



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

BICYCLE COMMITTEE

Minutes - Draft

**Monday, April 12, 2010
6:30 p.m.**

**Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
1523 Pacific Ave; Santa Cruz, CA 95060**

1. Call to Order

2. Introductions

Members Present:

Kem Akol, District 1
Piet Canin, Bike to Work
David Casterson, District 2
Bill Fieberling, City of Santa Cruz
Eric Horton, District 2 (Alt.)
Rick Hyman, District 5
Leo Jed, CTSC (Alt.)
Brandon Kett, District 4
Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola, Chair
Will Menchine, District 3 (Alt.)
Bob Montague, City of Watsonville
Lex Rau, Scotts Valley (Alt.)
Peter Scott, District 3
Andy Ward, City of Capitola (Alt.)

Excused Absences:

Carlos Garza, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)
Jim Langley, CTSC
Gary Milburn, City of Scotts Valley
Saskia Lucas, Bike to Work (Alt.)
Holly Tyler, District 1 (Alt.)

Unexcused Absences:

Vacancies:

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

Staff:

Cory Caletti, RTC Senior Transportation Planner
Rachel Moriconi, RTC Senior Transportation Planner

Guests:

Katie LeBaron, Co. Health Services Agency (HSA)
Theresa Rogerson, Co. HSA/CTSC
Jack Sohriakoff, SC Co. Public Works

3. Announcements - Cory Caletti made the following announcements:

- Brandon Kett and Holly Tyler were appointed as the District 4 (voting) and District 1 (alternate) members, respectively. Kem Akol, Peter Scott, Will Menchine, Rick Hyman, Bob Montague, Piet Canin, and Saskia Lucas were also reappointed for 3 year terms.
- A public hearing will be held on April 14, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Board of Supervisors Chambers in the Santa Cruz County Government Building so that the RTC may receive comments regarding the purchase of the rail line. On May 6th, the RTC will make its final decision on the rail purchase.
- The 30th Avenue Improvement Project Neighborhood meeting will be held on April 20th at 7:00pm.
- "Bikes May Use Full Lane" signs that were recently installed on Market Street.

4. Oral Communications - Andy Ward announced that the Adventure Cycling Organization will be unveiling the new Sierra/Cascade cycling route map on Friday, April 16th at the Louden Nelson Community Center.
5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas - None

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Fieberling/Jed) to approve the consent agenda passed unanimously.

6. Approved draft minutes of the February 22, 2010 Bicycle Committee meeting
7. Accepted US Department of Transportation Policy Statement on Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodation – Regulations and Recommendations
8. Accepted letter of support for the City of Capitola's grant funding application for a Bikeway, Pedestrian and Public Transit Master Plan
9. Accepted Staff Report presented at the April 1, 2010 RTC meeting from Executive Director George Dondero regarding recommendation to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Union Pacific to acquire the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line
10. Accepted Hazard Report
11. Accepted Bicycle Committee Roster

