

**Solana Beach Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, 9 January 2012**

Attendees:

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Prior to the meeting there was a short walk along Stevens Avenue with Kathleen Ferrier from WalkSanDiego to discuss ways to improve this corridor which is probably one of the most highly used pedestrian routes in Solana Beach.

**WalkSanDiego**

The meeting started with a presentation by Kathleen Ferrier from [WalkSanDiego](http://WalkSanDiego.org). WalkSanDiego promotes walking in the San Diego region. Kathleen talked about the 3-4-50 awareness program where three lifestyle choices: lack exercise, poor diet, and tobacco use, leads to four diseases: cancer, diabetes, heart disease and asthma, which collectively lead to 50% of the deaths nationwide. In San Diego the number of deaths from those four diseases approaches 57%. There are five ingredients to a walkable community 1) good wide sidewalks with a buffer of trees next to the street, 2) safer crossings with curb extensions to shorten the crossing distance and refuges in the center of wider streets, 3) traffic calming (roundabouts, road diets) to increase safety and beauty, 4) good destinations that invite people to walk. WalkSanDiego partners with city to get grants for Safe Routes to Schools funding (federal and state sources). Safe Routes to Schools is about education, encouragement, enforcement, engineering, evaluation, and empowerment. Kathleen gave examples of initiatives in Chula Vista and Lakeside. Some of the programs include Walk on Wednesday (WOW) and walking school buses. Karl Rudnick suggested we call our program BOW WOW (Bike on Wednesday, Walk on Wednesday). The next round of Safe Routes to Schools funding has an application due date in March. More information is available at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/sr2s.htm>

WalkSanDiego has radar guns available should we want study traffic patterns in Solana Beach. Kathleen distributed materials to the group on rating walkability in the community.

### **San Diego County Bicycle Coalition**

Andy Handshaw, Executive Director of the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition, attended the meeting and spent a few minutes talking about the coalition's mission to get more people out on bikes through advocacy and training. He mentioned that Revolution Bike Shop in Solana Beach was hosting an Urban Cycling class at 10 AM on Sunday 15 Jan.

### **Pedestrian Issues in Santa Fe Hills**

Cheryl Alden brought to the committee's attention a couple of safety concerns she had in Santa Fe Hills. The first was the on-going work by Santa Fe Irrigation on Santa Carina near Santa Rosita which required pedestrians to enter the street since the sidewalk on the west side was torn up. This work has been in process for months. There is a lot of loose asphalt gravel, which can make someone lose their footing. There was discussion about who to raise the issue with, whether it was a city issue, or something to take up with Santa Fe Irrigation.

Cheryl also raised the need for a crosswalk at Santa Helena and Santa Rosita. She said she had contacted the city about this and was told that there was one at Santa Helena and Santa Victoria and it was the city's policy to only put them every 300 ft.

### **Solana Beach Corporate Center**

Douglas Alden mentioned that at the city council meeting on Wednesday, 11 January 2012 the council would be having a public hearing about a construction project at the Solana Beach Corporate Center, which is owned by American Assets. The staff report for the meeting listed traffic calming that would be happening on San Rodolfo. Douglas talked about the need for sharrows on San Rodolfo, bicycle lanes on Stevens, signals at San Rodolfo and Stevens that favored pedestrians with a head start, and signals at the same intersection that would trigger for bicyclists. He encouraged the committee to contact the city council and city staff with these recommendations. He would also be attending the city council meeting and speaking on behalf of the committee.

### **Solana Beach Bicycle Infrastructure Mapping Project**

Douglas showed off the start of the Solana Beach Bicycle Infrastructure Mapping Project. This is an effort to use Google Maps to survey bike infrastructure in the community and provide a map highlighting bike routes, bike racks, and bike shops. It would also be a useful tool for determining where infrastructure is lacking. Karl Rudnick suggested that interested parties should meet as soon as possible to start documenting the city.