

**Chaparyan, Aram**

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**From:** Herbers, Sue  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2011 12:54 PM  
**To:** Chaparyan, Aram  
**Subject:** FW: South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

For your files.  
Sue

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**From:** Rhilinger, Susan  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 28, 2011 9:23 PM  
**To:** Herbers, Sue  
**Subject:** FW: South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

For the public record at our Aug 9th Transportation Committee mtg.

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**From:** Karen Rasch <raschacts@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 28, 2011 8:38 PM  
**To:** Rhilinger, Susan <SRhilinger@TorranceCA.gov>  
**Subject:** South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

Dear Ms. Rhilinger:

I understand that you have an opportunity to review the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan at an upcoming meeting. I am writing to strongly urge you to support the approval of this plan. The plan addresses the safety, environmental and connectivity issues our communities greatly need.

As a resident of Hawthorne, I can confidently say that I would ride my bike to Torrance's numerous amenities and spend more time in Torrance if there were improved bikeways, such as those being proposed by the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan. I'm excited to see a plan that actually provides connectivity across seven of the South Bay cities and applaud Torrance for participating in such a collaborative and effective effort. As a former resident of Marina del Rey (19 years), I have used the bike paths and routes for many years and would be very happy to see the environment become more cyclist-friendly. (I also completed two 100-mile bike rides - in Solvang and Santa Barbara.)

I encourage you to support the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan and look forward to a more bike-friendly future for Torrance!

Karen Rasch

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**From:** Rhilinger, Susan  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 28, 2011 9:25 PM  
**To:** Herbers, Sue  
**Subject:** FW: South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

Another form letter for the public record

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**From:** Margaret Wehbi <[mawehbi@gmail.com](mailto:mawehbi@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 28, 2011 8:32 PM  
**To:** Numark, Cliff <[CNumark@TorranceCA.gov](mailto:CNumark@TorranceCA.gov)>; Rhilinger, Susan <[SRhilinger@TorranceCA.gov](mailto:SRhilinger@TorranceCA.gov)>;  
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**Subject:** South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

Dear Traffic Commission and Transportation Committee Members,

I understand that you have an opportunity to review the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan at an upcoming meeting. I strongly urge you to support the approval of this plan. The plan addresses the safety, environmental and connectivity issues our communities greatly need.

As a resident of Hawthorne and a regular consumer in the city of Torrance, I can confidently say that I would ride my bike to Torrance's numerous amenities if there were improved bikeways, such as those being proposed by the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan. It would be exciting to see a plan that provides connectivity across seven of the South Bay cities. Please help make this plan a reality.

Sincerely,

Margaret Wehbi

8/1/2011

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**From:** Herbers, Sue  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2011 2:02 PM  
**To:** Chaparyan, Aram  
**Subject:** FW: Bicycle Master Plan

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**From:** Rhilinger, Susan  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2011 1:50 PM  
**To:** Herbers, Sue  
**Subject:** FW: Bicycle Master Plan

More public comment for Transportation Committee Meeting on 09 Aug.

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**From:** Jon Spallino <[jon.spallino@gmail.com](mailto:jon.spallino@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2011 10:29 AM  
**To:** Semaan, Ted <[TSEMAAN@TorranceCA.gov](mailto:TSEMAAN@TorranceCA.gov)>; Numark, Cliff <[CNumark@TorranceCA.gov](mailto:CNumark@TorranceCA.gov)>; Rhilinger, Susan <[SRhilinger@TorranceCA.gov](mailto:SRhilinger@TorranceCA.gov)>; Brewer, Tom <[TBrewer@TorranceCA.gov](mailto:TBrewer@TorranceCA.gov)>  
**Subject:** Bicycle Master Plan

Please approve the South Bay Master Plan! We need safer, more efficient cycling options in the South Bay.

Thanks for reading.

Jon Spallino  
427 Camino de Encanto - 90277

## Chaparyan, Aram

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**From:** Herbers, Sue  
**Sent:** Monday, August 01, 2011 8:31 AM  
**To:** Chaparyan, Aram  
**Subject:** FW: Support for South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

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**From:** Rhilinger, Susan  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 31, 2011 2:44 PM  
**To:** Herbers, Sue  
**Subject:** FW: Support for South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

More on the Bike Plan

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**From:** Ross Sherbak [[rosssherbak@gmail.com](mailto:rosssherbak@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 31, 2011 1:42 PM  
**To:** Semaan, Ted; Numark, Cliff; Rhilinger, Susan; Brewer, Tom  
**Subject:** Support for South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

Dear Transportation Committee Members,

I understand that you have an opportunity to review the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan at an upcoming meeting. I am writing to strongly urge you to support the approval of this plan. The plan addresses the safety, environmental and connectivity issues our communities greatly need.

As a resident of Manhattan Beach, I can confidently say that I would ride my bike to Torrance's numerous amenities and spend more time in Torrance if there were improved bikeways, such as those being proposed by the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan. I'm excited to see a plan that actually provides connectivity across seven of the South Bay cities and applaud Torrance for participating in such a collaborative and effective effort.

I encourage you to support the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan and look forward to a more bike-friendly future for Torrance!

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**To:** Chaparyan, Aram  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Rhilinger, Susan  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 31, 2011 2:43 PM  
**To:** Herbers, Sue  
**Subject:** FW: South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

Another E-mail for the public record.

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**From:** Brian & Frances [BrianFran@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 31, 2011 11:33 AM  
**To:** Numark, Cliff; Brewer, Tom; Rhilinger, Susan  
**Subject:** South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

I strongly support increasing the ability to safely navigate Torrance by bicycle. If the Master plan is fiscally reasonable, then Torrance would be a better place.

