



Santa Cruz County Regional  
Transportation Commission's

BICYCLE COMMITTEE

Minutes - ~~Draft~~ Final

Monday, September 23, 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  
Amelia Conlen, District 4  
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.)  
Leo Jed, CTSC  
Will Menchine, District 3 (Alt.)

**Staff:**

Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner  
Luis Mendez, Deputy Director

**Vacancies:**

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

**Unexcused Absences:**

Peter Scott, District 3

**Excused Absences:**

Eric Horton, District 2 (Alt.)  
Holly Tyler, District 1 (Alt.)  
Gary Milburn, City of Scotts Valley (Alt.)  
Piet Canin, Ecology Action/Bike-to-Work (Alt.)  
Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola (Alt.)  
Carlos Garza, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)  
Myrna Sherman, City of Watsonville  
Rick Hyman, District 5

**Guests:**

Steve All, Executor and Beneficiary of the Public Trust  
Doug Hessian, Caltrans Project Manager  
Paul McClintic, Caltrans Traffic  
Scott Morris, Caltrans Traffic  
Matt Fowler, Caltrans Environmental  
Jim Espinosa, Caltrans Design  
Jean Brocklebank, resident  
Michael Lewis, resident

3. Announcements – Cory Caletti made the following announcements:

- Open Streets event will be happening on West Cliff Drive on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>; volunteers are still needed; there will be an RTC booth. The RTC will be providing funding for two similar events next year to be held in the Cities of Watsonville and Capitola.

- The RTC issued a “call for projects” for up to \$5.5 million in projected FY17/18 and FY18/19 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds, \$2.5 million in projected FY13/14 Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds and approximately \$5.3 million in federal earmarks and STIP funds to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network projects.
  - The Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Master Plan and Final Environmental Impact Report will be released in October; adoption and certification will be considered by the RTC in November. The Bike Committee will receive a presentation on the Master Plan at the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.
  - Governor Jerry Brown signed the “Three Feet for Safety Act” into law mandating that drivers provide cyclists with a three-foot berth when passing. The law will take effect in Sept, 2014.
4. Oral communications – Chair Casterson reminded members of their duty to come prepared to meetings and to read materials supplied in each Bike Committee packet. Steve All, Executor and Beneficiary of the Public Trust, asked for a show of hands of members familiar with the CycleNet bicycle route numbering project. Jean Brocklebank, Live Oak resident, expressed concerns regarding the design for the Arana Gulch Creek multi-use trail exit on to the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Brommer Street intersection. A motion was made (Akol/Ward) to agendaize the item for discussion at an upcoming meeting. The motion was approved with one vote against the motion.
  5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – Item #9 was pulled from the agenda per a request from Leo Jed and was placed as Item #10a. Cory Caletti distributed a replacement page to item #10.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

6. Approved draft minutes of the August 19, 2013 Bicycle Committee meeting
7. Accepted Bicycle Committee roster
8. Accepted summary of Bicycle Hazard Reports
9. Pulled - Accept response letter from Caltrans regarding the Bicycle Committee's request for Highway 1 shoulder and Wilder Ranch multi-use path pavement improvements and safety measures

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

10. Centerline and outside shoulder rumble strip project in Santa Cruz County on Route 1 from Shafter Road to Swanton Road past Davenport – Cory Caletti summarized the staff report and provided background information on the project. Doug Hessing, Caltrans District 5 Project Manager, presented an alternative treatment that would be less impactful to cyclists. The alternative treatment is narrower in width, striped over the white edge line rather than into the shoulder and is shallower. Locally, the alternative treatment has been used on Highway 68 and has received favorable responses from cyclists. The alternative treatment will be applied ~~to the entire length of the project area in the centerline and~~ for the first four miles in the shoulder with standard 12 inch wide strips applied in the centerline. –Following discussion about the current project and the Bicycle Committee's interest in and inquiry into the possibility of adding 10-15 foot gaps in the treatment every 30-60 feet, a motion was made (Menchine/Akol) to recommend that the RTC approve the application of the alternative treatment proposed and to request that

Caltrans collect bicycle count data to supplement average daily vehicle count data. The motion passed unanimously.

10a. Item #9 from Consent Agenda: In response to issues related to approaches to the narrow bridges at Waddell and Scott Creeks on Highway 1, Leo Jed requested that Caltrans install Bikes May Use Full Lane signs to inform motorists and bicyclists on how to traverse the crossings safely. Paul McClintic from Caltrans volunteered to conduct a site inspection and install the signs if the situations warrant it. Andy Ward requested the Caltrans investigate how to improve the maintenance mechanism used for the Wilder Ranch multi-use path that is causing deterioration of the asphalt surface. An issue of debris in the shoulder from the steep slope at the northern intersection of Coast Road on Highway 1 was discussed. Members also inquired into the possibility of adding transverse rumble strips across the roadway heading into Santa Cruz in order to slow motor vehicle speeds. Paul McClintic will conduct a site inspection and report back.

11. Member updates related to Committee functions:

- David Casterson updated members on their request to have the RTC add a 0.25 Full Time Equivalent transportation planner position to provide more staff support to the Bicycle Committee so that it can meet every month. The request was brought to the Budget and Administration (B&A) Committee who did not recommending that change. David Casterson reported that the B&A Committee suggested that members work on ways to add value to staff time by identifying projects they are interested in working on. He reiterated again the need for members to read packets ahead of time and come prepared for efficient meetings.
- Steve All provided a CD and summary of the CycleNet route numbering project he has developed. He indicated that the CD contains a 15 minute video presentation on the project.
- Amelia Conlen informed members that she participated in a Highway 9 field tour with various staff members from Caltrans and County Public Works, Commissioner McPherson and his staff, as well as community members to identify bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements. While many constrains exist on the narrow corridor, a few low cost measures were examined for quick implementation.
- Will Menchine mentioned that Shaffer Road improvements in the City of Santa Cruz are nearly complete and many of the Bike Committee's recommendations were incorporated.
- Lex Rau informed members that Scotts Valley Drive has been resurfaced and improvements have been made to the bicycle lane width.
- Kem Akol requested an update on the Murray Street bridge seismic retrofit project and possible connections to the Harbor that could be incorporated.

12. Adjourned: 8:50 PM

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2013, from 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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