



Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's BICYCLE COMMITTEE

Minutes – Draft

**Monday, May 13, 2013
6:00 pm**

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

1. Call to Order at 6:05pm
2. Introductions

Members Present:

Kem Akol, District 1
David Casterson, District 2, Chair
Peter Scott, District 3
Will Menchine, District 3 (Alt.)
Amelia Conlen, District 4
Rick Hyman, District 5
Andy Ward, City of Capitola, Vice-Chair
Lex Rau, City of Scotts Valley
Leo Jed, CTSC
Rob Straka, Ecology Action/Bike to Work
Piet Canin, Ecology Action/Bike-to-Work

Staff:

Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner
Grace Blakeslee, Senior Transportation Planner

Unexcused Absences:

Carlos Garza, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)

Excused Absences:

Eric Horton, District 2 (Alt.)
Holly Tyler, District 1 (Alt.)
Gary Milburn, City of Scotts Valley (Alt.)
Bill Fieberling, City of Santa Cruz
Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola (Alt.)
Myrna Sherman, City of Watsonville
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)

Vacancies:

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

Guests:

Theresia Rogerson, CTSC

3. Announcements – Cory Caletti, staff to the Bicycle Committee, announced that the RTC applied for a \$21M Federal Lands Access Grant for north coast segments of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network. The north coast segments were eligible because they would satisfy the goal of the grant, which is to provide access to federal lands such as the California Coast National Monuments. Ms. Caletti also announced that the following members were recently reappointed: Kem Akol (voting) and Holly Tyler (alternate) representing District 1; Peter Scott (voting) and Will Menchine (alternate) representing District 3; Rick Hyman (voting) representing District 5; Myrna Sherman (voting) representing the City of Watsonville and Piet Canin (alternate)

representing Bike to Work. She asked the Committee to welcome two new appointees: Amelia Conlen (voting) representing District 4 and Rob Straka (voting) representing Bike to Work.

4. Oral Communications – Chair David Casterson reported that, as directed by the Bike Committee at the last meeting, he commented at the May RTC meeting on the item concerning the FY 13/14 budget. He indicated that he requested that the Commission consider increasing the budget for bike planning so that regular month Committee meetings may be reinstated and that greater staff support is provided. He reported that he was informed that this request should come before the RTC's Budget and Administration meeting when the FY13/14 budget amendment is reviewed and the FY 14/15 budget is considered. He also indicated that he commented on the Highway 1 agenda item in support of the planned Chanticleer bicycle and pedestrian overcrossing because of the community connectivity it will provide that was diminished when the highway was originally built.
5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – None

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Scott/Ward) to approve the consent agenda as amended passed unanimously.

6. Approved draft minutes of the March 11, 2013 Bicycle Committee meeting
7. Accepted summary of Bicycle Hazard Reports
8. Accepted Bicycle Committee roster
9. Accepted letter from Bicycle Committee regarding preliminary designs for planned Highway 1 Bicycle/Pedestrian Overcrossing project at Chanticleer Avenue
10. Accepted letter from Bicycle Committee urging the Santa Cruz City Council to reinstate the City of Santa Cruz's Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee
11. Approved Bike Secure application from the Live Oak Grange

REGULAR AGENDA

12. Officer Elections – Cory Caletti thanked David Casterson for his year of exemplary service and Andy Ward for his limited but essential service as Vice-Chair. She indicated that their terms have expired, that elections for a Chair and Vice-Chair would need to be held and listed the duties required for the positions. A nomination (Conlen, Jed) to elect David Casterson for the Chair position for another one-year term passed unanimously. A nomination (Canin/Jed) to elect Andy Ward as Vice-Chair for another year also passed unanimously.
13. Complete Street Assessment and Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Project List – Grace Blakeslee, RTC Senior Transportation Planner, summarized the staff report and asked for recommendations of complete streets projects that could be considered for inclusion in the 2014 RTP. She asked members to focus on areas that may see increased growth or density. Members asked questions and provided feedback regarding a variety of specific locations. More generally, the Bicycle Committee indicated that complete streets policies, namely addressing the needs of all transportation users in the development or retrofit of any project, should be applied across the board. Members stressed that improving traffic movement for all users should be prioritized in every step of project development. While a number of new bicycle design treatments are currently being considered nationally, the Bicycle

Committee did not recommend any particular treatment be considered locally but rather asked to have consideration of such innovations be agendized for a future meeting. Bicycle Committee member Amelia Conlen agreed to conduct research and present a synopsis to the Committee for future discussion.

