Pedestrian Safety Work Group – 12/16/2016

Attendees: Veronica Elsea (Chair), Grace Blakeslee, Nestor Guevara, John Daugherty

1. **Introductions**
   - *No Action Taken*

2. **Additions or deletions to the agenda**
   - *No Action Taken*

3. **Notes from 11/15/16 meeting**
   - *Approve minutes as corrected*

4. **Review Bicycle/Pedestrian Brochure**
   - Bicycle/Pedestrian Brochure was reviewed
   - Statement in back about sidewalk riding in jurisdictions

5. **Review Action items**
   - Send out updated brochure (Veronica)
   - Draft list of other resources (Nestor)
   - Luis to review
   - Add updated text to PDF (Cara)

6. **Next Meeting Date & Topics**
   - January 2017

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### Quarterly Pedestrian Hazard Reports

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<td>David</td>
<td>Willis</td>
<td><a href="mailto:willisisamr@gmail.com">willisisamr@gmail.com</a></td>
<td>Soquel Ave</td>
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<td>pedestrian states On Soquel there is a tree that is leaning over so badly that I think it might fall on someone and hurt or kill them. When leaving Safeway parking lot you have to go under this leaning tree, I think it is dangerous, you have to duck or bend to get by.</td>
<td>Amelia Conlen</td>
<td>12/23/16</td>
<td>From Amelia - report has been forwarded to our Parks Department for action - 1/10/17</td>
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<td>Debbie</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:dhlb@lucie.com">dhlb@lucie.com</a></td>
<td>Mission St</td>
<td>Santa Cruz</td>
<td>plant overgrowth or interference</td>
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<td>pedestrian states Bushes blocking most of sidewalk at 110 mission St</td>
<td>Amelia Conlen</td>
<td>12/19/16</td>
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<td>12/04/16</td>
<td>Richard</td>
<td>Stever</td>
<td><a href="mailto:rdp@highway.com">rdp@highway.com</a></td>
<td>King St</td>
<td>Santa Cruz</td>
<td>other</td>
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<td>pedestrian states sidewalk near and King and Chestnut often blocked by City of Santa Cruz has wrong slope, when rain falls a pool of water is trapped and cannot drain away. The water is at least 1/2-1 inch deep after a rain. This is dangerous for pedestrians and for children who ride their bikes to school (fish tails).</td>
<td>Amelia Conlen</td>
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<td>Tucker</td>
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<td>Garden St</td>
<td>Capitola</td>
<td>30th</td>
<td>streets</td>
<td>pedestrian states vehicles blocking sidewalk, no crosswalk or striping</td>
<td>Steve Jibberg</td>
<td>12/02/16</td>
<td>From Ray - update on my inquiry from 11/04/16 today and am discussing this issue. I told him there are existing crosswalks on 38th Ave near Reposa and Brannan that serve these streets and that there really wasn't a need for one at Garden St. He told me he just like to cross them. Component removed from the existing crosswalk - 11/04/16</td>
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<td>pedestrian states access via raised from 38th to 36th through the trailer park was closed even though it was a case of use.</td>
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<td>Chestnut St</td>
<td>Santa Cruz</td>
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<td>pedestrian states crossing button is official to operate for those with physical disabilities. Old style button that take force to operate, has small surface and pose difficulties for those with arthritis or hand disabilities.</td>
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<td>Eric</td>
<td>Berg</td>
<td>mcklc轻易@yahoo.com</td>
<td>Soquel Ave</td>
<td>Santa Cruz</td>
<td>other</td>
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<td>pedestrian states vehicles parking block access from curb out into roadway crossing at an unmarked crosswalk and block visibility of people crossing.</td>
<td>Amelia Conlen Officer Carter</td>
<td>11/21/16</td>
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<td>Cara</td>
<td>Lamb</td>
<td><a href="mailto:natter@lovisco.com">natter@lovisco.com</a></td>
<td>Western Dr</td>
<td>Santa Cruz</td>
<td>Traffic</td>
<td>signals</td>
<td>pedestrian states walk light button is broken, does not give a walk signal</td>
<td>Amelia Conlen/ Tom Kramer</td>
<td>11/14/16</td>
<td>From Cara - the intersection is working in tie to intersection on Berkshire St. 11/14/16</td>
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<td>Anne-Marie</td>
<td>Harrison</td>
<td>aw@<a href="mailto:awarindharrison@gmail.com">awarindharrison@gmail.com</a></td>
<td>Lincoln St</td>
<td>Santa Cruz</td>
<td>other</td>
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<td>pedestrian states lots of shattered glass @ entry and exit of alleyway alley way behind toadal fitness exercises.</td>
<td>Amelia Conlen</td>
<td>11/10/16</td>
<td>From Amelia - report has been forwarded to our Street Sweeping team - 11/10/16</td>
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<td>11/09/16</td>
<td>Lan</td>
<td>Burns</td>
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<td>Red Bridge Park</td>
<td>Santa Cruz</td>
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<td>pedestrian states sidewalk is a totally blind pedestrian who has reported incidents of being struck by high-toned bicycles on above mentioned pedestrian bridge a number of times via this form and directly to Santa Cruz Police. I have been struck, knocked down on multiple occasions as well as experiencing numerous near misses. I have also been assaulted by unknown persons on two occasions in same area. I have been involved in near misses by new, far more dangerous vehicle, power assisted bicycle rapidly accelerating onto bridge at each end of the bridge there is a sign that says, “please slow your bike”, signs are routinely ignored unless law enforcement or park service personnel are visible. There are measures that could be taken to identify those who threaten pedestrians safety on bridge, such as increasing safety signage, exploring additional lighting, provide for more pedestrian focus. Inquiring with Parks Dept regarding this ongoing matter have been ignored, my question is what you responsible for public safety in Santa Cruz, in order to do about this problem? I plan to walk up and demand something from someone if it becomes injured or worse before taking it seriously. I look forward to finding a constructive approach to addressing this problem so that I am able to walk from my home to the street without risk of bad luck.</td>
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<td>Polak</td>
<td><a href="mailto:lbs@colorado.com">lbs@colorado.com</a></td>
<td>Pelton Ave</td>
<td>Santa Cruz</td>
<td>other</td>
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<td>pedestrian states recumbent bicycle rider was crossing the street at the corner of 36th and Willow Street.</td>
<td>Officer Garmir</td>
<td>11/11/16</td>
<td>From Sharon - report forwarded to our traffic control position - 11/05/16</td>
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<td>Jered</td>
<td>Stein</td>
<td><a href="mailto:email5@gmail.com">email5@gmail.com</a></td>
<td>Soquel Ocean</td>
<td>Santa Cruz</td>
<td>Traffic</td>
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<td>pedestrian states issue with button at soquel @ ocean corner near hotel</td>
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<td>Ryan</td>
<td>Garden</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ryangalleher@gmail.com">ryangalleher@gmail.com</a></td>
<td>Laguna St</td>
<td>Santa Cruz</td>
<td>Plant</td>
<td>overgrowth or interference, sidewalk too narrow</td>
<td>pedestrian states large overgrowth making it difficult for pedestrians to turn the corner left on to Bay St, forcing them to walk in the bike lane, often, vehicles/truck beds will cut the corner very sharply.</td>
<td>Amelia Conlen</td>
<td>10/11/16</td>
<td>From Ryan - thanks for your report, we'll work with the property owner to address this issue - 10/12/16</td>
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<td>10/06/16</td>
<td>Iris</td>
<td>Moraen</td>
<td>iris36@<a href="mailto:byg@gmail.com">byg@gmail.com</a></td>
<td>Soquel Ave</td>
<td>Santa Cruz</td>
<td>Pavement</td>
<td>cracks</td>
<td>pedestrian states sidewalk on the outside of Staff of Life on Soquel where the bus stop bench is. Entire section of sidewalk is a condition of useSteve Jesberg 12/02/16</td>
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What Pedestrians and Bicyclists Want Each Other to Know

