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Pedestrian Safety Work Group

(A subcommittee of the RTC's Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee)

NOTE LOCATION CHANGE- *Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission*
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA

Agenda –Friday, February 17, 2016 @ 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

1. Introductions
2. Pedestrian Hazard Report
3. Review Pedestrian/Bicycle Brochure
4. Review Action items
5. Next Meeting Date & Topics

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Pedestrian Safety Work Group – 1/24/2017

Attendees: Veronica Elsea (Chair), Grace Blakeslee, Nestor Guevara, John Daugherty, Jean, Michael, April Warnock

1. Introductions

-No Action Taken-

2. Additions or deletions to the agenda

-No Action Taken-

3. Notes from 12/16/16 meeting

-Approve minutes as corrected-

4. Review Pedestrian Hazard Reports

- Quarterly Pedestrian Hazard Reports were reviewed
- Contact information for Amelia Conlen
- Meeting with county/city staff
- Curb cut design drainage issues

5. Review Bicycle/Pedestrian Brochure

- Bicycle/Pedestrian Brochure was reviewed

6. Review Action items

- Meet with County/City staff (Grace)
- Share sidewalk riding rules with Cara (Grace)
- Edit Resources section (Cara)
- Retake photograph (Cara and Veronica)

7. Next Meeting Date & Topics

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QUARTERLY PEDESTRIAN HAZARDS