Brian Hill  
25yr Torrance resident

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**From:** Herbers, Sue  
**Sent:** Monday, August 01, 2011 8:30 AM  
**To:** Chaparyan, Aram  
**Subject:** FW: South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Rhilinger, Susan  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 31, 2011 11:13 AM  
**To:** Herbers, Sue  
**Subject:** FW: South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

Another for the public record.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Brian McCarthy <mccarthb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 30, 2011 11:12 PM  
**To:** Numark, Cliff <CNumark@TorranceCA.gov>; Rhilinger, Susan  
<SRhilinger@TorranceCA.gov>; Brewer, Tom <TBrewer@TorranceCA.gov>  
**Subject:** South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

Dear Transportation Committee Council Members,

I understand that you have an opportunity to review the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan at an upcoming meeting. I am writing to strongly urge you to support the approval of this plan. The plan addresses the safety, environmental and connectivity issues our communities greatly need.

As a resident of Gardena, I can confidently say that I would ride my bike to Torrance's numerous amenities and spend more time in Torrance if there were improved bikeways, such as those being proposed by the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan. I'm excited to see a plan that actually provides connectivity across seven of the South Bay cities and applaud Torrance for participating in such a collaborative and effective effort.

I encourage you to support the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan and look forward to a more bike-friendly future for Torrance!

Brian McCarthy  
2615 W 154th St  
Gardena, CA

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**From:** Herbers, Sue  
**Sent:** Monday, August 01, 2011 8:30 AM  
**To:** Chaparyan, Aram  
**Subject:** FW: transportation committee

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**From:** Rhilinger, Susan  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 31, 2011 11:10 AM  
**To:** Herbers, Sue  
**Subject:** FW: transportation committee

For the public record.

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**From:** Tara Unverzagt <[tara.unverzagt@verizon.net](mailto:tara.unverzagt@verizon.net)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 31, 2011 9:15 AM  
**To:** Rhilinger, Susan <[SRhilinger@TorranceCA.gov](mailto:SRhilinger@TorranceCA.gov)>  
**Subject:** transportation committee

Susan, I noticed that you're on the transportation committee that will be reviewing the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan soon. I'm so excited that our communities are designing a great integrated plan that will be so useful in keeping our population healthy and safe. I hope you will be supporting the plan and help give Torrance the opportunity to receive the additional funding to support the project. It would be great to see Torrance in my future issues of Bicycling magazine as a community that is on the forefront of safe bicycling.

Tara

ps Looking forward to seeing you at the next Library Foundation Meeting. Sounds like we'll be meeting soon.

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**From:** Herbers, Sue  
**Sent:** Monday, August 01, 2011 8:30 AM  
**To:** Chaparyan, Aram  
**Subject:** FW: Opportunity to save lives and improve our environment - bicycle master plan

For the record.

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**From:** Rhilinger, Susan  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 30, 2011 8:24 PM  
**To:** Herbers, Sue  
**Subject:** FW: Opportunity to save lives and improve our environment - bicycle master plan

Another e-mail re: Bike Plan

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**From:** Kaye Gagnon <[greenervoice@gmail.com](mailto:greenervoice@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 30, 2011 12:51 PM  
**To:** Semaan, Ted <[TSEMAAN@TorranceCA.gov](mailto:TSEMAAN@TorranceCA.gov)>; Numark, Cliff <[CNumark@TorranceCA.gov](mailto:CNumark@TorranceCA.gov)>; Brewer, Tom <[TBrewer@TorranceCA.gov](mailto:TBrewer@TorranceCA.gov)>; Rhilinger, Susan <[SRhilinger@TorranceCA.gov](mailto:SRhilinger@TorranceCA.gov)>  
**Cc:** Marissa Christiansen <[marissa@la-bike.org](mailto:marissa@la-bike.org)>  
**Subject:** Opportunity to save lives and improve our environment - bicycle master plan

To: Traffic Commission Staff Liaison: Ted Semaan; Transportation Committee Council  
Representatives: Cliff Numark; Susan Rhilinger; Tom Brewer

As the Mother of a bicyclist and the President of the environmental educational non-profit which will be hosting the 20th annual South Bay Earth Day Celebration in Manhattan Beach in 2012 I urge you to make the South Bay Master Bicycle Plan a reality. The accident rates for bicyclist in our south bay cities is simply not acceptable. Creating safe bike routes will help Torrance's economy and reduce car traffic, allowing us all to breath easier. I strongly encourage you to take personal ownership to make this a South Bay and LA success. Think Amsterdam as your benchmark.

I'm excited to see a plan that actually provides connectivity across seven of the South Bay

cities and applaud Torrance for participating in such a collaborative and effective effort.

I encourage you to support the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan and look forward to a more bike-friendly future for Torrance!

You are cordially invited to celebrate our 20th annual Earth Day celebration in Polliwog Park, April 28, 2012 in Polliwog Park.

Enjoy, Kaye Gagnon

<http://reeneroice.org><http://reeneroice.org>[reeneroice.org](http://reeneroice.org)

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**To:** Chaparyan, Aram  
**Subject:** FW: South Bay Bike Plan

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**From:** Rhilinger, Susan  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 30, 2011 8:24 AM  
**To:** Herbers, Sue  
**Subject:** FW: South Bay Bike Plan

Another for the public comment file

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**From:** david denio <davedenio@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 30, 2011 7:25 AM  
**To:** Semaan, Ted <TSEMAAN@TorranceCA.gov>; Numark, Cliff <CNumark@TorranceCA.gov>; Rhilinger, Susan <SRhilinger@TorranceCA.gov>; Brewer, Tom <TBrewer@TorranceCA.gov>  
**Cc:** marissa@la-bike.org <marissa@la-bike.org>  
**Subject:** South Bay Bike Plan

Dear Mr Semaan and Transportation Committee Council Representatives,

I am writing to you because I think it is important for our communities to work together to approve a unified cycling plan for our South Bay towns. With increased energy prices, pollution, and congestion, along with the general lack of cardiovascular health, I think that implementing a cycling infrastructure within our towns is a way of looking towards the future.

