



**Santa Cruz County Regional
Transportation Commission's
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Minutes

**Monday, June 6, 2016
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 pm**

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

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

Members Present:

Grace Voss, District 1
Kem Akol, District 1 (Alt.)
David Casterson, District 2, Vice-Chair
Peter Scott, District 3
Will Menchine, District 3 (Alt.)
Amelia Conlen, District 4, Chair
Rick Hyman, District 5
Melissa Ott, City of Santa Cruz
Lex Rau, City of Scotts Valley
Andy Ward, City of Capitola
Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola (Alt.)
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)
Emily Gomez, Ecology Action/Bike to Work

Guests:

Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville
Scott Hamby, City of Scotts Valley
Rodney Cahill, Mesiti-Miller Engineering
Jack Sohriakoff, County of Santa Cruz
Becky Steinbruner, Public
Leo Trujillo, Mott MacDonald
Veronica Elsea, RTC E&D TAC

Unexcused Absences:

Excused Absences:

Jim Cook, District 2 (Alt.)
Gary Milburn, City of Scotts Valley (Alt.)
Piet Canin, Ecology Action/Bike-to-Work (Alt.)
Leo Jed, CTSC

Vacancies:

City of Santa Cruz – Alternate
District 4 and 5 – Alternates
City of Watsonville – Voting and Alternate

Staff:

Cory Caletti, Sr Transportation Planner
Grace Blakeslee, Sr Transportation Planner
Ginger Dykaar, Transportation Planner
Raquel Trinidad, Transportation Planning Tech

3. Announcements – Cory Caletti announced that the RTC and the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County committed \$300K and \$700K, respectively, to fund preliminary engineering, design and environmental compliance for an additional 2.1 mile rail trail project to extend the current 5-mile north coast trail project all the way to Davenport. Adjacent parking lots will also be designed. Cory Caletti also distributed copies of an informational mailer that had been sent out to likely

voters to educate the public about the proposed Transportation Improvement Plan that may go to voters in November. She announced that the RTC will hold a public hearing on June 16th, 2016 where a final decision regarding placing a measure on the ballot and exact distribution of funds will be made.

4. Oral communications – Vice-Chair Casterson announced that long time Bicycle Advisory Committee member Bill Fieberling, who represented the City of Santa Cruz since 1997, passed away. A card expressing condolences to his family was passed around.
5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – None. Hand-outs were distributed for items #6 and #11.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Casterson/Gomez) was made to approve the consent agenda with changes to the minutes to reflect that Rick Hyman was not in attendance. The motion passed unanimously with members Voss, Casterson, Scott, Conlen, Hyman, Ott, Rau, Ward, and Gomez voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.

6. Approved draft minutes of the April 11, 2016 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
7. Accepted summary of Bicycle Hazard reports
8. Accepted roster

REGULAR AGENDA

9. User Oriented Transit Planning – Raquel Trinidad, Transportation Planning Technician, provided an overview of the RTC's pilot program to apply individualized marketing techniques to travel behavior. The program is funded through a Caltrans Transit Planning Grant. The program is aimed at encouraging solo-drivers to switch transportation modes. Attracting new transit riders is an emphasis of the program, although attracting new bicycling and pedestrians is also a goal. Ideas regarding incentives and other bicycling resources that would generate new bicycle riders and discourage single occupancy vehicle use were discussed.
10. Draft "*What Pedestrian and Bicyclists Want Each Other to Know*" Brochure – Grace Blakeslee, Senior Transportation Planner, introduced the draft brochure and Veronica Elsea, RTC Elderly and Disable Transportation Advisory Committee member, solicited ideas for improvement. Comments focused on ways to mitigate impacts attributed to use of earphones and educating multi-use trail users on appropriate etiquette.
11. City of Scotts Valley Mt. Hermon Rd/Scotts Valley Dr/Whispering Pines Dr Intersection Operations Improvement Project – Scott Hamby, City of Scotts Valley Public Works Director, introduced the congestion and safety improvement project at the Mt. Hermon Rd/Scotts Valley Dr/Whispering Pines Dr intersection. The goal of the project is to improve vehicular traffic circulation and increase bicycle and pedestrian safety. Rodney Cahill of Mesiti-Miller Engineering, outlined three improvement options which include green bicycle lane striping at conflict areas and bike boxes. Feedback was provided and a motion was made (Hyman/Voss) to form an ad-hoc committee to review the next iteration of the designs. Construction is scheduled for spring of 2018. Members Rick Hyman, Amelia Conlen and Lex Rau volunteered to serve on the ad-hoc committee as did Jack Sohriakoff of the County of Santa Cruz Public Works Department. The

motion passed unanimously with members Voss, Casterson, Scott, Conlen, Hyman, Ott, Rau, Ward, and Gomez voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.

12. County of Santa Cruz's Draft Striping Plans for Green Bike Lanes – Jack Sohriakoff of the County Public Works summarized the green lane striping plans at Freedom Boulevard and Hwy 1. The striping will occur as part of a chip seal project all within Caltrans' right-of-way. An encroachment permit has been submitted to Caltrans with proposed designs. Members and guests provided minor improvement suggestions and commended the County for initiating this project.
13. County of Santa Cruz Transportation Development Act Claim for Bikeway Maintenance, the Boulder Creek Elementary School Pedestrian Safety Project and the Twin Lakes State Beach/Sanctuary Scenic Trail Project – Cory Caletti, RTC staff, summarized the TDA program, apportionment and allocation process. Jack Sohriakoff of the County Public Works summarized the projects under consideration. A motion (Ward/Casterson) was made to recommend that the RTC approve the allocation request. The motion passed unanimously with members Voss, Casterson, Scott, Conlen, Hyman, Ott, Rau, Ward, and Gomez voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.
14. Preliminary Draft Project List for the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy – Ginger Dykaar, RTC Transportation Planner, updated members of the progress made on the RTP since the last presentation and reminded members that the plan will be adopted in 2018 after an environmental review process is completed. Members reviewed the project list and discussed details of identified projects. Members commended staff on the comprehensiveness of the list and overview provided. Another milestone presentation will be coming to the Committee around the December time frame.
15. Update on Campaign to Close Brookwood Drive to Traffic – Amelia Conlen, Bicycle Advisory Committee Chair, indicated that there is neighborhood interest in closing Brookwood Drive to vehicular traffic as cut-through traffic has increased substantially. A public meeting to seek input will be held soon. Amelia will share details as they are available.
16. North Coast Rail Trail Preliminary Designs – Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner, summarized the 30% design plans and referred members to the RTC website where plans are posted. She outlined some of the stakeholder outreach done to date and next steps.
17. Updates Related to Committee Functions – none
18. Adjourned – 8:48 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled on **Monday, August 8, 2016**, from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the RTC office, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:

Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner