TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING December 18, 2007

Denotes Action Item

Attendees: Adam Krivatsy, Marianne Dolan, Michael Rex, Bonnie MacGregor and Herb Weiner and Paul Albritton following City Council Meeting.

Pathways:

Adam K. and Michael gave a summary of the walkabout that took place on Dec. 15. The walkers were Adam Krivatsy, Michael Rex, Christian Lemon, Jennifer Brooke and baby stroller, and Michael's dog. The trip began at the Sausalito Ferry Landing and ended at Napa Street.

- *The remainder of the pathways walkabout will take place on January 5. All will meet at Michael Rex's office, Bridgeway and Napa Streets at 9:00 a.m.
- -Michael explained there are several plans for parking lots.
- -Gabrielle Park might expand in size.
- -Parking spots can be reclaimed in Lot 2 by filling in the area between the current water edge behind the lockers.
- -Another possibility is to relocate 1 row of parking east of where the buses currently park to link with a path Madden's boardwalk with Gabrielson Park. It is recommended to put a Water Taxi stop at the stairs near Gabrielson Park.
- -Path continues towards The Spinnaker and to the Belvedere lookout at the NW end of The Spinnaker.
- -Paint crosswalk stripes around the travel lift south of "A" Dock to link the two ends of the path there. City estimates it will cost around \$3 million to redo the bulkhead which is badly dry rotted. It would add to the waterfront.
- -Hardscape along the boardwalk NW bound could be broken up with areas of crushed granite or planting.
- -Improve end of Johnson and Pelican Harbor connection. Establish "No Parking" zone at end of parking by Pelican Harbor Marina Office. Boardwalk stops at Arks. It could be continued on in front of the Northpoint Coffee Shop and Paradise Bay.
- *-Look at Gossage Plan to see if the City is looking at putting a path along the water front around the Marine Ways building.
- -Path jogs at the connection between Gossage and the Police Department area maybe it should run straight.
- -A light foot bridge could be placed across the small lagoon between Police Station and Dunphy Park.
- *Look at April Phillips' and Gordon Sweeney's proposed plans for Dunphy Park.
- -Determine how to have Sausalito contribute \$500 towards Jennifer's students efforts on plotting and mapping the pathways along the waterfront.

Obtaining non-motorized \$ is not as simple as we thought. The policy is to increase capacity, not simply repair. We may want to direct funds from the STEPS to integrate for access to the waterfront.

*Adam K. will send an e-mail to Paul Albritton with some wording to use: 1) Fill in the gaps, 2) create new pedestrian pathway opportunities along the shoreline.

Trollevs:

Michael presented a PowerPoint show, The History of Rail in Marin. We have a history of rail that is over 100 years old and many of the right-of-ways are still available as well as a tunnel or two. The rail has always moved people to and from the waterfront.

When the GG bridge opened in 1937, the demise of rail began. By 1941 the trolley was gone and 1958 was the last of trains. Our heritage is the rail and a researcher back in 1912 proposed an electric streetcar from Fairfax to San Rafael for \$80,000, including the cost of the streetcars and car barn!

^{*}When we put a presentation together, include more local photos.

If Washington sees trolleys as a way of alleviating traffic, it could be a role model for the Nation.

*Marin Link is getting two students from Dominican College to assist us with tasks.

Michael informed us of the excitement over his and Alan Nichol's trolley presentation to the Fairfax city council. They have set aside Jan. 19 as the day to plan how to "make it happen".

Peter Breen of San Anselmo city council and who is a member of TAM and SMART is also very excited about the trolley. He has called a meeting to strategize. Michael is working closely with him and others. San Anselmo wants a new vision for their downtown. He is also working with some of the property owners and developers to form planning teams.

Michael met this week with David Parisi, the transportation planner hired by Mill Valley. They signed a \$100 K contract for his services to traffic, parking & street scape planning for Miller Avenue, as well as consult on Mill Valley's Circulation Element in their General Plan. Michael and Allan Nichol will work with David to insure proposed street improvements will not preclude a trolley line. A survey of Miller Ave. will locate property lines, underground utilities and man hole covers, the locations of which is necessary for planning a trolley.

We will get input from professional streetcar planners to help resolve details associated with a trolley line along Bridgeway, especially how loading areas coordinate with wheelchairs and bicycles.

Shuttles:

Herb and Michael met with Pierre from the Cavallo Point Conference Center at Fort Baker, who as a condition of approval, must fund a new shuttle service between Fort Baker and Sausalito. The Cavallo Point Conference center will not operate the shuttle, however. The Park Service will contract with a private operator. Herb proposes that the Park Service contract with the City of Sausalito, building on the Sally shuttle system already in place. Herb has proposed this idea to Steve Kasierski from the GGNRA who is responsible for Fort Baker's planning.

The fueling station could be placed at the Bayside School property, because they have a compressed gas fueled bus that could use the station as well.

*January 9 is the executive committee meeting of TAM. It is open to the public. Subject is 'What will be in the county's southern Marin transit \$250 K study? Michael will attend to encourage that trolleys be considered as an east/west link to the 101 regional transportation corridor.

*January 24, the TAM board meets to consider the proposed study during a public hearing. Michael will speak.

The Marin County Bicycle Coalition must be a part of what we are doing We need to agree on what will become of the Alto tunnel between Mill Valley and Corte Madera – only bicycle, only trolley, or wide enough for both?

Water Taxi:

The GG Bridge Authority wants to expand the dock at Sausalito to accommodate 2 ferries at the same time, either end to end or one on either side. SHIP representatives have met with them to explore sharing the GG Ferry Landing with a water taxi. They reviewed their downtown harbor concept with GGBD & BCDC officials and no one said no as yet.

Downtown:

It was recommended to SHIP at the last Downtown Committee meeting that they should slow down and become more of a part of the City's Imagine Sausalito downtown visioning process. Stop showing only one idea and work more closely with the public, exploring options and weighing the pros and cons of various solutions to enliven the harbor and create more opportunities for the boating public to come to shore. They will take this suggestion back to their group for discussion.

Next Meeting:

*The next Transportation Committee meeting will be held on Jan 16 at City Hall at 6:30 pm. The room to be determined later.

We are requesting a full attendance of the committee for this meeting. We have some great projects that need expertise to assist in accomplishing. The input of all is very important. If you know persons who have special skills with regard to researching, planning, working with public entities, etc., please bring them to the meeting.