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A-4-SBC-21-0021 (CITY OF SANTA BARBARA)

June 11, 2021

CORRESPONDENCE

5/6/21

To: California Coastal Commission

From: Tom Becker

Subject: Public comment, Agenda item 10a, appeal A-4-SBC-21-0021, CCC meeting of 5/13/21

- 1- The proposed "Bike sharing" project entails placing privately owned bike rentals on taxpayer owned property in the coastal zone area of the City of Santa Barbara.
- 2- The proposed project will directly compete with established, private, for-profit bike rental businesses located in the coastal zone.
- 3- The proposed project will have an unfair competitive advantage over established bike rental businesses.
- 4- The proposed project has no apparent policy or plan to identify and differentiate recreational bike rentals and commuter bike rentals.
- 5- Every recreational bike rental in the coastal zone associated with the proposed project will take profits from established bike rental businesses located in the coastal zone.
- 6- The City of Santa Barbara Public Works has a history of submitting exaggerated and inflated bicycle statistics to state and federal agencies to obtain funding and/or approval of "alternative transportation" plans.
- 7- The city has no apparent policy or plan to accurately differentiate between commuter rentals and recreational rentals. This would allow the city to falsely claim recreational rentals as commuter rentals to state and federal agencies.
- 8- The company that has the permit for the project, BCycle, was sent a questionnaire on 5/3/21 concerning the above issues. As of the time this email was sent, BCycle has not responded to the questionnaire.
- 9- The appeal for the project's CDP should be found to have raised substantial issues related to the above issues, and a de novo hearing should be scheduled.

Thank you,

Tom Becker

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Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Coalition for Sustainable Transportation and the Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition, we would like to express our support for expanding the Bikeshare Pilot Program in the city of Santa Barbara. The pilot program has already been implemented with great success throughout the city and expanding into the coastal zone would serve to further enhance the scope of the project. The coastal zone is home to many hotels, restaurants, businesses, beaches and the train depot; as well as the harbor, ball fields and other important destinations. Bikeshare enables locals and visitors alike to have widespread access to the city but not yet to the aforementioned amenities in the coastal zone. Bikeshare poses no coastal access issues or ocean view impediments and since the coastal zone is a huge destination in Santa Barbara, it is crucial that the docks and kiosks are permitted to be installed there; and as this is a 3 year pilot program there will be room for modifications down the road. We hope that the Commission find that the appellant's contentions raise no substantial issue with regard to the approved project's consistency with the policies and provisions of the City's certified LCP and the public access policies of Coastal Act.

Thank you,
Melissa Cunningham and Heather Deutsch

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From: Nancy Mulholland [<mailto:nmulholland.sbbc@gmail.com>]
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Commissioners,

As a native Californian and longtime resident of the City of Santa Barbara, I am strongly supportive of both access for all residents and visitors to the coast and protection of the scenic resources that our coast provides for us all. I appreciate the Commission's ongoing work in ensuring both.

Today, I ask that the Commission find that **no substantial issues** exist in this appeal brought before you.

Specifically,

Access Issue: The proposed project does not restrict access to the coast. In fact it increases access for those who choose not to use a motor vehicle but rather a more sustainable alternative (combination of walking/bicycling) for that access. It does not remove any existing motor vehicle parking spaces. But rather in accordance with state and local sustainability goals, it reduces the need to develop additional vehicle parking and reduces vehicle miles traveled (VMT) to the coast for local residents.

Scenic Resources/Public Scenic Views Issue: Again, there is no substantial issue on this. I submit that a 44" high e-bike in a dock located anywhere in the "furniture" zone along Cabrillo Blvd obstructs scenic views less than the 66" to 107" high car or van that is currently permitted to be parked adjacent to that zone. In reality, from the inland side of the Cabrillo you will not be able to see the docked bikes over most of the parked cars. From the coastal side of the street, the bikes will be docked inland of the beach sidewalk. There will be no visual obstruction from the docked ebikes.

On both of these appeal issues, I see no evidence of a substantial claim.

Thank you for your attention to my comments.

Nancy Mulholland

Resident of the City of Santa Barbara