



**Santa Cruz County Regional  
Transportation Commission's**

**BICYCLE COMMITTEE**

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**Minutes - Draft**

**Monday, June 10, 2013**

**6:00 p.m.**

**RTC Office  
1523 Pacific Ave  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060**

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions

**Members Present:**

Kem Akol, District 1  
David Casterson, District 2, Chair  
Will Menchine, District 3 (Alt.)  
Amelia Conlen, District 4  
Andy Ward, City of Capitola, Vice-Chair  
Lex Rau, City of Scotts Valley  
Leo Jed, CTSC  
Rob Straka, Ecology Action/Bike to Work  
Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola (Alt.)

**Staff:**

Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner  
Grace Blakeslee, Senior Transportation Planner  
Ginger Dykaar, Transportation Planner

**Unexcused Absences:**

Carlos Garza, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)  
Myrna Sherman, City of Watsonville

**Excused Absences:**

Eric Horton, District 2 (Alt.)  
Holly Tyler, District 1 (Alt.)  
Gary Milburn, City of Scotts Valley (Alt.)  
Bill Fieberling, City of Santa Cruz  
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)  
Peter Scott, District 3  
Rick Hyman, District 5  
Piet Canin, Ecology Action/Bike-to-Work (Alt.)

**Vacancies:**

District 4 – Alternate  
District 5 – Alternate  
City of Watsonville – Alternate

**Guests:**

Erik Erikson, member of the public

3. Announcements – Cory Caletti announced that the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST) Network was released, comments are due on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and two public meetings will be held in June. She distributed project flyers. She also informed members that the RTC applied for a \$22 M grant to the Federal Lands Access Program for North Coast segments of the MBSST Network.
4. Oral communications – none

5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – Cory Caletti distributed replacement pages for items #14 and #16.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion (Conlen/Kostelec) to approve the consent agenda as amended passed unanimously.

6. Approved draft minutes of the May 13, 2013 Bicycle Committee meeting
7. Accepted Bicycle Committee roster
8. Accepted summary of Bicycle Hazard Reports
9. Accepted letter to the City of Santa Cruz regarding recommendations on the Draft Capital Improvement Program
10. Accepted letter to the City of Scotts Valley regarding recommendations on the recently adopted Capital Improvement Program

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

11. Development of Monterey Bay Area Complete Streets Guidelines - Grace Blakeslee provided a summary of the staff report and the *Draft Complete Streets Guidelines*. The draft guidelines will guide local jurisdictions and the RTC in transitioning auto-oriented streets into streets that will serve all mode types. Members discussed some of the specific goals, innovative treatments and the guidelines' ability to guide future street retrofits. Ms. Blakeslee informed members that the Committee will be asked to consider the final draft at the August meeting and that members may contact her directly should they have additional comments or questions.
12. Scenario planning for the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan and 2014 Metropolitan Transportation Plan—Ginger Dykaar provided a presentation and summary of scenarios to be utilized in determining how projects would be prioritized for funding in the Regional Transportation Plan. Ms. Dykaar mentioned the upcoming public meetings and outlined the time frame for providing input. Members expressed frustration at the lack of time to provide input from the Committee as a whole after the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments makes hybrid recommendations. After additional discussion, a motion was made (Akol/Ward) to recommend a hybrid of scenarios 1, 2 and 5. The motion passed unanimously.
13. County of Santa Cruz Capital Improvement Program (CIP) – Committee members Amelia Conlen and Rob Straka provided a summary of their recommendations regarding projects to add to the County's CIP. After some discussion, a motion was made (Ward/Jed) to write a letter to County Public Works forwarding those recommendations as well as the recommendation to include the segments of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network, as identified in the Draft Master Plan, that are within the unincorporated county into the CIP. The motion passed unanimously. An additional item was discussed regarding current impediments to safe bicycle travel on Graham Hill Road. A motion (Ward/Rau) was made to write a letter to the County of Santa Cruz Public Works requesting that consideration be given to maximizing the shoulder in the north bound direction, reallocating lane width from the south bound direction if necessary, as well as replacing the current "Share the Road" signs with a "Watch for Bikes/Peds" sign. The motion passed unanimously

