our roads. Improving safety conditions for bikers is also improving our health, our air quality, our traffic, our landscapes.

Less crowded roads and less CO2 is possible but we need to advertise bikes as a safe way to travel. I am counting on you to make this small changes that can have a great impacts on our city.

Thank you

Pauline Massart

Also, I would love to be involved with your organisation, so please keep me posted of your events and actions,

Thanks

Pauline

2012/12/1 Michael Don <mikedon56@gmail.com>

We have been having a problem with that although we checked it with the city a number of times. My guess is they have some filter on it that may be rejecting g-mail. If you send what you sent to me separately, I will make sure it gets there. Thanks for your diligence and support. Mike

On Fri, Nov 30, 2012 at 10:55 AM, Pauline <paulinemassart@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Mike,

I just sent an email to the city representatives and it came back to me.

Can you please check them?

Thanks

Pauline

Nhung Madrid

From: Michael Don <mikedon56@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2012 2:48 PM
To: Nhung Madrid
Subject: Fwd: Sharrows on Pacific

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From: <robin90266@aol.com>
Date: Fri, Nov 30, 2012 at 2:43 PM
Subject: Sharrows on Pacific
To: listppic@citymb.info, mikedon56@gmail.com

I am writing to express my strong support for sharrows on Pacific Avenue every 250 feet in compliance with California guidelines. I support Manhattan Beach urgently creating significantly more bikeways to make our streets safer for all levels of bike riders.

And, even though this isn't being addressed with this present issue, I'd like to take the opportunity to also voice support for the Aviation bikepaths that cycling groups are trying to obtain.

Robin O'Reilly

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Mike Don
Coalition Director
South Bay Bicycle Coalition
310-560-3945

Nhung Madrid

From: Monika <mk.travis@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2012 3:28 PM
To: List - PPIC; Nhung Madrid
Subject: Supporting Sharrows on Pacific

It would be great to have a mental comfort knowing that my children can ride their bikes safe.

Nhung Madrid

From: Michael Don <mikedon56@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2012 3:54 PM
To: Nhung Madrid
Subject: Fwd: Supporting Sharrows on Pacific

-----Original Message-----

From: Norman F Robinson [mailto:normrobinson@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2012 1:46 PM
To: bzpbeachcities
Subject: Supporting Sharrows on Pacific

Please forward to correct emails. One or more listed are not correct.

Thank you for supporting safety for bicycles and pedestrians. Good for drivers also. We need to increase our awareness of vulnerable people around us. Good for those out getting exercise. Good for the environment. A WIN-WIN situation.

Sally O'Mara
Manhattan Beach resident

Nhung Madrid

From: Michael Don <mikedon56@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2012 4:05 PM
To: Nhung Madrid
Subject: Fwd: Sharrows on Pacific

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From: **Geoffrey Hale** <geoff_hale@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, Nov 30, 2012 at 3:54 PM
Subject: Sharrows on Pacific
To: listppic@citymb.info, mikedon56@gmail.com

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I ride my bike everyday. I'd love to have my kids ride bikes and do so safely. Moreover, my daughter attends Pacific and I'd love to have her ride her bike to school each day. Please PLEASE take whatever actions you can to make our roadways safer for bikes. This is such an obvious good and proper thing to do, and frankly Manhattan Beach will be a better place for it.

Thank you.

Geoffrey Hale

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Geoffrey Hale

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Nhung Madrid

From: Linda Ackerman <l.g.ackerman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2012 6:31 PM
To: List - PPIC; Nhung Madrid
Subject: Supporting Sharrows on Pacific

Dear Commissioners:

Manhattan Beach needs safer routes for bicyclists. Please support any efforts to improve the livability of the beach communities, including the proposal to add sharrows lanes to local streets.

Thank you,

Linda Ackerman
Gates Ave., Manhattan Beach

Nhung Madrid

From: Margaret Wehbi <mawehbi@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2012 5:39 PM
To: List - PPIC; Nhung Madrid; mikedon56@gmail.com
Subject: Supporting Sharrows on Pacific

> Dear All,

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> Yes, yes, yes to anything that will help improve the cycling infrastructure in Manhattan Beach. I commute daily through Manhattan Beach on my bicycle, always battling the lack of cycling infrastructure, e.g. no bike lanes, sharrows, or traffic signals that recognize when a bicycle is present.

