

LABAC General Mtg

Transcript

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The LABAC General Meeting faced a shortage of quorum, delaying official business. Michael Schneider provided updates on the HLA draft standard elements guide, urging public comment on February 13. He highlighted Streets for All's election successes and ongoing projects, including the Bona Creek bike path extension, which may receive regional funds. Kevin Burton discussed the need for better bicycle infrastructure and emergency evacuation plans, emphasizing the importance of alternative transportation. Elliott from LADOT provided updates on the Northfield gap project, noting construction delays and ongoing outreach efforts. The meeting also touched on the LA River equestrian bike path and Sepulveda basin bike path, with further discussion planned.

Action Items

- [] Follow up with City of LA staff on the status of the planned crossing at La Cienega and Rosewood.
- [] Advise community members to have alternative evacuation plans, such as using bicycles, during emergencies.
- [] Attend the virtual opportunity to provide feedback on the HLA draft standard elements guide on Thursday, February 13 at 6pm.

Outline

Introductions and Meeting Kickoff

- Speaker 1 initiates the meeting, mentioning a delay due to assembling participants on Zoom.
- Speaker 1 calls the meeting to order, noting the shortage of quorum but requests to move forward with agenda items.
- Various participants introduce themselves, including Dan, Bridge, Rob Kadota, Jennifer Gill, Kevin Burton, Michael Schneider, Elliott, Eleanor, Quirino Cuesta, and Christophe.
- Speaker 1 confirms the lack of quorum and discusses the possibility of moving up agenda items.

Michael Schneider's Report on Streets for All

- Michael Schneider provides updates on the HLA joint Public Works transportation committee meeting scheduled for February 12.
- Michael discusses the City Planning's HLA draft standard elements guide, highlighting areas of concern such as shared bus and bike lanes and transit enhanced network requirements.
- Michael mentions the upcoming call to action for public comment on the HLA draft guide on February 13.
- Michael provides election updates, noting Streets for All's success in endorsing candidates in various cities and the current composition of the LA City Council.

State Legislative Updates

- Michael outlines various state legislative updates, including AD 3503, AD 3177, SB 960, SB 961, SB 1100, AB 1216, and SB 1271.
- He discusses the impact of these legislative changes on transportation projects and safety measures.
- Michael mentions the upcoming Happy Hour event featuring newly elected council member Bubba Fish.
- He provides updates on the county version of HLA and the progress of the campaign and ballot measure.

Local Project Updates

- Michael discusses the installation of a bike crossing on Clifton Way in Beverly Hills and the planned protected bike lanes on Venice Boulevard.
- He mentions the delay in the construction of a protected bike lane on Venice Boulevard due to a contract expiration.
- Michael provides an update on the Bona Creek bike path extension project, noting the high score it received and the potential funding gap.
- He expresses optimism about the project's progress and the possibility of it moving forward by summer.

Public Comment and Emergency Evacuation Discussion

- Kevin raises concerns about bicycle infrastructure along Rosewood Avenue and the need for better crossings at La Cienega Boulevard.
- Kevin discusses the challenges faced during the recent Sunset Fire evacuation and the importance of having alternative evacuation methods, such as bicycles.
- He emphasizes the need for public awareness and preparedness for emergency situations.
- Kevin shares his personal experience of using a bicycle during the evacuation and the benefits of having a preparedness kit.

LADOT and Vision Zero Updates

- Elliott from LADOT provides updates on the Northfield gap project, including the anticipated construction start date and the status of the settlement agreement with homeowners.
- Elliott mentions the departure of the project manager for the Central School Project and the ongoing search for a new manager.
- He discusses the need for more outreach and the potential for a presentation from the bike paths team to the BAC.
- Elliott addresses questions about the LA River way phase four path and the equestrian portion of the expansion.

Discussion on LA River and Sepulveda Basin Bike Paths

- Speaker 1 proposes a discussion on the LA River equestrian bike path and the Sepulveda LA River bike path.
- Michael Schneider is invited to present Streets for All's position on the proposed changes to the LA River bike path.
- Jill is asked to provide background information and any relevant motions or considerations from other entities.
- The discussion aims to address the potential impact of the proposed changes and the need for further review and input from stakeholders.