



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: February 3, 2022

From: Karen Kinser, Deputy Director of Public Works

Subject: CSSC 2021 Accomplishments & 2022 Work Plan

Community Goal/Result

Safe Community - Residents and visitors will experience a sense of safety

Community Building - Brisbane will honor the rich diversity of our city (residents, organizations, businesses) through community engagement and participation

Purpose

To review prior year's accomplishments and next year's goals for the Complete Streets Safety Committee (CSSC), a Council-appointed citizen advisory committee.

Recommendation

Receive CSSC's 2021 Report of Accomplishments and approve the 2022 Work Plan.

Background

Council liaisons met with CSSC in October of 2021. The group discussed the status of the 2021 work plan, and in particular Parking subcommittee's proposal. Council liaisons provided initial feedback on the parking proposal and strongly suggested that the full committee work together on substantial issues versus by subcommittee on many smaller issues.

Discussion

At their regular December and January meetings, committee members discussed their desires for 2022's Work Plan. CSSC wishes to receive Council feedback on priorities.

Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact

Measure of Success

CSSC has a blueprint for their endeavors for 2022.

Attachments

1. CSSC 2021 Report of Accomplishments
2. 2022 CSSC Work Plan

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Randy Breault, Public Works Director

Clay Holstine, City Manager

2021 COMPLETE STREETS SAFETY COMMITTEE
REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2013, the City Council established the Complete Streets Safety Committee (CSSC) as an advisory body to recommend policies and programs related to safety and circulation of all modes of travel, including pedestrians, bicycles, and motorists. Work items may be referred to them by the City Council, the City Manager, the Director of Public Works or the Chief of Police. The Committee has worked with staff on a wide array of issues generally following an annual work plan. Below is a summary of the work staff and the Committee has undertaken during calendar year 2021.

Study extension of Pedestrian Routes beyond initial study area – CSSC reviewed existing utility easements for potential walkways and developed a priority list. Staff submitted an application for TDA Article 3 funds for the Walkway from San Benito to Alvarado, and CSSC provided a letter of support.

Develop education/outreach to schools and the public regarding Pedestrian Routes to Schools – CSSC reviewed and provided comments on staff-prepared outreach materials, which were shared with and promoted to the Brisbane School District at the start of the school year.

Review existing shuttle service and evaluate opportunities for improving service and amenities at stops – CSSC reviewed usage information and prioritized locations for benches and shelters based on funding available through Measure M. Staff is proceeding with identified improvements at two locations.

Study sightlines/safety at specific intersections (Alvarado/San Bruno, Klamath/Sierra Point, Monterey/San Bruno, Tulare/San Bruno, Thomas/San Bruno) and offer enhancement recommendations (carried over from prior year) – The Committee has reviewed and made recommendations for each of these intersections, and staff has worked to implement them as operating budget funds become available. Many of the locations were found to benefit from the installation of a convex mirror and in some cases additional signage. The Committee and staff were sensitive to the elimination of street parking.

Review improvements to the San Bruno/Bayshore intersection for safety – With the Committee's recommendation and Council's review and input, a determination was made to eliminate left turns from EB San Bruno Ave to NB Bayshore, and to eliminate all U-turns for both NB and SB Bayshore at San Bruno. Improvements were installed and public outreach was conducted. CSSC members spent time both reviewing this issue in the field and conducting outreach efforts to other residents.

Review bicycle safety issues on Old County – Upon review, CSSC recommended Share the Road signs, which were installed. The Committee also recommended Sharrows painted on the pavement. Due to ongoing concerns about safety and visibility at the uncontrolled crossing from the Community Park to the Brisbane Village, staff further prepared a proposed new striping plan which incorporates a loading zone on the east side of the street, parking and bicycle lanes. The CSSC subcommittee reviewed and is in support of the striping plan. Staff will implement the changes with the next pavement maintenance project on Old County Road.

Consider opportunities to enhance emergency vehicle ingress and resident egress on Tulare – The committee has reviewed a plan developed by staff that requires cooperation from neighbors to use private property to turn fire engines around at the end of the street. No new plan (with the exception of a future development being conditioned to connect Tulare to Santa Clara/San Francisco) has been developed. This item is on hold.

Receive and comment on Baylands transportation circulation plans or proposals referred by Director of Public Works or City Manager – Staff, with support from CSSC, prepared robust comments on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Specific Plan EIR.

Bayshore bike lane at 426A Hwy 101 off ramp – The Committee considered requests made at their meetings by bicycle advocates and suggested interim improvements for striping and signage, for which Brisbane and SSF staff are coordinating the implementation with operating budget funds. Staff also provided a letter to the project sponsor for the US 101 HOV Auxiliary Lanes project (Caltrans) in response to the NOP, and we noted that if the selected project requires the realignment of Exit 426A exit ramp/flyover, then the new join point with Bayshore Boulevard should be designed in accordance with Caltrans standards for bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. The bicycle advocates did also suggest improvements such as a bicycle-only path connecting Sister Cities Boulevard to Bayshore Boulevard by an undercrossing of Exit 426A join with Bayshore, and also suggested the possibility of a cycletrack on the west side of Bayshore Boulevard, with required east-west crossings of Bayshore. Due to the inordinate cost-benefit of these improvements, staff does not intend to advance these suggestions as CIP projects.

Mission Blue speeding issues – The Mission Blue Traffic Calming subcommittee reviewed a proposed traffic-calming plan at Mission Blue Drive intersection with Checkerspot Drive. The subcommittee initially recommended stop signs on Mission Blue (creating a 3-way stop at this location) and/or speed bumps to be installed. Staff determined that the use of stop signs is not a best traffic engineering practice to control traffic speed (and especially not to stop traffic on a roadway designated as a Major Collector to allow traffic from a Local roadway to join) and noted that speed bumps are contraindicated on vertical roadway curves and create challenges for emergency vehicles and contribute to 24-hour local ambient noise level increases. Staff will implement the plan providing traffic calming with a “road diet” for Mission Blue Dr., as shared with the subcommittee, with operating budget funds.

Parking in Central Brisbane – Committee members reviewed and studied parking challenges in Central Brisbane in response to community requests. Members and staff collected parking data on six randomly selected blocks and found that in the evening, street parking was full on all sample streets. Members reviewed a community survey that received over three hundred responses, with the majority of responses indicating that they wished that the city take action to improve parking conditions. From the data, discussions, and detailed survey responses, committee members prepared a three-step plan to improve parking, with review and data collection after each step. Staff will bring the recommendations to Council at an upcoming meeting.

Complete Streets Safety Committee

Draft 2022 Work Plan ideas

(for input on priorities and amount that can be accomplished)

1. Review parking issues in Central Brisbane and develop recommendations.
2. Investigation of potential for one-way streets - Mariposa and Monterey between Visitacion and Solano. (referred by Director of Public Works)
3. Emergency vehicle access on all city streets for fire safety. (referred by Director of Public Works)
4. Speeding on streets in the Northeast Ridge
5. Review SB43 regarding local speed limits
6. Improving bike lanes and initiative encouraging bicycling
7. Review existing shuttle service and evaluate opportunities for improving service to and from Sierra Point
8. Receive and comment on Baylands transportation circulation plans or other proposals referred by Director of Public Works or City Manager