People take the path of least resistance. At this time that path is their automobiles. Cycling in the South Bay is dangerous and risky and if we remove these resistances by implementing the South Bay Bike Plan, it will allow our residents to choose the healthier way of life and the more responsible choice for the environment. It will

also build our community and encourage the interconnectedness between our South Bay towns.

Thank you for listening,

David Denio

Manhattan Beach

South Bay

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**From:** Herbers, Sue  
**Sent:** Monday, August 01, 2011 8:29 AM  
**To:** Chaparyan, Aram  
**Subject:** FW: please approve the plan--we love to bike here

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**From:** Rhilinger, Susan  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2011 8:36 PM  
**To:** Herbers, Sue  
**Subject:** FW: please approve the plan--we love to bike here

Input from a Torrance resident.

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**From:** [debbiedierks@netzero.com](mailto:debbiedierks@netzero.com) <[debbiedierks@netzero.com](mailto:debbiedierks@netzero.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2011 4:24 PM  
**To:** Brewer, Tom <[TBrewer@TorranceCA.gov](mailto:TBrewer@TorranceCA.gov)>; Rhilinger, Susan <[SRhilinger@TorranceCA.gov](mailto:SRhilinger@TorranceCA.gov)>; Numark, Cliff <[CNumark@TorranceCA.gov](mailto:CNumark@TorranceCA.gov)>; Semaan, Ted <[TSEMAAN@TorranceCA.gov](mailto:TSEMAAN@TorranceCA.gov)>  
**Subject:** please approve the plan--we love to bike here

Dear Ted, Cliff, Susan and Tom, (hey—those are names of people I recently voted for!)

When you review the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan soon, please approve it! We are avid cyclists, but we worry about taking our little toddlers out on the bike. You can help us feel more safe--the plan addresses the safety, environmental and connectivity issues our city so greatly needs and reflects the community's desires. If you approve of this plan the City will receive additional funding.

I am excited to see that Torrance has joined six other cities in this endeavor and am proud to be part of a community that is taking a necessary step forward. I hope that we can be an example to the other six communities by demonstrating enthusiasm and support for this unique and important effort!

Sincerely, Debbie Ostendorff (Torrance resident on Ladeene Ave).

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**From:** Herbers, Sue  
**Sent:** Monday, August 01, 2011 8:29 AM  
**To:** Chaparyan, Aram  
**Subject:** FW: Seven City Bike Master Plan

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**From:** Rhilinger, Susan  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2011 8:35 PM  
**To:** Herbers, Sue  
**Subject:** FW: Seven City Bike Master Plan

And more . . .

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**From:** Julian Katz <[juliank@msn.com](mailto:juliank@msn.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2011 4:57 PM  
**To:** Rhilinger, Susan <[SRhilinger@TorranceCA.gov](mailto:SRhilinger@TorranceCA.gov)>; Brewer, Tom <[TBrewer@TorranceCA.gov](mailto:TBrewer@TorranceCA.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Seven City Bike Master Plan

Sorry for the misspelling--- And for the loss of state in Tom's address.

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**From:** [juliank@msn.com](mailto:juliank@msn.com)  
**To:** [cnumark@torranceca.gov](mailto:cnumark@torranceca.gov); [srhiling@torrance.gov](mailto:srhiling@torrance.gov); [tbrewer@torrance.gov](mailto:tbrewer@torrance.gov)  
**Subject:** Seven City Bike Master Plan  
**Date:** Fri, 29 Jul 2011 16:48:04 -0700

Commissioners,

I understand that you have an opportunity to review the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan at a forthcoming meeting. I am writing to strongly urge you to support the approval of this plan. The plan addresses the safety, environmental and connectivity issues our communities greatly need.

As a resident of Hermosa Beach I frequently ride my bike to Torrance. In fact, I made two trips to the vicinity of the TMMC this week. I appreciate the efforts you have made in placing the current bikeways. I would spend more time in Torrance if there were improved bikeways, such as those being proposed by the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan. I'm excited to see a plan that actually provides connectivity across seven of the South Bay cities and applaud Torrance for participating in such a collaborative and effective effort.

I encourage you to support the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan and look forward to a more bike-friendly future for Torrance and our sister communities!

Julian Katz

Public Works Commissioner

Hermosa Beach

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**From:** Rhilinger, Susan  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2011 8:32 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

More public input

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**From:** nicholas george <[niko@nikoco.com](mailto:niko@nikoco.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2011 7:08 PM  
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**Subject:** South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

Dear Traffic Commission Staff Liaison: Ted Semaan, Transportation Committee Council Representatives: Cliff Numark, Susan Rhilinger, Tom Brewer,

I understand that you have an opportunity to review the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan at an upcoming meeting. I am writing to strongly urge you to support the approval of this plan. The plan addresses the safety, environmental and connectivity issues our communities greatly need.

As a resident of Hermosa Beach, I can confidently say that I would ride my bike to Torrance's numerous amenities and spend more time in Torrance if there were improved bikeways, such as those being proposed by the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan. I'm excited to see a plan that actually provides connectivity across seven of the South Bay cities and applaud Torrance for participating in such a collaborative and effective effort.

I encourage you to support the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan and look forward to a more bike-friendly future for Torrance!

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**From:** Rhilinger, Susan  
**Sent:** Monday, August 01, 2011 12:39 PM  
**To:** Chaparyan, Aram  
**Subject:** FW: South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

Another E-mail for the public record.

**From:** Matthew Delgado [matthewedelgado@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 31, 2011 11:36 PM  
**To:** Rhilinger, Susan  
**Subject:** South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

Dear Councilwoman Rhilinger,

I understand that you have an opportunity to review the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan at an upcoming meeting. As a life long resident of Torrance, I am writing to strongly urge you to support the approval of this plan in its entirety. The plan addresses the safety, environmental and connectivity issues our city so greatly needs and reflects the community's desires. I also am aware that approval of this plan will open up the City to additional funding, which seems imperative in these trying times.

