



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

**BICYCLE COMMITTEE**

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**Minutes - Draft**

**Monday, August 19, 2013**

**6:00 p.m.**

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

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions

**Members Present:**

Kem Akol, District 1  
David Casterson, District 2, Chair  
Peter Scott, District 3  
Amelia Conlen, District 4  
Rick Hyman, District 5  
Bill Fieberling, City of Santa Cruz  
Andy Ward, City of Capitola, Vice-Chair  
Lex Rau, City of Scotts Valley  
Rob Straka, Ecology Action/Bike to Work  
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)

**Staff:**

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

**Vacancies:**

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

**Unexcused Absences:**

**Excused Absences:**

Eric Horton, District 2 (Alt.)  
Holly Tyler, District 1 (Alt.)  
Gary Milburn, City of Scotts Valley (Alt.)  
Will Menchine, District 3 (Alt.)  
Piet Canin, Ecology Action/Bike-to-Work  
(Alt)  
Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola (Alt.)  
Leo Jed, CTSC  
Carlos Garza, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)  
Myrna Sherman, City of Watsonville

**Guests:**

Theresa Rogerson and Becky Sox, County  
Health Services Agency  
Alex Page, City of Santa Cruz Planning  
Dept Intern  
Melissa Ott, UCSC IDEASS student  
Brenden Fant, UCSC IDEASS student

3. Announcements – Cory Caletti, RTC staff, announced that the RTC's grant application to the Federal Lands Access Program for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network project was not identified on the short list and is unlikely to be funded. She also updated members on the final stages of the MBSST Network master planning effort, Caltrans' rumble strip project and upcoming committee review opportunity, as well as the list of projects approved by the RTC for the Regional Transportation Plan

update. Also, she informed members that the RTC was awarded a \$250,000 grant to produce a passenger train service study.

4. Oral communications – None
5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – None

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

6. Approved draft minutes of the June 10, 2013 Bicycle Committee meeting
7. Accepted Bicycle Committee roster
8. Accepted summary of Bicycle Hazard Reports
9. Accepted updated FY 2013-2014 Bicycle Committee meeting schedule
10. Accepted letter to the County of Santa Cruz Public Works Department regarding recommendations for improvements to the East Cliff Drive Parkway
11. Accepted letter from the Bicycle Committee to the County of Santa Cruz Public Works Department with recommendations for changes to the County's Capital Improvement Program
12. Accepted letter from the Bicycle Committee to Caltrans regarding Highway 1 shoulder and Wilder Ranch multi-use path pavement quality after overgrown vegetation cut-back, and the need for Bike May Use Full Lanes signs to the approach of the Scott Creek and Waddell Creek bridge construction where the shoulder is closed

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

13. Draft Monterey Bay Area Complete Streets Guidelines –Grace Blakeslee, RTC Senior Transportation Planner, provided the third presentation on the Complete Streets Guidebook over the past few months and requested that the Committee recommend that the RTC adopt the document so that it may be used by local jurisdictions as a resource. A motion (Conlen/Scott) to recommend that the RTC adopt the Complete Streets Guidebook passed unanimously. A subsequent request was made to agendize a discussion of Caltrans' Main Street Program, similar to complete streets, and its relationship to Mission Street improvements in the City of Santa Cruz.
14. Innovative Bicycle Facilities and Treatments in Current Regulatory Standard Manuals – Bicycle Committee member Amelia Conlen provided a PowerPoint presentation of recently introduced bicycle facility treatments including but not limited to bike boxes, cycle tracks, buffered bike lanes, etc. and their relationship to regulatory standards. The presentation was provided for information only.
15. 2011 Bicyclist Injuries and Fatalities for Santa Cruz County Report and 2013 Bicycle Safety Observation Study –Becky Sox, Health Education Intern with County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency (HSA) and Theresia Rogerson, HSA Community Traffic Safety Coalition Program, summarized the staff report and reports and highlighted changes in the reporting format. Most notably, HSA staff reviewed historic observation data and concluded that Santa Cruz County has seen a 167% increase in bicycle ridership over the 2003-2013 time span.

16. UCSC and Westside Santa Cruz Bicycle Transit Planning Study – UCSC IDEASS and members Brenden Fant and Melissa Ott presented the Bicycle Transit Planning project that they produced focusing on routes to and from UCSC that are in need of infrastructure improvements to increase safety and connectivity. Members provided input and suggestions for additional research should the study be expanded in the next school year.
17. Member updates related to Committee functions – Amelia Conlen summarized the ad-hoc sub-committee’s recommendations for the hybrid scenarios developed as part of the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan. Lex Rau mentioned various bicycle traffic actuation deficiencies in the City of Scotts Valley and his efforts to identify improvements in coordination with City Public Works staff.
18. Adjourned: 8:45 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2013, from the special time of 6:00pm to 8:30pm at the RTC office, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:

Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner

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