REGULAR AGENDA

12. Aptos Village Plan: Update from Jack Sohriakoff, Santa Cruz County Public Works Department - Cory Caletti gave an overview of the Aptos Village Plan, the discussion of the plan at the previous meeting and the Committee's recommendations for bicycle circulation improvements to the Board of Supervisors. Jack Sohriakoff indicated that the Board of Supervisors approved the draft plan at their February 2010 meeting and that Public Works staff will request authority to submit formal applications to the Public Utilities Commission to address the railroad crossings at the Board's April, 2010 meeting. He discussed specific details of the plan explaining why certain requested treatments would not be feasible given right-of-way constraints and what improvements could be considered. Mr. Sohriakoff noted that the County Public Works Dept will continue to have responsibility over Soquel Drive and Trout Gulch Road but that the project developer will be responsible for all the new roads. Other issues discussed included placement of "sharrows", bike lanes features, etc. Additional technical questions raised were deferred to the Technical Subcommittee to discuss with Mr. Sohriakoff.
13. Featured Jurisdiction: Oral presentation from Jack Sohriakoff, Santa Cruz Public Works Department regarding County of Santa Cruz projects - Jack Sohriakoff informed members that the County is working on the last section of the East Cliff Drive bluff stabilization project from 38th to 41st Avenues. When the bluff stabilization project will be completed the bike/pedestrian and road improvement portion will go out for bid. He said that there are plans for pedestrian improvements along Schwann Lake and the area from the Harbor entrance to 9th Avenue. Those plans are in the design phase with the County Redevelopment Agency serving as the lead agency. Mr. Sohriakoff said that underground utilities and sanitation lines are being installed as part of the Seacliff Village project and that in about one year the County will go out to bid for construction services. The project will include sidewalk and bike lane improvements at State Park Drive from Sea Ridge Road across the railroad down to Santa Cruz Avenue, over to Broadway up to Center Avenue and back to State Park Drive.
14. Draft *2010 Regional Transportation Plan* Update: Consider recommendations from Ad Hoc Committee and receive summary comments from Rachel Moriconi, RTC staff - Rachel Moriconi gave an overview of the Draft *2010 Regional Transportation Plan* Update, which is a minor update of the *2005 Regional Transportation Plan*. The RTP is a State mandated document that feeds into a Federal mandated document, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, led by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments. The plan incorporates all projects, policies and key issues in Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey Counties. Although the Bicycle Committee reviewed the project list and policies in the past,

RTC staff wanted to give the Bicycle Committee an additional opportunity to provide input on the document as a whole. Certification of the *Draft Environmental Impact Report* and adoption of the *2010 Regional Transportation Plan* are currently scheduled for the RTC's June 3, 2010 meeting. Ms. Moriconi asked for Bicycle Committee input on the draft documents saying that final comments are due on April 19, 2010. Members discussed specific recommendations provided by the Committee's RTP ad-hoc review group and agreed that all suggested bicycle projects be recommended for consideration by the RTC. A motion (Hyman/Montague) was made to approve the Bike Committee's RTP ad-hoc review group's policy, goal and project list recommendations and to forward those to the RTC for consideration and possible inclusion in the *Final 2010 RTP*. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Community Traffic Safety Coalition (CTSC) and Ride 'n Stride FY 10/11 Transportation Development Act Funding Request and Presentation from Theresia Rogerson, County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency - Cory Caletti gave a detailed overview of the TDA claim process funded through the Transportation Development Act. This claim request is for \$86,064.00 for CTSC and Ride 'n Stride education programs. Katie Le Baron thanked the Bicycle Committee for its ongoing support for CTSC and the Ride 'n Stride programs over the years. She said that the current request is matched with HSA grant funding for a half time health educator to staff the CTSC. Additionally, the TDA funds pay for part time bilingual/bi-cultural specialist who implements the Ride 'n Stride program by conducting classroom education presentations, distributing helmets, doing yearly bike safety observations, among other activities. Theresia Rogerson, CTSC staff, added that the CTSC decided to institute 2-year work plans and that the committee has been meeting to decide how to reach a broader audience and implement a public education media campaign aimed at that goal. She noted that other objectives in the CTSC work plan include providing training to law enforcement officers regarding bicycle related vehicle codes and collision analysis; traffic safety education; promotion of cycling, walking, and traffic calming measures; and ensuring bike and pedestrian interests are addressed in all project planning efforts per the State's Complete Streets directive. A motion (Scott/Fieberling) to recommend that the RTC approves the CTSC and Ride 'n Stride TDA claims passed unanimously.
16. Bike to Work FY 10/11 Transportation Development Act Funding Request and Presentation from Piet Canin, Ecology Action - Cory Caletti gave an overview of the TDA claim process funded through the Transportation Development Act. This claim request is for \$34,427.00 which is the available amount for FY 10/11. Piet Canin presented highlights of the 2009 Bike-to-Work Program's accomplishments. He said that a newsletter bulletin is being produced and sent out every 2 weeks to former participants and other interested parties in anticipation of the 2010 Bike Week events. The newsletter's purpose is to provide information about related bike events and programs and generate enthusiasm about the upcoming Bike to Work/School day festivities. He handed out posters and post cards for broad distribution. A motion (Casterson/Jed) to recommend that the RTC approve the Bike to Work FY 10/11 Transportation Development Act funding request claim passed with Piet Canin abstaining.
17. Santa Cruz County Bicycle Injuries and Fatalities Data Report for 2008 Presentation from Theresia Rogerson, County of Santa Cruz HSA - This item was postponed to the next meeting.
18. Officer Elections - Cory Caletti said that terms for Bicycle Committee Chair and Vice-Chair expire in March of each year and that elections are held each April for new officers. She thanked Daniel Kostelec and Gary Milburn for their dedicated service over the past year, noting specifically Daniel Kostelec's ongoing commitment and expert service to the Committee over many years. Nominations for Chair were opened and a motion (Akol/Canin) to nominate Daniel Kostelec as Chair for another year passed unanimously with no other nominations. Nominations for Vice-Chair were opened and a motion (Montague/Akol) to nominate David Casterson passed unanimously with no other nominations.
19. Project Tracking/Subcommittee Tasks: Oral Reports
 - a. City of Santa Cruz Project Tracking: Bill Fieberling discussed the Arana Gulch Master Plan project and expressed disappointment at the California Coastal Commission's rejection of the proposed plan. Rick Hyman announced that the City of Santa Cruz City Council will consider the roundabout at Depot Park at its April 13th evening meeting and that the City Transportation Commission will