I am excited to see that Torrance has joined six other cities in this endeavor and am proud to be part of a community that is taking a necessary step forward. I hope that we can be an example to the other six communities by demonstrating enthusiasm and support for this unique and important effort!

I cannot reiterate how beneficial it would be to adopt the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan. At Hickory Elementary School some 15 years ago, we had an event called the Bike Rodeo that increased our biking skills and our interest in bicycling. Because of the Bike Rodeo and the friendly bicycling attitudes promoted through Torrance schools, I and many of my school friends developed a heavy interest in bicycling. Aside from the many benefits that bicycling confers, I think we owe it, not only to ourselves but to future generations of Torrance citizens, to implement a comprehensive bicycle plan that facilitates and promotes a sustainable form of mobility. The adoption of the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan would only enhance our city's already great qualities and assets. The plan before you is everything that our city needs; I humbly ask as a citizen of Torrance that you support this plan for the good of our city.

Thank you for your time.

Matthew Delgado  
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Torrance, CA 90505  
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**From:** Rhilinger, Susan  
**Sent:** Monday, August 01, 2011 12:18 PM  
**To:** Chaparyan, Aram  
**Subject:** FW: Bicycle Masterplan - Traffic Commission 8/1/2011  
**Attachments:** Los\_Angeles\_County\_Bicycle\_Master\_Plan\_-\_Appendices -F20 class1.pdf; yacht club way07.PDF; bike\_path\_map\_printed.pdf; path\_details.doc

Last from this citizen

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**From:** Dean Francois <savethestrand@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 01, 2011 8:50 AM  
**To:** Semaan, Ted <TSEMAAN@TorranceCA.gov>  
**Subject:** Bicycle Masterplan - Traffic Commission 8/1/2011

SUBJ: Bicycle Masterplan - Traffic Commission 8/1/2011

Please have this email forwarded to the Traffic Commissioners, distributed at their August meeting, and received and filed for consideration on this agenda item.

Dear Commissioners:

I represent thousands of residents that want more bike paths in the south bay. We are people from all the Beach Cities, and a substantial number come from Torrance. We all want something safer for cyclists to be able to move around in the south bay. Under separate email, I am sending a petition with 387 people many of whom are Torrance residents.

We want a bike masterplan to succeed and support it as long as the masterplan is changed as a minimum to remove any designation of a bike path on one side of the street on Harbor Drive. This is the most important part of this masterplan. There are only a few recommendations for any class 1 paths and this is it. And this is important for the citizens of Torrance that use the strand and/or use one of the main east/west bike routes to the beach (190<sup>th</sup> street/Beryl to Harbor Drive). The cyclist using this route enter Harbor Drive and either head north or south to the beach bike paths. According to the masterplan you are reviewing, it is recommending a 2-way bike path on one side of the street. Can you image the dangers and confusing signals for cyclists to travel down Beryl Street and turn left or right across 4 lanes of traffic to get to a 2 way bike path on the west side of the street? This is what we want you to be aware of. And the Redondo Beach Public Works commission is not even scheduled to review this masterplan.

I have served 2 full terms of 8 years as a Redondo Beach Public Works Commissioner. Several years elected as chair . I have designed, developed and funded many bike ways including the North Redondo bike path which links up the bike lanes on Anza ave.

8/1/2011

## SUMMARY OF OUR RECOMENDATIONS TO THE MASTERPLAN

**Harbor Drive, RB - Remove the 2 way bike path** on one side of the street and instead improve and **remodel the bike lanes** (see the map attached, and key summary which is the path that we have been seeking).

**Add the design guidelines for bike paths** that was in the county masterplan (developed also by Alta Design) but is not in this one as it explains how paths are to be implemented (attached). This is important for the complete plan and adds no confusion about where class 1 paths should be built. It is good enough for the county, it is good enough for us.

Provide a detail **summary of all of the comments** that were received during the 1<sup>st</sup> round and/or prior to the release of the draft plan, AND those received after release of the draft plan. This is only fair for you to see in order to make a recommendation on this plan. It is required if you were doing an EIR and if this masterplan is to be used by cities as an exemption from an EIR for projects it would be required to do so according to state law.

## PETITION

We have collected 387 signatures on 22 pages from those that do not want to see a bike path next to Harbor Drive and want it removed from the masterplan. In addition to that when the bike path and harbor was considered for improvement in 2000-2003 we collected over 1000 signatures from those that did not want a bike path on Harbor Drive.

## FURTHER DETAILS ON THE MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH THE PROPOSED BIKE PATH ON HARBOR DRIVE IN KING HARBOR

**Safety** - This proposal is clearly more dangerous than the existing condition and will increase city's liability. We do not want to see injuries or death as a result of this improvement. The safety record is pretty good here. It is mostly an inconvenience problem right now. Which can be improved by revamping the existing bike lanes, not taking them away.

We are concerned about the significant **costly** realignment of Harbor Drive and delays from **complicated** new signals at intersections. The draft masterplan located a 2 way class 1 bike path on one side of the street. I know from my experience, the traffic signals required will be costly. We need to be honest and forthright about what this will cost and the safety implications of this proposal that has not been adequately thought through.. Do not accept a response that we have to wait for consultants. They will eat up much of that money just to tell you that it will cost that much more for those signals alone....not to mention the long delays.

We have been seeking a solution to the conflict of bicycle traffic on harbor drive for years and

attempting to get a class 1 bike path through the harbor. (see attachment our proposal through King Harbor) With that understanding, it therefore would be best to keep the lanes, not have the masterplan place a path next to the street so we can plan for better options through the Harbor in the future.