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> Ms. Madrid,

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> While on the subject of bicycle infrastructure, will you please give an update on service request # 25217 regarding installing traffic loops for both north and south bound Redondo Ave. at Marine Ave.?

> The cross walks and new crosswalk lights have been installed at that intersection in October, yet no sign of traffic loops. Last correspondence we had you wrote, "Our Public Works Department has confirmed with the County and they will be installing loops for both north and south bound Redondo Ave."

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> Regards,

> Margaret Wehbi

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Nhung Madrid

From: Michael Don <mikedon56@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 01, 2012 11:52 AM
To: Nhung Madrid
Subject: Fwd: I support Bike Sharrows

For the PPIC

----- Forwarded message -----

From: <adamgoldston1@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Dec 1, 2012 at 9:13 AM
Subject: I support Bike Sharrows
To: roger90266@yahoo.com, listppic@citymb.info, mikedon56@gmail.com
Cc: John Burge <johnburge@verizon.net>

Everyone I know rides their bike somewhere. It's green, it's healthy and it's fun.
It should be as safe as possible.
Thank you for your efforts to improve the quality of life in our community.

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

Nhung Madrid

From: Michael Don <mikedon56@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 01, 2012 11:54 AM
To: Nhung Madrid
Subject: Fwd: Sharrows on Pacific

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From: **John Burge** <johnrburge@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Nov 30, 2012 at 7:30 PM
Subject: Sharrows on Pacific
To: listppic@citymb.info, mikedon56@gmail.com

I am writing to express my strong support for sharrows on Pacific Avenue every 250 feet in compliance with California guidelines. I support Manhattan Beach urgently creating significantly more bikeways to make our streets safer for all levels of bike riders. I have children who are now starting to ride their bikes, and they will take this pathway to go downtown. As an active cyclist myself, I strongly believe in the importance of further highlighting the fact that the road is a shared road.

Thank you,

John Burge.

Nhung Madrid

From: Dick Knight <rknight268@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 01, 2012 4:55 PM
To: Nhung Madrid
Subject: Fw: Parking and Public Improvements Commission - Sharrows on Pacific Avenue

----- Original Message -----

From: Dick Knight
To: listppic@citymb.info
Sent: Saturday, December 01, 2012 4:48 PM
Subject: Parking and Public Improvements Commission - Sharrows on Pacific Avenue

Gentlemen and Ladies:

Recently we received notification of the city's plans to install "sharrows" on Pacific Ave from 5th St. to Rosecrans. This, in my estimation, is a poorly thought out decision. After living on Pacific Ave. for over 40 years, and observing our problems with traffic conditions, residential parking, and the ingress-egress to our drive-ways and garages. I feel that the placing of "sharrow" markings, and encouraging their use on our street, will create a hazardous situation for the residents, "cyclists", and vehicular traffic. Under the current traffic conditions, I, at times, must wait for several cars (2, to as many as 10) to exit my driveway. That is, unless an extremely courteous driver stops to let me out, which is rare, and I do appreciate them. Pacific is utilized as a "bypass and speedway", north and south during peak hours of the morning and early evening. Residential parking has always been a problem, as has dodging traffic, and cars backing out of their drive-ways. Now the possibility of being concerned with watching out for "cyclists," will only add to the congestion on Pacific, and the increased possibility of accidents.

Unfortunately, Manhattan Beach, has few desirable north or south bound streets for increased bicycle traffic other than the possible use of Valley. Blanche would then become your alternative continuation, for north - south bound access. Again, Valley and Blanche are heavily traveled streets, with their utilization as "bypasses" during the peak hours.

I would hope that the members would consider other alternatives, in their attempts to accommodate "bicycle enthusiasts," traffic through Manhattan Beach.

R. A. Knight
2917 Pacific Ave.
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Nhung Madrid

From: Marty Friedman <mjfriedman2@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, December 01, 2012 6:17 PM
To: List - PPIC; Nhung Madrid; mikedon56@gmail.com
Subject: Sharrows on Pacific

I am writing to express my strong support for sharrows on Pacific Avenue every 250 feet in compliance with California guidelines. I support Manhattan Beach urgently creating significantly more bikeways to make our streets safer for all levels of bike riders.

Marty Friedman
2319 Vista Dr.

Nhung Madrid

From: Kevin Schaaf <kevin.schaaf@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 01, 2012 8:25 PM
To: List - PPIC; Nhung Madrid; mikedon56@gmail.com
Subject: Sharrows on Pacific

I am writing to express my strong support for sharrows on Manhattan Beach. As a resident of Hawthorne, I enjoy visiting Manhattan Beach frequently, and I look forward to your work making those visits safer for everyone.

Thanks for your work.

Sincerely,
Kevin Schaaf

Nhung Madrid

From: Michael Hoag <villageat@cox.net>
Sent: Saturday, December 01, 2012 11:31 PM
To: List - PPIC; Nhung Madrid; mikedon56@gmail.com
Subject: Sharrows on Pacific

I am writing to express my strong support for sharrows on Pacific Avenue.

Nhung Madrid

From: Bob Weiner <bob@weinerassociates.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 02, 2012 10:19 AM
To: List - PPIC; Nhung Madrid; mikedon56@gmail.com
Subject: Sharrows on Pacific

Dear Commission Members:

As a 45 year resident and frequent bike rider, I am writing to express my strong support for sharrows on Pacific Avenue every 250 feet in compliance with California guidelines. I support Manhattan Beach creating significantly more bikeways to make our streets safer for all levels of bike riders.

Bob Weiner

Sent from my iPad

Bob Weiner
Weiner Associates
544 23rd St.
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
310 545-1190

Nhung Madrid

From: alicia kern <aliciajkern@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 02, 2012 12:37 PM
To: List - PPIC; Nhung Madrid; mikedon56@gmail.com
Subject: Sharrows on Pacific

I am writing to express my strong support for sharrows on Pacific Avenue every 250 feet in compliance with California guidelines. I support Manhattan Beach urgently creating significantly more bikeways to make our streets safer for all levels of bike riders!

Thank you for supporting more bikeways and healthier cities!

Sincerely,
Alicia Kern

Nhung Madrid

From: Michael Don <mikedon56@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 02, 2012 6:58 PM
To: Nhung Madrid
Subject: Fwd: Sharrows on Pacific

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From: **Jim Weinstein** <jimweinstein@usa.net>
Date: Sun, Dec 2, 2012 at 8:19 AM
Subject: Sharrows on Pacific
To: "listppic@citymb.info" <listppic@citymb.info>, "mikedon56@gmail.com" <mikedon56@gmail.com>

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Jim

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Mike Don
Coalition Director
South Bay Bicycle Coalition
310-560-3945

Nhung Madrid

From: Michael Don <mikedon56@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 02, 2012 6:59 PM
To: Nhung Madrid
Subject: Fwd: Sharrows on Pacific

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From: **Jacob Rome** <jakerome@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, Dec 1, 2012 at 9:34 PM
Subject: Sharrows on Pacific
To: lstppic@citymb.info, mikedon56@gmail.com

I am writing to express my strong support for sharrows on Pacific Avenue every 250 feet in compliance with California guidelines. I support Manhattan Beach urgently creating significantly more bikeways to make our streets safer for all levels of bike riders.

Adding sharrows will make me much more likely to traverse Manhattan Beach by bike, reducing my car travel and reducing the need for parking spaces at various destinations.

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Mike Don
Coalition Director
South Bay Bicycle Coalition
310-560-3945

Nhung Madrid

From: Michael Don <mikedon56@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 02, 2012 10:18 PM
To: Nhung Madrid
Subject: Fwd: Sharrows on Pacific

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From: Lynne and Jack Hook <landjhook@aol.com>
Date: Sun, Dec 2, 2012 at 9:59 PM
Subject: Sharrows on Pacific
To: listppic@citymb.info, mikedon56@gmail.com

I am writing to express my strong support for sharrows on Pacific Avenue every 250 feet in compliance with California guidelines. I support Manhattan Beach urgently creating significantly more bikeways to make our streets safer for all levels of bike riders.

