

## STAFF REPORT

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**  
**FROM: KATHY PETKER, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR**  
**SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUATION OF ADOPTING THE BICYCLE MASTER PLAN**

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### BACKGROUND

At its November 15, 2010 City Council meeting, the City Council continued the Public Hearing to January 3, 2011 to consider adopting the Bicycle Master Plan.

At its June 21, 2010 City Council meeting, the Council appropriated \$14,400 to complete the Bicycle Master Plan (BMP) to promote bicycling as a viable transportation choice and enable the City to apply for certain grants for creating improved bicycle facilities within the City of Grover Beach. The City had been awarded a grant by Caltrans in order to complete the plan. The City entered into an Agreement with *firma* who completed the BMP as well as prepared the Initial Study (IS) and, based on the results of the IS, prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The IS/Mitigated Negative Declaration was circulated in early July 2010. The BMP and IS/Mitigated Negative Declaration are attached and available in the City Management and Parks and Recreation Department offices, and posted on the City's web site at <http://www.grover.org> for review.

### DISCUSSION

Numerous agencies, groups and individuals reviewed the draft Plan and provided recommended changes; most of which have been incorporated into the final document.

#### Highlights of Implemented Changes

- The use of "should" and "shall" as they pertained to policies and implementation measures were modified to strengthen the document;
- The policy relating to children under 12 riding on sidewalks was removed;
- Changes were made to the classifications along Oak Park Boulevard;
- Bikeway extensions that extended outside the City were included;

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#### APPROVED FOR FORWARDING



**ROBERT PERRAULT**  
**CITY MANAGER**

#### Please Review for the Possibility of a Potential Conflict of Interest:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Shoals                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Molnar   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nicolls                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Peterson |

- Changes were made to the classification along Newport Avenue;

#### Per the Mayor's Review

Following the Council meeting, the Mayor further reviewed the document and made the following suggestions:

- Figure 6 was simplified to refer to the classifications in three colors, one for each class: Class I- red dots; Class II – purple line; Class III – green line and was changed to a Implementation Plan;
- An additional map, Figure 7, was created to show the ultimate goal of a completed system Plan.
- Minor language changes to strengthen the document.

#### San Luis Obispo Council of Governments

- Two requirements from SLOCOG were added to the Plan: 1) Estimated number of future cyclists; and 2) Identifying existing bicycle parking locations on the map.

#### Purpose

The BMP is designed to plan for easy access to bikeways, and better connectivity throughout the City. The bikeways are proposed to link neighborhoods to schools, commercial areas and employment centers. They are also proposed in locations that facilitate recreational riding within the City and connections to regional bicycling routes.

#### Public Participation

Over the last six months, to ensure public participation and input, two public meetings were held which included Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Commission (PRBC) and Planning Commission (PC). The meetings were promoted through press releases and the City's website. Also, local bicycle groups and businesses were notified and participated.

Adoption of the BMP will fulfill requirements for Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) fund eligibility for development of new bike lanes and bicycle facility improvements, and provide a strong foundation for trail, sidewalk improvement, and beach access funding in the future.

The Bicycle Transportation Account, managed by the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) for the County of San Luis Obispo, has approximately \$7 million available statewide each year. BTA fund applications require an adopted BMP. Once adopted, the BMP would make the City eligible for BTA funding for the next five years. The Plan includes specific information outlined in the Streets and Highways Code Section 891.2 enabling its use for grant application funding.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

The City Council has the following alternatives to consider:

1. Receive public testimony, and adopt the Resolutions recommending that the City Council adopt the City of Grover Beach Bicycle Master Plan and approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration by Resolution.
2. Provide alternate direction to staff.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

It is recommended that the City Council receive public testimony, adopt the Resolution approving the Mitigated Negative Declaration and adopt the Resolution adopting the City of Grover Beach Bicycle Master Plan.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The City has been reimbursed for 90% of the costs from the Caltrans grant that was awarded to complete the BMP study. The City will be reimbursed the remaining 10% once the Plan is adopted. No additional costs will be incurred.

### **PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**

The agenda was posted in accordance with the Brown Act.

The original Public Hearing Notice was advertised in The Tribune newspaper on Friday, November 5, 2010. A notice of continued Public Hearing was posted on Tuesday, November 16, 2010.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1	Resolution to Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration
Attachment 2	Resolution Approving the Bicycle Master Plan
Attachment 3	City of Grover Beach Bicycle Master Plan
Attachment 4	Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration

RESOLUTION NO. 11-

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
GROVER BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR THE BICYCLE MASTER PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Bicycle Master Plan is consistent with the State Streets and Highways Code criteria and complies with the California Bicycle Transportation Act, Section 890-894.2; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bicycle Master Plan includes goals, policies, and actions to guide implementation of bikeway improvements and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bicycle Master Plan includes bikeway maps identifying new and improved bikeway facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bicycle Master Plan includes a bicycle project improvement list, costs estimates of the improvements, and a list of potential funding sources; and

**WHEREAS**, an Initial Study was prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to evaluate whether this project would result in environmental impacts, and the City has determined that the Bicycle Master Plan will not result in significant environmental impacts, and may also result in beneficial impacts as a result of reducing vehicle miles traveled; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Statutes and Guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the City's Procedures for Implementing CEQA, an Initial Study and a Draft Negative Declaration were prepared and circulated for public review and comment; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Notice of the proposed Draft Negative Declaration was posted as required by Section 21092 of the Public Resources Code; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was conducted by the City Council on November 15, 2010 and January 3, 2011 to consider the Initial Study and the proposed Negative Declaration prepared for the proposed project, and to accept public testimony on the Bicycle Master Plan and environmental determination; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the information and analysis contained in the Initial Study prepared for this project and testimony received as a result of the public notice, the City Council finds that there is no substantial evidence that there would be a significant impact on the environmental as a result of implementation of the Bicycle Master Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, based on its independent judgment, that it does hereby adopt a Negative Declaration for the Bicycle Master Plan in accordance with the Statutes and Guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the City's Procedures for Implementing CEQA.

On motion by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, and on the following roll-call vote, to wit:

AYES: Council Member -  
NOES: Council Members -  
ABSENT: Council Members -  
ABSTAIN: Council Members -

the foregoing Resolution was **PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** at the Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2011.

  
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JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Grover Beach hereby adopts the Bicycle Master Plan.

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