This 2-way bike path on one side is a **dangerous** suggestion. Both cyclists and drivers are not accustomed to having cyclists move in the opposite direction on one side of the street. Can you just imagine the impacts on the intersection of Beryl/Portofino Way alone? In order to accomplish this a complicated costly signal would be needed. It would mean cyclists would have a long red light while cars turn every which way and then cars would have a long red light while cyclists are turning each way. And the extra costs for police enforcement means deferring police from other important safety and crime issues. This would all result in **cyclists being discouraged** from even using a bicycle in this area. Instead those Torrance residents wishing to cycle to King Harbor may just get in their cars, clutter up Torrance streets and drive there.

The CA **state highway design manual** chapter 1000 and AAHSTO Guidelines for Development of Bike Facilities recommends against development of bike paths adjacent to roads (see the attached with their reasons). It has never been done in southern California, and I have never seen one anywhere with 3 intersections in a half mile. We in the South Bay do not need to be the first test case to see people injured and face danger.

All of this can be eliminated if a path is placed **away from the street** in the harbor crossing streets such as portofino way away from the intersection or just keeping the lanes as they are. Please understand the safer crossing of the bike path away from the intersection.

I know that some have suggested that they have seen bike paths next to streets but followup comes back to a different situation. Just to be clear about this. We have **3 intersections within a half mile**. Each one is a 4 way intersection or a T intersection but the path is on the wrong side of the T and therefore has almost the same consequences as 4-way intersections. You may see some for longer distances without intersections such as at Capistrano Beach. That one ends at the first intersection. You may see them along a beach street that has no cross streets going to the beach OR having only T intersections with the bike path on the flat part of the T (not the opposite which is here in king harbor). That means little or no cross traffic.

Lets be clear this will certainly be more dangerous than the existing condition, and from a safety point, we do not have a surplus of accidents right now. And **this is not NYC or Europe** where you have many cyclists and fewer motorists per capita and it is 24/7. Don't take other statements that the engineers will figure it out later or we have new technology. I know how it will work and it will be accident prone.

And just imagine for a moment a **cyclist heading down the hill on beryl/portofino way** westbound and making a turn on harbor drive. That cyclist would have to cross busy traffic heading 2 different directions on harbor drive with cars possibly turning each way in order to get to the bike path. And he-she would have to negotiate other cyclists in the bike path as well or perhaps faster cyclists that may be in the traffic lane anyway to avoid the whole mess.

We all want this to work. The only way it will work is to remove this part from the masterplan. To keep it in will mean lacking of public support, complicated implementations and will negatively affect the integrity of the whole process. It will deter us from having a 1<sup>st</sup> class path in our harbor kike we see in Santa Barbara or Long Beach. Those are fine. Lets do it here!

Please for the good of all Torrance residents, approve this masterplan without the bike path on Harbor Drive. Call me if you have any questions.

Attachments:

CA Highway Traffic Manual Recommends against bike path next to streets

Approved plan for bike path at Yacht Club Way and parking lot(yachtclubway07)

Our Proposed Bike Plan in King Harbor

Key to proposed Map (path details)

