



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

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**Special Meeting
Monday, October 8, 2018
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm**

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

1. Call to Order: Chair, Amelia Conlen called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
2. Introductions

Members Present:

Amelia Conlen, Bike-to-Work, Chair
Grace Voss, District 1
Janneke Strause, District 1 (Alt)
Peter Scott, District 3
Will Menchine, District 3 (Alt.)
Anna Kammer, District 4
Theresa Rogerson, District 5 (Alt.)
Michael Moore, City of Capitola
Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville

Unexcused Absences:

Excused Absences:

Shea Johnson, District 2
Casey Beyer, District 2 (Alt.)
Rick Hyman, District 5
Richard Masoner, City of Scotts Valley
Jo Fleming, City of Scotts Valley (Alt.)
Leo Jed, CTSC
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)
Kira Ticus, Bike-to-Work (Alt.)

Staff:

Anais Schenk, Transportation Planner
Grace Blakeslee, Sr. Transportation Planner
Ginger Dykaar, Sr. Transportation Planner
Tommy Travers, Transportation Planning
Technician

Vacancies:

District 4 – Alternate
City of Santa Cruz – Voting and
Alternate
City of Capitola – Alternate
City of Watsonville – Alternate

Guests:

Matt Farrell, member of the public
Patrick McDermott, member of the public
Drew Rogers, nomination pending

3. Announcements – Anais Schenk announced that Anna Kammer was appointed as the District 4 Committee voting member at the October 4, 2018 RTC meeting and that Kelly Bond has resigned. She also announced that the design phase has begun for the Highway 1 41st-Soquel auxiliary lanes project which includes the Chanticleer Avenue bicycle and pedestrian overcrossing; and that Countywide Bicycle Signage Project will be going out to bid for construction later this month.

4. Oral communications – Janneke Strause announced that Open Streets Santa Cruz will be on October 14. Amelia Conlen announced that the last meeting for the Safe Routes to Schools planning effort will be on October 10th at Mar Vista Elementary. Anais Schenk shared a request from a member of the public to agenda discussion of bike lanes on Mt. Hermon Road at Conference Drive.
5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – Replacement pages were provided for items 7 and 13.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Scott/Voss) was made to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously with members Conlen, Voss, Kammer, Moore, Scott and Fontes voting in favor.

6. Approve draft minutes of the September 10, 2018 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
7. Approve staff recommendation for new Bicycle Advisory Committee nomination
8. Approve calendar of meetings for 2019
9. Approve City of Santa Cruz Article 8 Transportation Development Act Allocation Requests
10. Accept summary of hazard reports
11. Accept correspondence from the Bicycle Advisory Committee to the County and the Cities of Capitola, Scotts Valley and Watsonville

Member Theresia Rogerson arrived at 6:20 pm during item 12.

REGULAR AGENDA

12. Background on the function and role of the Committee – Anais Schenk, RTC Transportation Planner, discussed the function and role of the Committee and called attention to important rules that new members should understand.
13. Unified Corridor Investment Study–Draft Step 2 Scenario Analysis – Ginger Dykaar and Grace Blakeslee, RTC Senior Transportation Planners, presented the analysis results of the draft study and requested input by the Committee. They explained the purpose of the study and the scenarios evaluated; described the projects involved; and gave an overview of the results with respect to performance measures for safety, reliability and efficiency, economic vitality, the environment, accessibility and equity. They announced that two public workshops would be held on Monday October 15th at Live Oak Elementary School and Tuesday October 16th at the Watsonville Civic Plaza Community Room. Both meetings start at 6pm. The Committee asked clarification questions about BRT in the rail corridor, bike capacity on BRT vehicles, lead agencies for projects, projects included in all 4 scenarios, freight service in Watsonville, bus-on-shoulder, mode share, bikeshare, buffered bike lanes, trail diversion from the rail corridor, transit hubs, “BRT lite” on Soquel/Freedom, and timelines for projects. The

public asked about bike capacity on trains and about the correlation between increases in transit and bike mode share. The Committee discussed whether they should recommend a scenario and if so the timing of when that recommendation should be made. The Committee then discussed scenario and project preferences. A motion (Scott/Voss) was made for the Committee to recommend Scenario B. Committee member Fontes suggested clarifying why scenario B was recommended in case the Commission decided to revise one of the current scenarios to add or take out projects. The Committee discussed what projects most benefit cyclists and should be recommended for any scenario selected by the Commission. Committee alternate Menchine requested that BRT on the highway be considered as an alternative to transit in the rail corridor. The motion was amended to recommend scenario B because it includes the following projects which benefit cyclists: the bicycle and pedestrian trail on the rail right-of-way, bicycle and pedestrian intersection improvements, protected or buffered bicycle lanes on Soquel/Freedom, passenger rail transit, and other transit improvements that benefit cyclists such as BRT. The motion passed with members Scott, Voss, Kammer, Rogerson, Moore and Fontes voting in favor and member Conlen abstaining.

14. Updates related to Committee functions – Murray Fontes announced that the Watsonville city council recently approved funding for the Earn a Bike and the Walk Smart and Bike Smart programs. Grace Voss announced that the Santa Cruz County Cycling Club awarded a grant for the Earn a Bike program in Santa Cruz. Amelia Conlen requested the Committee write a letter of support for the County’s grant application to develop an Active Transportation Plan for the unincorporated areas. A motion (Voss/Fontes) was made for the Committee to write such a letter. The motion passed unanimously with members Conlen, Voss, Fontes, Scott, Kammer, Rogerson, and Moore voting in favor. Will Menchine requested that the Committee consider requesting the RTC to study BRT on Highway 1 before making a UCS decision. Theresia Rogerson announced she attended a ride with the mayor of Watsonville.

15. Adjourn – 8:25 pm

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2018 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at the RTC office, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:
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