Lynne Hook
775 19th Street



December 1, 2012

City of Manhattan Beach
Parking and Public Improvements Commission
1400 Highland Ave.
Manhattan Beach, CA

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the President of the Beach Cities Cycling Club. We have almost 400 members, almost all of which live in the South Bay area. Of those, almost 100 of our members are from Manhattan Beach. While Hermosa and Redondo Beach have been very active in expanding bike pathways, we have been looking forward to Manhattan Beach making the streets safer for all sorts of bike riders in the area. Sharrows are the fastest growing method of calming streets throughout the country. Pacific Avenue is a perfect street for use by families, commuters and recreational riders. While group rides will not use this kind of street, it will result in improved safety for all road users.

Under California law, bicycle riders can ride on any streets. These sharrows merely help everyone use the streets more safely. When drivers know there are bike riders, they are more alert and drive more carefully. These markings also result in keeping bikes off of sidewalks, improving the safety and access for pedestrians. This was clearly noted by the Manhattan Beach City Council when they identified Pacific in the Bicycle Master Plan that they unanimously approved.

Riding bikes reduces pollution and improves personal health. If more people feel safer riding on the streets, our road congestion would improve. Please accept this letter in support of placing sharrows in the amounts suggested by the State of California. Sharrows on each block ensures that drivers entering from other streets know that bikes may be present. The State guidelines properly capture the accepted safety standards for these markings.

Thank you,

Jim Hannon, President
Beach Cities Cycling Club, Inc 501(3), nonprofit

Nhung Madrid

From: South Bay Bicycle Coalition <hbill=adelphia.net@mail130.us2.mcsv.net> on behalf of South Bay Bicycle Coalition <hbill@adelphia.net>
Sent: Saturday, December 01, 2012 6:19 PM
To: Nhung Madrid
Subject: Manhattan Beach Safer Streets

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Subject Line: Take a minute to help improve safety in Manhattan Beach

The [South Bay Bicycle Coalition](#) continues to work with local cities to implement over 200 miles of new Bikeways thanks to the support of residents like you!

One of the first opportunities for Manhattan Beach is to add "sharrows" on Pacific Avenue.

On December 6th, there will be an important vote at the Parking and Public Improvements Commission (PPIC) meeting at 6:30pm at City Hall. Even though the City Council has already approved this route in the Bicycle Master Plan passed earlier this year, and City Staff is recommending the implementation of these sharrows on Pacific - without overwhelming support from you, there is always a chance that this unique opportunity to increase the bike and walkability of Manhattan Beach might be delayed.

A few minutes of your time can create an impact on the South Bay that will improve life for generations of residents to come.

Here's what you can do:

1. **BIGGEST IMPACT:** Attend the meeting on Thursday, Dec 6 @ 6:30pm at City Hall. Tell the Commission you favor improved safety with these bicycle markings.
2. **EASY SUPPORT:** [Click this link](#) to e-mail the commission. Please add a few sentences describing why you support more bikeways.

[Sharrows](#) are merely markings on the road that help tell all road users where bicycle riders are intended to be.) The benefits of sharrows extend to bicyclists, pedestrians, drivers, and all residents. Some of the proven benefits include:

- **Positively influences motorist and cyclist safety, street positions, and behavior;**
- **Reduces unsafe "wrong-way riding" and riding on sidewalks;**
- **Increases safety of sidewalk travel for walkers;**
- **Increases safety by showing bikes how to avoid doors opening of parked vehicles;**
- **Increased awareness and space cushioning for cars and**

**A typical painted sharrow
on the road**



drivers.