**Dean Francois**

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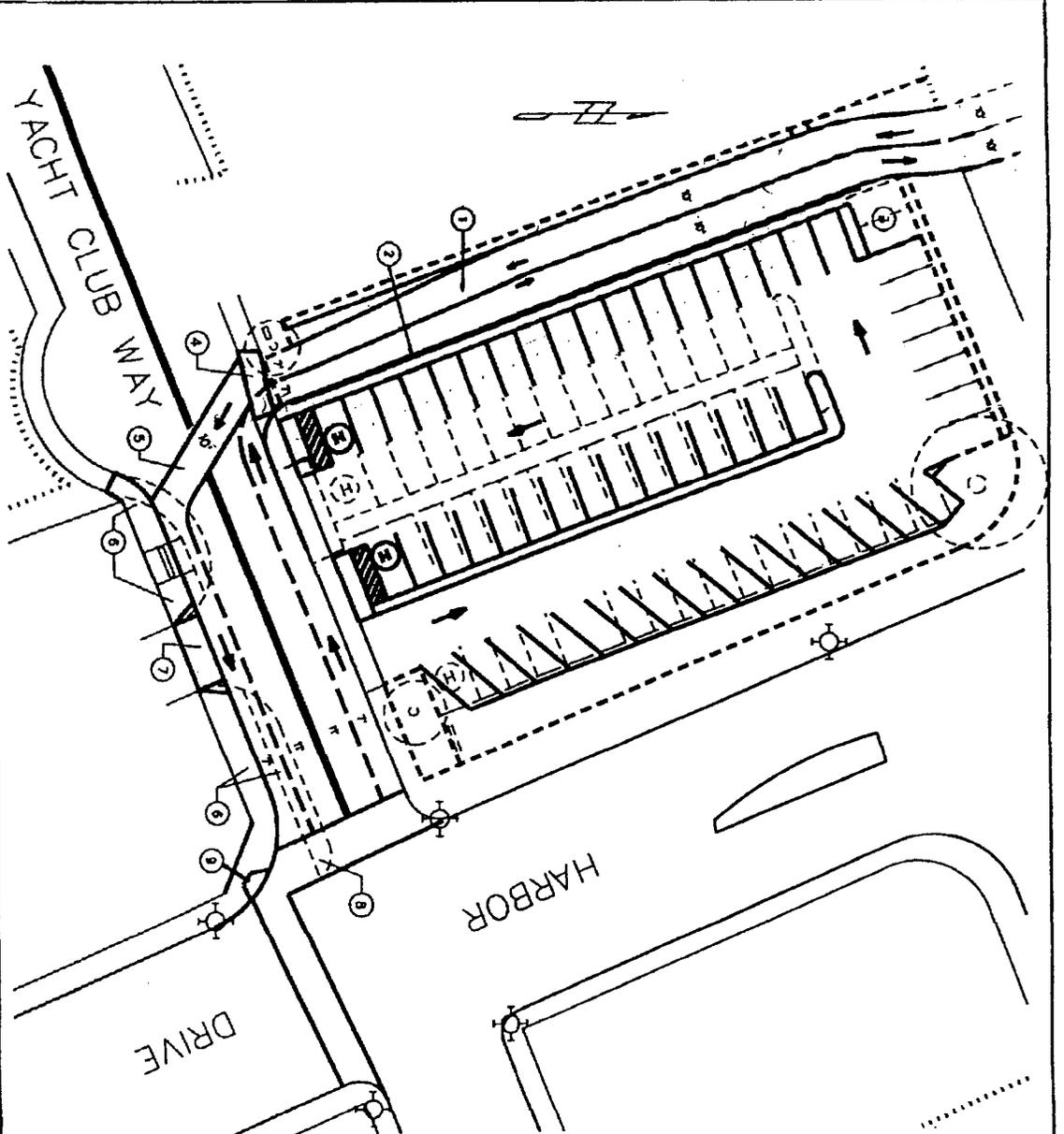
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<b>Class I Bikeways Along Roadways</b>	
<p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>Concerns about Class I bikeways directly adjacent to roadways (e.g., with minimal or no separation) are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Half of bicycle traffic may ride against the flow of vehicle traffic, contrary to the rules of the road.</li> <li>▪ When the path ends, cyclists riding against traffic tend to continue to travel on the wrong side of the street, as do cyclists who are accessing the facility. Wrong-way bicycle travel is a major cause of crashes.</li> <li>▪ At intersections, motorists crossing the facility often do not notice bicyclists approaching from certain directions, especially where sight distances are poor.</li> <li>▪ Bicyclists are required to stop or yield at cross-streets and driveways, unless otherwise posted.</li> <li>▪ Stopped vehicles on a cross-street or driveway may block the facility.</li> <li>▪ Because of the proximity of vehicle traffic to opposing bicycle traffic, barriers are often necessary to separate motorists from cyclists. These barriers serve as obstructions, complicate facility maintenance and waste available right-of-way.</li> <li>▪ Class I bikeways directly adjacent to high-volume roadways diminish users' experience by placing them in an uncomfortable environment.</li> </ul>	 <p><i>Class I bikeways directly adjacent to roadways can be challenging for users at roadway intersections.</i></p>
<p><b>Design Considerations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 5' minimum buffer should separate the facility from the edge of the roadway, or a physical barrier should be installed.</li> </ul> <p>Class I bikeways may be considered along roadways under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The facility will generally be separated from all motor vehicle traffic.</li> <li>▪ Bicycle and pedestrian use is anticipated to be high.</li> <li>▪ To provide continuity with an existing off-street facility through a roadway corridor.</li> <li>▪ The bikeway can be terminated at each end onto streets or trails with good bicycle and pedestrian facilities.</li> <li>▪ There is adequate access to local cross-streets and other facilities along the route.</li> <li>▪ Any needed grade separation structures do not add substantial out-of-direction travel.</li> </ul> <p>The total cost of providing the proposed path is proportionate to the need, compared to the cost of providing on-street facilities.</p>	
<p><b>Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Both the <i>California Highway Design Manual</i> Chapter 1000, and the <i>AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities</i> recommend against the development of multi-use paths directly adjacent to roadways.</li> </ul>	

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- ① REMOVE EXISTING PARKING STRIPING AND PAINT 12' WIDE TWO-WAY BIKE PATH
- ② CONSTRUCT 4' HIGH CONCRETE BLOCK WALL
- ③ CONSTRUCT CONCRETE BLOCK TRASH ENCLOSURE
- ④ CONSTRUCT DRIVEWAY APPROACH EXPANSION
- ⑤ INSTALL 10' WIDE CROSSWALK
- ⑥ REMOVE EXISTING SIDEWALK, CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER, AND PARKWAY. CONSTRUCT NEW ASPHALT CONCRETE PAVEMENT, SIDEWALK, CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER
- ⑦ CONSTRUCT NEW DRIVEWAY APPROACH
- ⑧ EXTEND EXISTING CROSSWALK TO NEW CURB
- ⑨ CONSTRUCT NEW CURB RAMP