Date	First Name	Last Name	Contact Info	Location	Cross Street	City	Category	Additional Comments	Forwarded To	Forwarded Date	Response
12/22/16	David	Willis	realperson18@hotmail.com	Soquel Ave		Santa Cruz	other	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 walking to go to the Goodwill store you have to go under this leaning tree, I think is dangerous, you have to duck or bend to get by it!	Amelia Conlen	12/23/16	From Amelia - report has been forwarded to our Parks Department for action - 01/03/17
12/17/16	Debbie	Bulger	dfbulger@cruzio.com	Mission St		Santa Cruz	plant overgrowth or interference	pedestrian states bushes blocking most of sidewalk at 110 mission st	Amelia Conlen	12/19/16	From Amelia - I'll send the property owner a letter requesting that they cut back the vegetation - 12/19/16
12/04/16	Richard	Stover	rjs@skyhighway.com	King St		Santa Cruz	other	pedestrian states sidewalk corner and King and Berkshire newly installed 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-inch deep after a rain. This is dangerous for pedestrians and for children who ride their bikes to school every weekday.	Amelia Conlen	12/05/16	From Amelia - Thanks for your report. We'll take a look and see what we can do to rectify the drainage issue - 12/05/16
11/30/16	Ray	Tucker	995 36th Ave Santa Cruz	Garden St	38th	Capitola	vehicles or objects blocking sidewalk, no crosswalk or striping	pedestrian states vehicles parking block access from curb cut into roadway crossing at an unmarked crosswalk and block visibility for people crossing	Steve Jesberg	12/02/16	From Steve - Mr. Tucker came to our office today and we discussed this issue. I told him that there are existing crosswalks across 38th Avenue at Reposa and Brommer that service those streets and that there really wasn't a need for one at Garden Street. He told me he just likes to cross there. I encouraged him to use the existing crosswalk - 12/08/16
11/30/16	Ray	Tucker	995 36th Ave Santa Cruz	Roland Dr	36th	Capitola	other	pedestrian states access via roland from 38th to 36th through the trailer park was closed even though it was a condition of use	Steve Jesberg	12/02/16	From Steve - I spoke with Ray regarding this issue. The mobile home park has not closed off his access, just the access he liked to take. This will take a significant amount of research to determine what the specific conditions were imposed back in the 1970's. I told him I will do a little digging to see if I can easily come up with something - 12/08/16
11/22/16	Debbie	Bulger	dfbulger@cruzio.com	Chestnut St	Mission St	Santa Cruz	other	pedestrian states crossing buttons difficult 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. Most buttons at this intersection are this older type	Amelia Conlen	11/23/16	From Amelia -
11/21/16	Eric	Berg	ericberg801@yahoo.com	Soquel Ave		Santa Cruz	other	pedestrian states sidewalk on the outside of Staff of Life on Soquel where the bus stop bench is. Entire sidewalk littered with broken glass and crap left by homeless people who camp out making for sketchy unsafe pedestrian walking. Broken glass and trash also in bicycle lane adjacent to sidewalk. One has to dodge groups of people while walking by. I experienced this at 11 am Monday, Nov. 21	Amelia Conlen Officer Garner	11/21/16	From Amelia - forwarded to our Street Sweeping team - 11/21/16
11/12/16	Cara	Lamb	ratbert@cruzio.com	Western Dr	Highway 1	Santa Cruz	traffic signal problem	pedestrian states walk light button is broken, does not give a walk signal	Amelia Conlen/ Tom Barnett	11/14/16	From Tom - This intersection is working in all directions for pedestrians - 11/14/16
11/10/16	Anne-Marie	Harrison	amrharrison@gmail.com	Lincoln St		Santa Cruz	other	pedestrian states lots of shattered glass @ entry and exit of alleyway alley way behind toadal fitness btwn toadal and cafe gratitude	Amelia Conlen	11/10/16	From Amelia - this report has been forwarded to our Street Sweeping team - 11/10/16
11/09/16	Len	Burns	len@gatamundo.com	Ped Bridge San Lorenzo Park		Santa Cruz	other	pedestrian states I am a totally blind pedestrian who has reported incidents of being struck by hit/run bicyclists 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. Yesterday I experienced near miss by new, far more dangerous vehicle, power assisted bicycle rapidly accelerating onto bridge. at each end of the bridge there is sign that says: "Please walk 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 pedestrian safety on bridge, such as cameras to increase the likelihood of identification of hit and run cyclists. Up to now, my concerns regarding this ongoing matter have been ignored. My question is what you, those responsible for public safety in Santa Cruz, intend to do about this problem? Do you plan to wait until somebody is seriously 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 store without risk of bodily	Amelia Conlen	11/10/16	From Amelia - Your request for cameras on the San Lorenzo bike/pedestrian bridge has been forwarded to our Police Department and Chief Ranger for a response. I'll let you know when I hear back from them. - 2/16/17
11/05/16	Sharon	Polak	spolak2000@yahoo.com	Pelton Ave		Santa Cruz	vehicles or objects blocking sidewalk	pedestrian states occupants are routinely parking across the sidewalk, blocking the sidewalk. Pedestrians have to go out into the street to get by. Pelton can be very busy. This creates a hazardous condition for pedestrians. The city just installed a nice sidewalk at the northwest corner of Pelton and Lighthouse, making it safer for peds but now it isn't	Officer Garner	11/04/16	
10/19/16	Jared	Stein	epic831@gmail.com	Soquel	Ocean	Santa Cruz	traffic signal problem	pedestrian states issue with button to cross soquel @ ocean on corner near hotel	Amelia Conlen	10/19/16	From Richard Smith - I'll have my contractor check and repair this button tomorrow if possible - 10/19/16
10/11/16	Ryan	Galleher	ryangalleher@gmail.com	Bay St	Laguna St	Santa Cruz	plant overgrowth or interference, sidewalk too narrow	pedestrian states large overgrowth making it difficult for pedestrians to turn the corner left on to Bay Street, forcing them to walk in the bike lane, where often, vehicles/muni buses will cut the corner very sharply.	Amelia Conlen	10/11/16	From Amelia - Thank you for the notification. We will work with the property owner to address this issue. - 10/12/16
10/06/16	Iris	Moreno	lristom2@gmail.com	Cayuga St	Soquel Ave	Santa Cruz	pavement cracks	pedestrian states "I fell in the crosswalk on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 8:30 am. I was in the crosswalk, watching for cars to make sure they would stop for me since there is no light at this intersection, when my shoe got caught in the rough pavement area where the city had recently worked on the street, and I fell. Broke my wrist, knee cap, and 2 teeth. Have to have surgery on the wrist. Miss 6-8 weeks of work with no pay. Is this the right way to report this?"	Amelia Conlen	10/06/16	From Amelia - This report has been forwarded to our streets maintenance team for repair. - 10/10/16

What Pedestrians Want Bicyclists to Know

Sometimes pedestrians do have the right-of-way.