Note: *sharrows do not create a bike only lane nor reduce parking spaces*

With gratitude,
Mike Don, Coalition Director
South Bay Bicycle Coalition
Manhattan Beach

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Nhung Madrid

From: jonathan@theprcollective.com
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 8:32 AM
To: List - PPIC; Nhung Madrid; mikedon56@gmail.com
Subject: Sharrows on Pacific

I am writing to express my strong support for sharrows on Pacific Avenue every 250 feet in compliance with California guidelines. I support Manhattan Beach urgently creating significantly more bikeways to make our streets safer for all levels of bike riders

I am an avid cyclist who has lived in the South Bay for over a decade. The South Bay is in many ways the heart of Southern California's biking culture so our community should be a model that leads by example, not that selectively fails to follow through on these type of initiatives.

Thank you!

Jonathan Zaleski
310-943-7143

Nhung Madrid

From: Bill Jordan <jordanwf@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 10:52 AM
To: List - PPIC; Nhung Madrid; mikedon56@gmail.com
Subject: Sharrows on Pacific

I am writing to express my strong support for sharrows on Pacific Avenue every 250 feet in compliance with California guidelines. I support Manhattan Beach urgently creating significantly more bikeways to make our streets safer for all levels of bike riders. While there are already many excellent biking facilities within MB, such as the strand bike path, introducing an additional North/South route will help alleviate some of the congestion that exists there, and allow riders headed south to the hills of PV a less congested route than slowing traffic on major downtown MB streets.

Nhung Madrid

From: Lillian Light <lklight@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 4:13 PM
To: List - PPIC; Nhung Madrid; mikedon56@gmail.com
Subject: Sharrows on Pacific

Dear Friends:

I am writing to express my strong support for sharrows on Pacific Avenue every 250 feet in compliance with California guidelines. I support Manhattan Beach urgently creating significantly more bikeways to make our streets safer for all levels of bike riders.

Lillian Light

lklight@verizon.net

210 545 1384

Nhung Madrid

From: nancy howell <nancyjohowell@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 11:32 AM
To: List - PPIC; Nhung Madrid; Ron; nancy howell
Subject: Walkers Against Sharrows on Pacific - Please VOTE NO

As a resident along Pacific Avenue where the sharrows are being proposed, there are critical issues that should be considered before implementing this decision.

1) There are NOT sidewalks all along the pathway, walkers MUST walk on the road often because the area is covered with plants. It is NOT safe for bikers to feel they have the right away when pedestrians do not have any other choice. In those areas without sidewalks, walkers must walk around parked cars. Bikers need to be aware that this is a true residential community and not a true bike right of way. With Pacific Avenue being a direct route to Pacific Elementary School, this puts children at risk as well as adults. There are many more walkers along Pacific than bikers, many young, but also many are elderly and walking to recover from various health issues. With the sharrows, the bikers are then given legal rights and these pedestrians have no rights.

2) There have already been several "near misses" with bikers because traffic and parked cars reduce visibility when backing out of our driveway. All of the houses on the west side of Pacific Avenue must back out of their garages to access Pacific Avenue. With sharrows bikers will feel safer to speed and increases the probability of a serious incident.

Please take all of these issues into consideration before implementing sharrows on Pacific Avenue and VOTE NO until you study the street and understand how many hill section residents and other local walkers use this street.

Thank you,

Nancy Howell
809 Pacific Avenue

Nhung Madrid

From: Matt Smith <sixthstreetmb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 2:47 PM
To: Nhung Madrid
Subject: Public Questions

Nhung,

Thank you for returning my call.

Since I had a few comments as well as questions I listed them all below.

I will try to attend the meeting on Thursday.

Matt

Matthew Smith
637 6th Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
Owner since 2007

General Comments:

1. Since there are no cross walks between 2nd Street and Manhattan Beach Blvd on Valley/Ardmore, the 6th & Valley/Ardmore is the safest, most widely used intersection for pedestrians headed to the greenbelt or on to the beach.
2. 6th & Pacific is a highly trafficked intersection for vehicle traffic of South Sand section residents leaving and returning home using the Valley/Ardmore cross over.
3. Currently, the downhill slopes, pedestrians and car parking on each side of the street leads to regular 'near misses' at the 6th & Pacific intersection.
4. Unintentionally increasing the flow of bicycle traffic at this location will add more congestion to an intersection already stretched to its limits.