consider the draft Capital Improvement Plan at their April 14th meeting. Piet Canin announced that Shared Lane Pavement Markings were recently installed on King Street, Laurel Street and Seaside Street.

- b. City of Capitola Project Tracking: Daniel Kostelec announced that the 38th Avenue improvement project between 41st Avenue and Brommer Avenue is currently in the design phase and will go out to bid soon. The project will include road way rehabilitation and will remove motor vehicle parking to allow room for bike lanes. Shared Lane Pavement Marking will also be utilized where appropriate.
- c. City of Scotts Valley Project Tracking: Lex Rau indicated that progress is being made on the Bean Creek Road bicycle/pedestrian improvement project.
- d. City of Watsonville Project Tracking: No report was provided.
- e. County of Santa Cruz Project Tracking: No report was provided.
- f. Bike To Work Update: This item was discussed earlier during the meeting.
- g. CTSC Update: Theresia Rogerson asked for volunteers for the 2010 bicycle observation study and passed around a sign up sheet.
- h. UCSC: Cory Caletti read a report supplied by Peter Scott indicating that UCSC was awarded funding for new bicycle racks and that UCSC staff is seeking placement recommendations. Transportation and Parking Services Direction Larry Pageler indicated that Chancellor Blumenthal is expected to endorse the RTC's rail acquisition effort.
- i. Legislative Tracking: Leo Jed indicated that a number of bicycle related bills were recently introduced with a bill by Senator Simitian to include prohibition of cell phone use to cyclists being one of the more noteworthy.
- j. Sanctuary Scenic Trail: Cory Caletti indicated a limited number of state bonds funds are again available and thus, the CA Coastal Conservancy is poised to consider providing \$250,000 to supplement the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail's Master Plan development at their May 27th, 2010.
- k. Committee Effectiveness: No report was provided.
- l. Technical Subcommittee: No report was provided.
- m. Bicyclist/Motorist Safety Education: No report was provided.
- n. RTC Packet Monitoring Subcommittee: No report was provided.
- o. Shared Lane Pavement Marking (aka Sharrows): Members agreed to disband this sub-committee due to completion of its tasks.
- p. Safe Routes to School: Eric Horton reported on his collaboration with County Public Works staff Jack Sohriakoff and the Rio del Mar School Principal to determine what pedestrian/bicycle safety measures could be implemented in the school's vicinity. Additionally, the school is considering installing bicycle racks and implementing a Bike to School promotion after improvements are completed.

20. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 14, 2010 at the special meeting time of 6:30 p.m. at the SCCRTC Conference Room, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:

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