

**CITY OF DANA POINT**  
**AGENDA REPORT**

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**DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2006**

**TO: CITY MANAGER/CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM BRAD FOWLER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**SUBJECT: TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT RECOMMENDING OPTIONAL BICYCLE USE OF THE PROTECTED TRAVELWAY ON COAST HIGHWAY BETWEEN PALISADES DRIVE AND CAMINO CAPISTRANO**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

That the City Council (1) receive the subject report regarding optional bicycle use of the protected bicycle and pedestrian travel way on Coast Highway between Camino Capistrano and Palisades, and establish that all provisions of the California Vehicle Code related to said use shall be enforced.

**ISSUES:**

Acceptance of the Traffic Improvement Subcommittee recommendation without further action will allow cyclists to use, at their option, either the Coast Highway shoulder or the new protected bicycle and pedestrian travel way.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City Council authorized installation of a protected bicycle and pedestrian travel way on Coast Highway between Palisades Drive and Camino Capistrano at the May 24, 2006 meeting.

The City Council reviewed an ordinance that would require bicyclists use the protected bicycle and pedestrian travelway and held a first reading of that ordinance on August 23, 2006, to restrict roadway use for bicycles and pedestrians to the protected travelway only.

Once the ordinance was introduced, the City received a tremendous amount of input from the bicycle community, primarily asking that the protected travelway be an optional trail and that the roadway remain open to use by bicycles. The California Association of Bicycle Organizations (CABO) provided additional information concerning bicycle travel

to the City and argued that many bicyclists would prefer to continue travelling along Coast Highway. CABO also argued that the City could not legally prohibit bicyclists from travelling along Coast Highway or mandate use of the protected bicycle pathway. The City Council was originally scheduled to consider adoption of the ordinance (second reading) on September 13, 2006, but due to the amount of input on the proposed restriction, the City Council asked the Traffic Improvement Subcommittee to evaluate the proposed restriction and receive public testimony. CABO argued at the Traffic Subcommittee hearing that bicycle travel on both Coast Highway and within the protected bicycle pathway was safe.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Traffic Improvement Subcommittee considered the item on September 20, 2006, received public testimony, and made the following recommendations:

1. The protected travelway remain an optional use trail for bicyclists and allow bicyclists to utilize the roadway shoulders if they desire. With that recommendation, the Subcommittee further clarified that all sections of the California Vehicle Code related to pedestrians and bicyclists be enforced.
2. Evaluate opportunities to improve signage so drivers know that bicyclists may be using Coast Highway, such as "Share the Road" signage.
3. Direct staff to return to the City Council to report the recommendation in lieu of adopting the restrictive ordinance.

Staff wanted to clarify that pedestrians will be required to use the new protected travelway pursuant to Section 21966 of the California Vehicle Code which reads as follows:

#### **Section 21966 – California Vehicle Code**

*No pedestrian shall proceed along a bicycle path or lane where there is an adjacent adequate pedestrian facility.*

If the City Council agrees to allow the protected travelway to be an optional trail to bicyclists, and that pedestrians must use the new travelway, no further Council action is required for this to occur. State law will continue to govern Coast Highway and the protected bicycle pathway.

### **NOTIFICATION/FOLLOW-UP:**

City of San Clemente

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Minor fiscal impact to install additional signage.

**ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS:**

1. As Council may direct.

**ACTION DOCUMENT:**

**Page No.**

None

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENT:**

None