Questions:

1. What is the long term plan for southbound traffic after it dead ends at 5th and Pacific?
2. Does usability of a street affect the decision to add a Shallow? For northbound traffic to access to shallow from Valley, the extreme grade of going up 5th Street and then turning left on Pacific would limit usage to only the most advanced cyclists or require them to walk.
3. What is the impact of downhill, southbound bike traffic turning early at 6th Street and crossing Valley/Ardmore to continue southbound on Valley?
4. What is the process to altering a route once implemented and it is deemed unsafe?
6. What were the alternative routes for northbound and southbound traffic that were considered?
7. Once a shallow has been installed, does bicycle traffic have special rights compared to traditional vehicle traffic?
8. Are there any estimates as to the number of cyclists that will use this route?

Nhung Madrid

From: bethmbca@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 05, 2012 9:39 AM
To: Nhung Madrid
Subject: Sharrows on Pacific Avenue

Ms. Madrid,

I am writing in support of the sharrows on Pacific Avenue. As a 28 year resident of Pacific Avenue and an avid cyclist, I see how often bikes use Pacific Avenue as a means to get across town. I believe the sharrows will help educate drivers about sharing the road. Acknowledging the cyclists right to be on the road will help reduce confrontations and increase safety.

I think the sharrows should be placed every 250 feet (or less) in accordance with the CA MUTCD guidelines. Cars turning onto Pacific may not see the sharrows if there are only 10 the entire length of the street. I do not think slowly introducing the concept helps educate the community about sharrows.

Adding the ability of bikes to trip the traffic signals would be a great benefit as well.

Thank you,

Beth Bernucci

PS While I realize this is beyond the scope of this meeting, I strongly encourage the implementation of the bike lanes on Rosecrans Avenue, east and west bound. Bikes often use the sidewalk eastbound which is dangerous for pedestrians. Westbound, cars use the right lane to speed past slower cars and Rosecrans never has enough traffic to merit three lanes heading west. It seems that restriping is all that is necessary to make the Rosecrans improvement.

Nhung Madrid

From: Gary McAulay <gary.mcaulay@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 5:12 PM
To: List - PPIC
Subject: Parking and Public Improvements Commission

Hello PPIC -

I am writing to express serious reservations about the placement of sharrows on Pacific Avenue.

Sharrows, according to the "Sharrow FAQ," "do not change the rules of the road," but merely "reinforce the existing rules of the road", alert drivers to be careful, etc.

In practice, however, they turn lanes into bike lanes. Folk ride along, two or more abreast, cruising at 5 mph, ignoring traffic stacking up behind them because the sharrows mean they may occupy the whole lane.

Pacific is actually one of the widest single-lane-each-direction roads we have. If there is a street where a bicyclist can reasonably be expected to ride as far as practicable and safe to the right, it's Pacific. The street is also an important north-south route for residential motor vehicle traffic, particularly for commuters. I'm guessing that the number of vehicle-bike collisions that have occurred on Pacific due to the road being too narrow approaches zero.

I fully support bicyclists and am all for improved safety. Still, it is critical to balance our desire to be "green," to "get out of our cars," "to make the healthy choice," etc., with practical consideration for mobility, including motor vehicle traffic flow. As you know, bicycle commuting is less than half of one percent of the traffic commuting to work. It's safe to say that the vast majority of bicycling is recreational, or for exercise. Very commendable, but still a fraction of traffic.

I think it is essential that as the bicycle plan moves forward, we realistically balance the need for efficient motor vehicle traffic flow, which is restricted to roadways, against the desire to designate more bike lanes; particularly in that, despite our hopes or dreams, motor vehicles are far and away the primary transportation mode of 34,000 people. Recreation and exercise facilities perhaps are not as critical to our quality of life as being able to drive through town when required. When traffic crawls, it makes a large number of people very unhappy.

I believe that placing sharrows on Pacific would be a poor decision. Please consider carefully.

