



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

**TO:** Parking and Public Improvements Commission

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**DATE:** April 28, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Presentation on South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive and file.

**BACKGROUND:**

The South Bay Bicycle Master Plan is an initiative fostered by the South Bay Bicycle Coalition and managed by the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition. The initiative, funded by the RENEW grant through the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, will result in a proposal of regionally connected bikeways, a bikeway signage plan and associated policies throughout seven cities in the South Bay: El Segundo, Gardena, Hermosa Beach, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach and Torrance. The plan's main objective is to create an environment that encourages bicycling as a regularly used form of transportation and supports obesity prevention through an active transportation culture. As such, the main focus of the plan is providing regional connectivity between the seven cities and connectivity of this sub-region to the Greater Los Angeles area.

**DISCUSSION:**

To accomplish these objectives, the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan team has been working with staff to review the City's existing bike master plan, current bike routes, bicycle facilities, traffic engineering guidelines, proposed bike routes, and bicycle destinations throughout Manhattan Beach. Any changes to this plan will be proposed through the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan. The final master plan document will include a list of prioritized bike facilities that will be identified in partnership with city staff and based on the connectivity and efficiency they provide.

This two-year planning process will culminate in March of 2012. To date, bike count studies and user surveys have been conducted, and the first of two rounds of community workshops have been hosted. This first round of workshops occurred in January, where public input was gathered at one workshop in each of the seven cities. The input gathered will act as the cornerstone in the development of the draft South Bay Bicycle Master Plan. A draft is expected in May of 2011, at which time it will be presented to city staff and then the public at a second round of open-house style workshops. Revisions to the draft plan will be made after the community workshops. It is anticipated that the plan will be brought before the appropriate Commissions in each city beginning in June or July. Council hearings are anticipated to extend into early Fall. After plan adoption, Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition staff will work with city staff on initial

implementation through March of 2012. Marissa Christiansen, South Bay Initiative Director for the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition will be present at tonight's meeting to provide the Commission with a presentation.