14. Transportation Development Act Claim for Community Traffic Safety Coalition (CTSC) and the Ride 'n Stride program – Ms. Caletti summarized the staff report and provided background information about the RTC's ongoing support of the two programs. Theresia Rogerson summarized tasks accomplished by the Community Traffic Safety Coalition and the Ride 'n Stride program and highlighted some of the focus areas identified in the respective work programs for the coming year. Ms. Rogerson also solicited participation in the CTSC's annual bicycle and pedestrian safety observation study. After some discussion, a motion (Jed/Ward) to approve the staff recommendation that the Bicycle Committee recommend approval of the TDA claims to the RTC passed unanimously.
15. Transportation Development Act Claim for Bike to Work Week – Cory Caletti summarized the staff report and provided background information about the RTC's support of the Bike to Work program over its 26-year span. After Piet Canin provided highlights of the past year's accomplishments, a motion (Scott/Akol) to approve the staff recommendation that the Bicycle Committee recommend approval of the TDA claims to the RTC passed unanimously.
16. City of Santa Cruz Capital Improvement (CIP) Program – Committee member Rick Hyman outlined the purpose of local jurisdiction's Capital Improvement Programs and indicated that local jurisdiction can only implement projects that are identified in the CIP. Thus, review and input into the CIPs is crucial. Mr. Hyman requested that staff agendize the CIPs for each jurisdiction in the spring of each year. Following discussion of the proposed CIP list for the City of Santa Cruz, a number of actions were taken and the Committee requested that a letter be sent to the City of Santa Cruz City Council conveying all the recommendations. A motion (Akol/Jed) to recommend inclusion of Segment 8 as identified in the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Draft Master Plan in the CIP passed unanimously. A motion (Akol/Conlen) to remove State Route Highway 1 Bridge Replacement off the CIP list passed with one abstention. A motion (Conlen/Akol) to convey appreciation to the City of Santa Cruz for the bike projects included and to recommend prioritization of the Arana Gulch Broadway/Brommer Multi-Use Trail, the Branciforte Creek Bike/Pedestrian Bridge, Market St at Goss Widening project and Segment 7 of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network as defined in the Draft Master Plan passed unanimously. A final motion (Hyman/Ward) to endorse any short and long term bicycle improvements on King Street also passed unanimously.
17. City of Scotts Valley Capital Improvement Program – Committee member Rick Hyman provided a similar summary of the purpose and importance of CIPs and referenced the City of Scotts Valley's already adopted CIP. Committee members discussed the bicycle projects included, namely improvements on Glen Canyon Road, Vine Hill School Road and Shugart Park Pathway. A motion (Jed/Rau) to write a letter recommending that City of Scotts Valley staff pursue all potential funding sources to bring these projects to swift implementation passed unanimously.
18. County of Santa Cruz Capital Improvement Program - Committee member Rick Hyman indicated that the County's CIP list was not yet available but would be

presented to the County's Parks Commission May 22nd. Members Amelia Conlen and Rob Straka volunteered to bring the County's proposed CIP with recommendations to the June Bicycle Committee meeting for member consideration.

19. Member updates related to Committee functions – Chair Casterson indicated that, as directed at a previous Bicycle Committee meeting, he attended the May RTC meeting and spoke in favor of increasing funding for staffing of the Bicycle Committee and for other bicycle planning activities for the FY 13/14 and the following fiscal year. He reported that he was informed such recommendations should be brought to the Budget and Administration (B&A) Advisory Committee when amendments to the FY 13/14 budget and the FY 14/15 budget are considered in the fall. A motion (Menchine/Akol) to direct Chair Casterson to attend the fall B&A meeting and speak in favor of increasing resources allocated to bicycle planning efforts passed unanimously. Will Menchine added a report on the East Cliff Parkway Ad-Hoc Committee's onsite review and recommendations to the County Public Works department. The Ad-Hoc committee was composed of himself, former member Nick Mucha and Kem Akol. Members requested that the item be agendaized for the June meeting so the Ad-Hoc Committee's recommendations could be presented and the full Committee could consider endorsement.

20. Adjourned: 8:35 pm

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2013 from 6:30pm to 9:00pm at the RTC office, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:

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