Draft: December 16, 2016

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1. Pedestrians have the right-of-way on sidewalks and in crosswalks.

2. Pedestrians would appreciate it if you use designated bicycle facilities when possible. If you decide to ride on a sidewalk, be aware of local rules, slow your speed, yield to pedestrians and pass only when there is room to pass safely.

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4. Keep crosswalks free and clear for pedestrians when you are stopped at an intersection.

5. Don't allow your bike to block pedestrians' access to walk light buttons or curb cuts when you're waiting on or near a sidewalk.

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Resources

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Hazard Report**
Notify us of obstacles or hazards that may inhibit bike or pedestrian travel by using the RTC's Hazard Report.

[http://www.sccrtc.org/hazard](http://www.sccrtc.org/hazard)

These reports are forwarded to the appropriate local jurisdiction for action. Reports may be submitted at any time.

**2016 Santa Cruz County Bikeways Map**
The SCCRTC produces the County Bikeways Map, which shows bicycle lanes, bicycle paths, alternate routes, amenities, and bicycles resources within Santa Cruz County. You can download the map by visiting [http://sccrtc.org/services/bike/](http://sccrtc.org/services/bike/). For a free printed map, pick one up at 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, contact the RTC at (831) 460-3200 or e-mail info@sccrtc.org.

**Community Traffic Safety Coalition**
The Community Traffic Safety Coalition works to reduce traffic related injuries and accidents in Santa Cruz County, while also promoting alternative modes of transportation. For more information, visit [http://www.sctrafficsafety.org/](http://www.sctrafficsafety.org/)

Thanks to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission’s Bicycle Advisory Committee for its valuable contributions to this brochure.

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Visibility distance wearing different colors

- **Blue**: 55 ft.
- **Red**: 80 ft.
- **Yellow**: 120 ft.
- **White**: 180 ft.
- **Wearing reflectors**: 500 ft.
Other Resources to be considered for back of brochure

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