- Pedestrians have the right-of-way on sidewalks and in crosswalks.
- 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.
- Pedestrians may walk in the roadway or bike lane when the sidewalk is unusable or missing. Respect the speed and manner in which they travel, especially slower pedestrians and those using strollers, wheelchairs or other mobility devices.
- Keep crosswalks free and clear for pedestrians when you are stopped at an intersection.
- 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.

Don't assume that every pedestrian sees you.

- Speak or ring a bike bell to alert pedestrians of your approach. Proceed with caution as they may be blind, hearing impaired or physically unable to move quickly.
- Remember to use hand signals. Make your intentions clear ahead of time.
- Make sure that you and your bike have adequate lighting at night or in inclement weather. Be aware that your lights may temporarily blind pedestrians.

Learn and observe all traffic laws and signs.

- Walk your bike in crosswalks and where signs instruct you to walk your bike, such as pedestrian bridges. Remember that when you are walking your bike, you are a pedestrian.
- Obey all traffic lights and stop signs. Pedestrians expect you to observe the rules of the road like other drivers.
- Don't be a "hit and run" bicyclist. If you collide with a pedestrian, stick around until all parties' needs are addressed.

Watch and be aware of pedestrians.

- Watch for, and yield to pedestrians before making turns or leaving driveways.
- On multi-use paths, be aware that blind or disabled pedestrians may not be able to walk on the right or may require more space while being guided by a dog or another person.
- Stay alert! Put away electronic devices. Distracted bicycling is hazardous to all of us.
- Listen! If using earphones, at least one ear must be free of earbuds and earplugs.

What Bicyclists Want Pedestrians to Know

Sometimes bicyclists will share your pathway!

- Bicyclists are only allowed to ride on some sidewalks. Rules regarding sidewalk riding differ by location. *
- Bicyclists may prefer to ride on sidewalks when they perceive them to be safer than the streets, when they are less experienced or when they are riding with children.
- On a multi-use path, bicyclists would appreciate it if you walk as far to the right side as is practical and leave room for them to pass.
- If you choose to linger on sidewalks or paths, leave room for a bicyclist to pass at a safe distance. Keep any dogs on a short leash and under your control.

Don't assume that every bicyclist sees you!

- Wear reflective and visible clothing, especially in dark areas.
- Make eye contact with bicyclists if possible.
- Bicyclists cannot stop as quickly as you may think! A bicyclist riding at 15 mph will take at least 8 feet to stop.
- Bicyclists expect you to cross at intersections or in marked crosswalks. Always look both ways for bicyclists before crossing, especially midblock.

Learn and observe traffic laws and customs.

- Obey all traffic lights and stop signs. Bicyclists expect you to observe the rules of the road.
- If you must walk in the roadway or bike lane, if possible, walk facing traffic, closest to the curb. Be aware that bicyclists may try to pass you.
- On sidewalks or paths, it is common practice to allow bicyclists to pass on your left.

Watch and be aware of bicyclists!

- Watch for bicyclists before entering the street, bike lane or separated bikeway. Darting across a street or path may cause the bicyclist to crash into you or to crash when trying to avoid you.
- Be aware of bicyclists' movements and watch for their hand signals. Look before changing direction.
- Try to be predictable. Make your intentions clear. Unexpected movements could result in serious injury to you or the bicyclist.
- Stay alert! Put away electronic devices. Distracted walking is hazardous to all of us.
- Listen! If using earphones, you still need to be aware of bicyclists.

Resources

Pedestrian and Bicycle 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>

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 Bikeways Map shows bicycle lanes and paths, alternate routes, amenities and bicycle resources within Santa Cruz County. Download the map <http://sccrtc.org/services/bike/>. Pick up a free map at 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, (831) 460-3200 or email 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.sctrfficsafety.org/>

*Ordinances Regulating Bicycle Riding on Sidewalks Bicyclists are not allowed to ride on sidewalks in the City of Watsonville and City of Capitola. In the City of Santa Cruz, bicycles are not allowed on sidewalks fronting and adjacent to commercial establishments, stores or building used for business or commercial purposes.

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



What Pedestrians and Bicyclists Want Each Other To Know



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