14. Consider Ad-Hoc Committee recommendations for East Cliff Drive Parkway improvements – Will Menchine, Bicycle Committee alternate, summarized the memo in the packet, containing the Ad-Hoc Committee’s review of current conditions and improvement recommendations. After some discussion, a motion was made (Ward/Jed) to forward the recommendations identified in the memo on behalf of the Committee to County Public Works staff with the minor change of deleting the words “multi-use path” from the fifth recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.
15. Rumble Strips on Highway 1 Installation Update – Committee member Leo Jed provided an update regarding Caltrans’ plans to install rumble strips on Highway 1. He noted that he and Cory Caletti have been assigned to Caltrans’ Project Development Team (PDT) and that some modifications to the original proposal are now being brought forward by Caltrans in response to Bike Committee and community concern about negative impacts to bicycle travel. The current proposal includes only 4 miles of shoulder rumble strips instead of the 10 miles originally proposed, as well as centerline strips for the length of the project area. An alternative treatment is recommended by Caltrans but no gaps to allow for bicycle movement in and out of the shoulder are considered. Caltrans intends to present the rumble strip proposal to the Bike Committee at the September 23rd meeting and to the RTC at the October 3rd meeting.

Bike Committee members requested that Caltrans provide the following information at the September Bike Committee meeting along with the presentation: 1) average daily bicycle count data to supplement vehicle miles traveled data; 2) updated injury and fatality data; 3) measures that could be introduced to enhance safety of bicyclists (such as speed feedback signs to reduce speeding); 4) how to provide 10/15 foot gaps every 40/60 feet of rumble strip; 5) what the experimental process entails to pursue gaps outside of standard manual directives; and 6) design specification reflecting the additional 2 inches beyond what will go on the white edge line located into the motor vehicle side of the road way instead of the shoulder side, as depicted in “alternative rumble strip” photo sent for the PDT meeting. Finally, the Bike Committee requested that the alternative treatment be made available locally prior to any installation for testing.

16. Determine Bicycle Committee meeting FY 13/14 schedule –Cory Caletti summarized the need for continuing a bi-monthly meeting schedule, explained the slight modifications due to upcoming holidays, as well as the need for an additional meeting. A motion to approve the staff recommendation (Menchine/Ward) passed unanimously.
17. Member updates related to Committee functions – Chair Casterson informed the Committee that their recommendation for increasing the bike planning budget by an additional .25 full time staff person is being considered by the Budget and Administration Committee at their upcoming meeting. He indicated that the staff recommendation was to not accommodate that request and that he would attend the meeting to make another plea. Members provided information as to why the need exists and cited the doubling of bicycle ridership in the last decade as one example.

Concern was expressed over the maintenance technique used by Caltrans to prune overgrown brush in the shoulder of Highway 1 and the Wilder Ranch multi-use path that is in Caltrans’ right-of-way. Members noted that the machinery used grinds down the asphalt and deteriorates the highway shoulder and the path thereby

reducing usable travel space. A motion to write a letter to Caltrans (Akoi/Jed) requesting that better techniques be used to clear back overgrown brush, and that the shoulder and multi-use path be repaired, passed unanimously.

It was also noted that due to construction at Scott Creek and Waddell Creek on Highway 1, the shoulder is closed and appropriate signage is installed. However, no indication is given as to what bicyclists should do when a shoulder is closed and what motorists should expect. The Scott Creek and Waddell Creek bridges are already narrow and the closure of the minimal shoulder in those location pose a hazard to cyclists. A motion (Jed/Starka) to write a letter to Caltrans requesting that "Bikes May Use Full Lane" signs be installed in those construction locations and as standard practice in similar scenarios passed unanimously.

18. Adjourned: 8:48 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 19, 2013, from the special time of 6:00pm to 8:30pm at the RTC office, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:

Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner

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