Sincerely,
Gary D. McAulay

Nhung Madrid

From: Michael Don <mikedon56@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 8:16 PM
To: Nhung Madrid
Subject: Fwd: [FWD: Re: Fwd: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)]

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- > I am writing to express my strong support for making MB a safe biking
- > community. My husband is a weekend cyclist & I often fear for his safety
- > because of the lack of bicycle friendly markings on the roads. I support
- > Manhattan Beach urgently creating significantly more bikeways to make our
- > streets safer for all levels of bike riders.
- > Thank you!
- > Kristen Zaleski- 10 year resident of Manhattan Beach

Nhung Madrid

From: Michael Don <mikedon56@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 8:18 PM
To: Nhung Madrid
Subject: Fwd: [FWD: Re: Manhattan Beach Safer Streets]

---- Kevin Schaaf <kevin.schaaf@gmail.com> wrote:

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> I am writing to express my strong support for sharrows on Manhattan Beach.
> As a resident of Hawthorne, I enjoy visiting Manhattan Beach frequently,
> and I look forward to your work making those visits safer for everyone.

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> Thanks for your work.

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> Sincerely,
> Kevin Schaaf

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> On Sat, Dec 1, 2012 at 6:49 PM, South Bay Bicycle Coalition <
> hbill@adelphia.net> wrote:

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Nhung Madrid

From: Scott deBeaubien <sdebeaubien@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 05, 2012 2:42 PM
To: Nhung Madrid
Subject: "Sharrows on Pacific Ave."

Hello -

I was curious this year when I saw the "Bike Lane" sign go up in front of my house at 500 Pacific Ave. You know, this hill is one of the steepest in the city, and some fool looked at a map and decided this would be a good bike route. I see hundreds of bicycles riding by all the time, and 99% of them go down Ardmore Ave. which is straight and flat, and wide. While Pacific Ave. on the other hand, is a narrow residential street where you are proposing to make it even narrower and restrict parking and all kinds of wonderful things. Pacific may be wider than the average residential street in this town, but that doesn't mean it's suitable as a "Bike way" or whatever you call it.

If somebody from the Parking and Public Improvements Commission actually rode a bicycle in this town, they would know that Pacific is a rotten street to use for bicycling, just like those hundreds of bicyclists I see every week from my front office window. On weekends there may be over a thousand a day go by on Ardmore, and not one of them turns up Pacific Ave.! So, come out and convince yourself that if you're trying to get across this town, the most reasonable way to do it on a bicycle is on Ardmore Ave. It's mostly flat (a lot less hills) and it goes pretty much from one end of town to the other. While it may not connect to Rosecrans, it very nearly does if you cut across on Pacific down where Pacific crosses Ardmore Ave. and Valley Dr., and get onto Valley and go up the Belamar Hotel and cut in behind there to get to Rosecrans.

It is the silliest idea ever to make Pacific Ave. a "Bike friendly" street. Nobody will ever ride on it and your money will have been wasted anyhow. Folks will still ride their bikes down Ardmore and we can all thumb our noses at you in your suits and ties when you don't even ever get on a bicycle.

If you want to build a "Bike lane" in this town, maybe you should have consulted bicyclers first. You could have asked me, I've lived in this house on this hill for over 33 years (would have been 53 but I lived out of state for 20 years). My parents lived here when I was born, I am a born and raised MB Resident, and yes, I do have some pretty strong opinions and don't suffer dumb ideas lightly

-Scotty

Scott deBeaubien
500 Pacific Ave.
Manhattan Beach, CA
phone: 303-906-2628 (cell)
310-376-4000 (house)

Nhung Madrid

From: Sloves, Andrew D <andrew.d.sloves@jpmorgan.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 06, 2012 8:27 AM
To: Nhung Madrid
Subject: Sharrows On Pacific Ave

I oppose the marking of sharrows on Pacific Ave. While Pacific is a wider street, I don't see a benefit to the sharrows. Have there been bike accidents

that would imply they are necessary? Are more people going to bike because there are sharrow markings. I doubt it. Why would you encourage non-residents

to cut through a residential neighborhood street which is already heavily trafficked? Do we want to encourage more bike traffic to run by Pacific School? This

is an ill advised and unnecessary addition to our local landscape. Let's stay sensible and leave the bikes on Valley and Ardmore where we have four lanes and

less pedestrians.