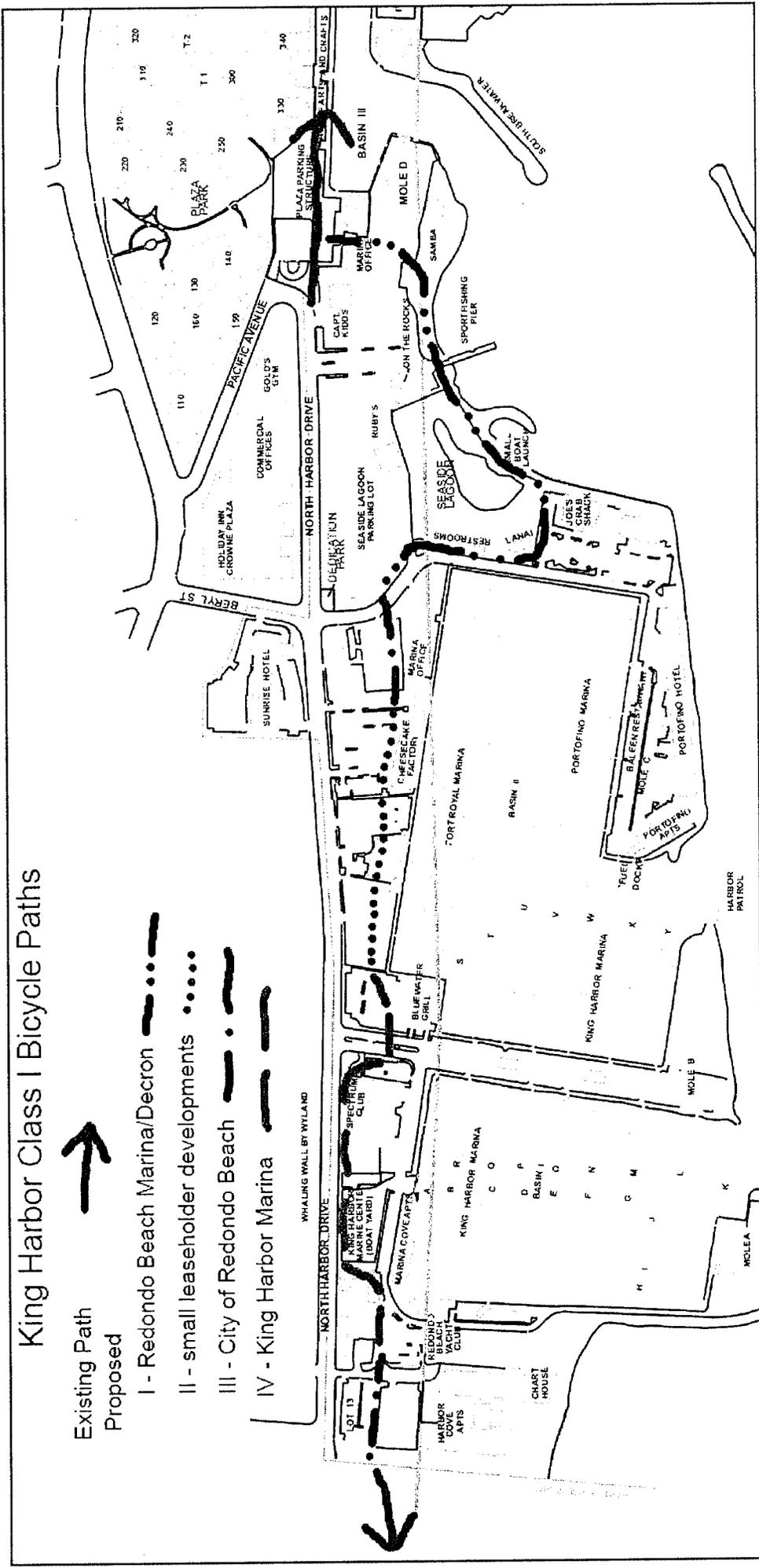
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# King Harbor Class I Bicycle Paths



Existing Path  
 Proposed

- I - Redondo Beach Marina/Decron
- II - small leaseholder developments
- III - City of Redondo Beach
- IV - King Harbor Marina



## SUMMARY

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The bike path for king harbor is on the current **Redondo Beach Bicycle Master Plan**. Master plans do not specify an exact route and do not provide any funding for bike paths. The path is part of our circulation element. While we had funding for the city's portion of the path in the parking lot at Yacht Club Way, that funding was lost. The path in King Harbor will only happen with a partnership of public funding and a contribution from developers as new projects come to the harbor. The harbor guiding principles were developed to incorporate this into policy when new development is proposed in the harbor.

## HARBOR GUIDING PRINCIPLES (March 14, 2006)

The principles (adopted by the harbor commission and the city council) “**require development to be designed to encourage pedestrian activity and accommodate safe bike paths**”. This was a compromise between those that wanted language to place it next to the water and those that wanted it on the street. The intent is that developers will use the bike path as part of their enhanced public space requirement in the zoning for new development.

## RECOMMENDED ROUTE – KEY TO MAP

The zoning code was made to only place new buildings with a required setback of 12 feet from the edge of the water. It could be considered dangerous to place a bike path on an esplanade with pedestrian access in just a 12 foot setback by any new development. We are strongly against one next to harbor drive. When one cannot be located by the water, we support one routed in front of restaurants, hotels and businesses so that the path is located between the buildings and the parking lots. It will encourage people to use bicycles to frequent the businesses. This will reduce the potential conflicts between bikes and cars incorporating shared parking which is an element of the harbor specific plan and guiding principles. An important safety element to the path is that it crosses the 3 main intersections away from harbor drive with a separate crossing (yacht club way, marina, and Portofino way). This is much safer than a crossing at the same intersection with harbor drive and much safer than a path located next to harbor drive. That idea would be dangerous and if it were implemented it would need more than an 8 foot space from leaseholder land anyway. Developers need to know that to mitigate the traffic the path is needed and the city must approve future CUP's for development with the path in their plans. If conditions are not made in the CUP then it would mean costly construction at a later date.

## Phase I-Redondo Beach Marina/Decron Properties 2013-14 (black dash w 2 dots)

This part of the Harbor will see a bike path in the near future. Since adoption of the guiding principles, several draft proposals from Redondo Beach Marina developers have been circulated and have included a bike path in their mix. With Phase II and part of III the city's portion we should soon have a path through the southern half of the harbor.

## **Phase II-small leaseholder developments 2013-2016 (red dotted line)**

As new development proposals are made, the developer should accommodate a path within the leasehold. At least an 8 foot setback between the edge of the building and the parked cars should be made to accommodate a path when one is built if the developer does not build one. The path would go through the parking lot in the northern part of port royal marina. This would result in a few rows of parking next to the water for greater boater access and other rows of parking towards harbor drive. The implementation of shared parking according to the guiding principals will result in minimal cross-traffic. With the subsequent development of the larger path in Phase I a path will soon exist in the southern half.

## **Phase III-City of Redondo beach 2013-14 (green dash with 1 dot)**

This phase is located on public land and would be the city's contribution. It has 2 sections-one on the old oil well land-and the other in the city parking lot. The path in the oil well portion would be on the west side of the land connecting phase I and II. This would greatly increase the land value and make it more attractive for development. The path is on the edge of port royal marina and will not interfere with the parking lot of the boaters. It would cross Portofino way at a separate location away from harbor drive. The other portion is at the Hermosa Beach border. In 2008, the public works commission recommended a plan to fix the corner of Herondo st (190th st,) and harbor drive and yacht club way routing it through the parking lot. The 1 million dollars was reallocated during budget problems and the plan is on hold. This should be completed in the near future.

