



Santa Cruz County Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project - May 2012

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) is coordinating with the Community Traffic Safety Coalition (CTSC) to incorporate a nationally recognized bicycle and pedestrian count methodology into their bicycle observation survey. This information will be used to assess the benefit of bicycle and pedestrian facilities in planning for a more sustainable transportation system.

The CTSC conducts an annual bicycle observation survey to document bicycle behaviors related to safety. This year, the CTSC is working with the RTC to incorporate bicycle and pedestrian counts at 10 out of the 41 CTSC locations using the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation methodology. This methodology will allow the count data collected in Santa Cruz County to be consistent with data collected in locations throughout the United States. Motor vehicle counts will also be taken at these 10 locations to provide the number of bicyclists and pedestrians relative to the number of motor vehicles.

The RTC and the CTSC are enlisting the support of volunteers to conduct the bike and pedestrian counts and the bike safety observations across the county.

- The RTC is gathering volunteers for counting bikes and pedestrians on **May 15th, May 16th, and May 17th from 4-6 pm** at 10 locations across the county.
- The CTSC is gathering volunteers to conduct bike safety observations at 41 locations across the county from **May 15-31 at varying times of day**. The bike safety observations at the 10 count locations will occur at the same time as the bicycle and pedestrian counts.
- Volunteers will manually record bicycle and pedestrian counts using the NBPS tally sheets and bicycle safety observations using the CTSC survey sheets.
- If you are interested in participating as a volunteer for these projects, please sign-up here at: www.sctrafficsafety.org
- For more information please contact Ryan Heywood, RTC bike and ped count volunteer coordinator (650-274-6283, rheywood@ucsc.edu) or Theresia Rogerson, CTSC bicycle observation survey coordinator (831-454-4312, trogerso@health.co.santa-cruz.ca.us).