Thanks

Andrew Sloves
604 Pacific Ave

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Nhung Madrid

From: drrosenthal@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 05, 2012 5:28 PM
To: List - PPIC; Nhung Madrid; mikedon56@gmail.com
Subject: Supporting Sharrows on Pacific

to whom it may concern:

I am in support of the bike lane markings as they will encourage more cycling in Manhattan Beach and provide a safer environment for those already cycling.

thanks

Scott Rosenthal
811 10th St.
Manhattan Beach, CA

***Dr. J. Scott Rosenthal
Airport Podiatry Group
9100 S. Sepulveda Blvd # 100
Los Angeles, CA 90045
(310) 645-3338***

Nhung Madrid

From: Kaye Sherbak <greenervoice@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 05, 2012 7:30 PM
To: List - PPIC
Subject: bikeable South Bay

I fully support for installing sharrows on Pacific Avenue in compliance with the State of California Department of Transportation Policy which is intervals of every 250 feet.

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voice, President
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Nhung Madrid

From: Michael Don <mikedon56@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 05, 2012 8:47 PM
To: Nhung Madrid
Subject: Fwd: bikeable South Bay

they just keep coming! Thanks for your work on this. Mike

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From: **Kaye Sherbak** <greenervoice@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Dec 5, 2012 at 7:29 PM
Subject: bikeable South Bay
To: mikedon56@gmail.com

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Mike Don
310-560-3945

Nhung Madrid

From: Luis Serrano <laserrano@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 06, 2012 10:33 AM
To: Nhung Madrid
Cc: 'May Hasso'
Subject: Comments on Sharrows

Dear Mr. Madrid,

I was very disappointed to receive the City's letter about the potential installation of a bike lane on Pacific Avenue. My family and I are vehemently opposed to this project. We live in a residential neighborhood and want to maintain it like that. A bike lane through our street would change the residential feel of the street and transform it onto a pass through street. It would increase the traffic of people and cyclists and would make the street less safe for residents. Please let us keep our street neighborly and safe for our children by dropping this project. Please call me on my cell if you have any questions (310-666-9435)

Thank you very much for your attention.

Luis A. Serrano
Trustee, Serrano Family Trust

P.S. By the way, I am originally from Madrid, Spain so I really like your last name. I hope that you are Real Madrid supporter!

Nhung Madrid

From: Ron Howell <ronghowell@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 06, 2012 3:10 PM
To: Nhung Madrid
Cc: Jo
Subject: Bike Lane/Sharrows on Pacific Ave

I generally support facilitating the use of bicycles for transportation and exercise. However, I believe the city must recognize and manage safety issues for bikers on Pacific Avenue between MB Blvd. and 5th Street.

1. Many properties on the west side of Pacific Ave. have garages that are somewhat below street level. A vehicle parked on the west side of the street near the driveway access of these properties obscures visibility of the street from the driveway and of the driveway from the street. The higher the parked vehicle, the more restricted the visibility. Increased bicycle traffic pushed closer to the parked vehicles has produced several near collisions between bikers and residents exiting driveways.

2. The Pacific Ave./8th Street intersection is a 4 way stop. West and south bound traffic is downhill. There is a tendency for a small but significant portion of car traffic not to come to a complete stop at the downhill corners. Coupled with a tendency of many bikers to ignore stop signs (especially the "team" riders"), the Pacific Ave. bike route has increased the potential for a serious collision.

These conditions need to be addressed before additional implementation of the bike route.

Thanks for your attention.

Ron Howell
809 Pacific Ave.
(sent via iPhone)

Nhung Madrid

From: noddings1@netzero.net
Sent: Thursday, December 06, 2012 6:44 PM
To: List - PPIC
Subject: "sharrows"

Hermosa sharrows work. Their signs indicating bikes have a right to be on the road also help. Is mb going to be a Hermosa or a El Segundo the only city in the nation who has decreased their bike lanes.
C Noddings a bike commuter, mb to es everyday

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