## **Phase IV-King Harbor Marina/Seal Lab/AES 2014-2017 (purple dash line)**

This route would flow from the city parking lot and straddle the edge of either the KHM or the Sea Lab/AES leasehold. It would continue through the existing public right of way that exists between KHM and the boat yard, then progress on the side of harbor Drive and wind in front of the Spectrum, crossing Marina Way and entering the parking lot of the Bluewater Grill.

**Chaparyan, Aram**

**From:** Rhilinger, Susan  
**Sent:** Monday, August 01, 2011 11:39 PM  
**To:** Chaparyan, Aram  
**Subject:** FW: South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

Another E-mail for the public record.  
Susan

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**From:** Thomas R. Conroy [trconroy@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 01, 2011 6:48 PM  
**To:** Rhilinger, Susan  
**Subject:** South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

Dear Ms. Rhilinger,

I understand that you have an opportunity to review the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan at an upcoming meeting. I am writing to strongly urge you to support the approval of this plan. The plan addresses the safety, environmental and connectivity issues our communities greatly need.

As a resident of Manhattan Beach, I can confidently say that I would ride my bike to Torrance's numerous amenities and spend more time in Torrance if there were improved bikeways, such as those being proposed by the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan. I'm excited to see a plan that actually provides connectivity across seven of the South Bay cities and applaud Torrance for participating in such a collaborative and effective effort.

I encourage you to support the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan and look forward to a more bike-friendly future for Torrance!

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Conroy  
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## Chaparyan, Aram

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**From:** Rhilinger, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 10:15 PM  
**To:** Chaparyan, Aram  
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**From:** Joe Galliani <joegalliani@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 8:22 PM  
**To:** Numark, Cliff <CNumark@TorranceCA.gov>; Rhilinger, Susan <SRhilinger@TorranceCA.gov>;  
Brewer, Tom <TBrewer@TorranceCA.gov>  
**Subject:** South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

Dear Councilwoman Rhilinger, Councilman Brewer and Councilman Numark,

I'm a proud Torrance homeowner who has lived in my home at 668 Calle Miramar for 19 + years now. I hope to spend the rest of my life here.

My wife and I love living in Torrance and we feel fortunate to have the infrastructure our city enjoys. But one area where our infrastructure needs updating and improvement is our bikeways. There are many places that we would like to be able to ride our bicycles from our home, but we don't feel safe riding on many of our Torrance streets and we are confused by bikeways that stop and start without connection or directions to other bikeways.

We strongly support the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan and are very pleased that Torrance is one of the seven cities of the South Bay who opted in to become part of this unique and exciting regional plan. I felt so strongly about the plan's importance to our city and region that I volunteered to work with the South Bay Bicycle Coalition and became a member of their board of directors.

I know that you will be reviewing the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan at your upcoming meeting and I write you today to strongly encourage you to support the approval of this plan in its entirety. As a seven-city regional plan a "big picture" approach by each city is understandably necessary to avoid stalling the plan and losing key funding opportunities. I have been encouraged to see that the six other cities Torrance is partnered with via this plan have embraced this approach and I hope my home town will do likewise.

A tremendous amount of thoughtful work and community effort went into the creation and honing of this plan and I know from personal experience that the result is a plan that addresses the vital safety, environmental and connectivity issues our city so greatly needs and will greatly benefit from.

I also know from having attended both sets of community workshops in Torrance (and the other cities) that this South Bay Bicycle Master Plan truly reflects the community's desires.

It is important to understand that the approval of this plan makes significant outside funding sources available to the City of Torrance for the implementation of the plan. Without your passage of this plan, that free money will not be available to our city. Upon passage of this plan by Torrance our city should expect 75%-90% of the cost to implement the plan to come from grant and other funding - just as it has for the other cities who passed similar bicycle master plans.

I understand how crucial those funding sources are during economic times like those we are now living through. And I also understand how valuable the \$240,000 Renew grant from the County Health Dept that funded the creation of the Bicycle Master Plan has been to Torrance and the other six cities who did not have to fund the plan from their own budgets. In addition, I appreciate the economic benefits that result from the implementation of bicycle master plans like ours. Real estate values increase in bicycle friendly neighborhoods and sales increase at retail shops and restaurants when bikeways connect riders with their establishments. Those are advantages our city deserves to reap.

I am very excited to see my City of Torrance take a leadership role in helping our neighborhoods become more

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bikeable and as a result more liveable, and to reap the health, environmental and quality of life rewards that result with the implementation of this plan. I'm proud to be part of a community that gets it and is doing everything possible to reduce our pollution, our greenhouse gas emissions and the gridlock and traffic jams that we suffer through daily on our City streets.

I commend you for being a part of this process and I look forward to working with you to help implement the Bicycle Master Plan in Torrance.

Sincerely yours,  
Joe Galliani

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**Chaparyan, Aram**

**From:** Semaan, Ted  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 9:22 AM  
**To:** Lodan, Gregg; Crump, Jill; Chaparyan, Aram  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 02, 2011 8:28 PM  
**To:** Semaan, Ted; Numark, Cliff; Rhilinger, Susan; Brewer, Tom  
**Subject:** Bike Master Plan

Dear Council Members and Ted Semaan,

I understand that you have an opportunity to review the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan at an upcoming meeting. I am writing to strongly urge you to support the approval of this plan in its entirety. The plan addresses the safety, environmental and connectivity issues our city so greatly needs and reflects the community's desires. I also am aware that approval of this plan will open up the City to additional funding, which seems imperative in these trying times.

I am excited to see that Torrance has joined six other cities in this endeavor and am proud to be part of a community that is taking a necessary step forward. I hope that we can be an example to the other six communities by demonstrating enthusiasm and support for this unique and important effort!

Mitch Levine  
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One more . . .

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Subject: South Bay Bike Plan

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tom calvet