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Re: Ocean Beach Community Feedback for Proposed DecoBike Station Locations

Tom and Angie:

The Ocean Beach Planning Board, Ocean Beach Town Council, Ocean Beach Mainstreet Association, and Ocean Beach Community Development Corporation have collected feedback from their constituents and compiled the following six feedback points regarding the proposed DecoBike station locations in OB. Please note that several exhibits are attached to illustrate the suggested locations.

1. Add a station at Robb Field, in the vicinity of West Point Loma Blvd and Bacon St.

Reason: This is a major activity center and also a connection point to the San Diego River Bike Path.

Specific Locations (See Exhibit 1): There are two possible locations on Bacon St, just north of the intersection with West Point Loma Blvd. They are both on public property:

- A. The parking lot on the northeast corner of Bacon St & West Point Loma Blvd.
- B. An empty area south of the adjacent baseball diamond, between the curb and the fence.

Station to be Relocated: We suggest station #114 (Santa Monica Av near Cable St), which is reportedly facing challenges due to the property owner's pending lease with CVS.

2. Add a station in South OB, in the vicinity of Point Loma Ave and Sunset Cliffs Blvd.

Reason: This is a major activity center as the gateway to Sunset Cliffs Natural Park, and it is also the terminus location for Bus Route 35. In addition, there are currently no stations proposed south of Newport Avenue, which effectively isolates half the community from the program.

Specific Locations (See Exhibit 2): Depending on feasibility:

- A. Intersection of Point Loma Ave & Sunset Cliffs Blvd. There is a private church parking lot on the southeast corner of this intersection that is immediately adjacent to the terminus of Bus Route 35.
- B. Intersection of Point Loma Ave & Ebers St. This location appears to have limited space available, but Ebers St is a marked bicycle route so this could be a good secondary location if the above location isn't feasible.

Station to be Relocated: We would prefer a new station, but if one must be relocated we suggest relocating #113 (Newport Av near Sunset Cliffs Blvd). See below for more discussion of #113.

3. If station #113 is not relocated to South OB (as described above), evaluate moving station #113 away from Sunset Cliffs Blvd and more toward Ebers St.

Reason: This segment of Sunset Cliffs Blvd is narrow, high-traffic and dangerous for bicycles. For this reason, the City has already marked Ebers St a parallel bike route. We would like to encourage cyclists to ride on Ebers St instead of Sunset Cliffs Blvd.

Specific Locations (See Exhibit 3): Depending on feasibility:

- A. The OB Recreation Center, located one block north at 4726 Santa Monica Ave, is a public facility with ample space available near Ebers St. It is also major activity center.
- B. Just east of the current location, on the same block of Newport Ave, is a baseball field at OB Elementary School. There appears to be room in the parkway area adjacent to the baseball field, between the sidewalk and the curb on Newport Avenue.

4. Conduct outreach in an attempt to retain station #112A, on Cable St near Newport Ave.

Reason: Station #112A is in a high-activity center in the middle of OB, and it is also the community's busiest bus stop (serving Bus Routes 35 and 923). This location represents OB's best opportunity for integration between bikes and transit.

Known Issues: The property owner has reported that he has not been contacted by DecoBike or City staff, and is not aware of some critical details of the program (lease revenue, trash and maintenance, etc.). This valuable station location will be lost unless outreach is conducted.

5. Add 1-2 additional stations along the Voltaire Street commercial district, near the intersections of Catalina Blvd and/or Chatsworth Blvd.

Reason: Voltaire Street is a designated bike route (Class 3) that is heavily used for entering and exiting OB, and these two intersections are both high-activity areas that are close to restaurants, stores, churches, a public library, and a high school.

Specific Locations:

- A. Point Loma Branch Library parking lot (public, 3701 Voltaire St near Poinsettia Dr)
- B. Stump's Marketplace parking lot (private, 3770 Voltaire St near Poinsettia Dr)
- C. 7-Eleven parking Lot (private, 4205 Voltaire St at Catalina Blvd)

6. There is unanimous support for proposed station locations #112 (Newport Ave near Abbott St) and #115 (Brighton Ave at Spray St).

We thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback and look forward to working together to make the DecoBike program a success in Ocean Beach. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Pete Ruscitti at ruscitti.obpb@sent.com or 619-737-2077.

Sincerely,

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Encl: Exhibits 1-3

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Exhibit 1: Proposed Station at Robb Field



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Exhibit 2: Proposed Station in South Ocean Beach



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Exhibit 3: Proposed Move of Station #113

