



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

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**Minutes**

**Monday, August 8, 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  
Lex Rau, City of Scotts Valley  
Andy Ward, City of Capitola  
Emily Gomez, Ecology Action/Bike to Work  
Leo Jed, CTSC

**Guests:**

Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville  
Scott Hamby, City of Scotts Valley  
Jessica Kahn, City of Scotts Valley  
Claire Fliesler, City of Santa Cruz  
John Mills, RTC E&D TAC

**Unexcused Absences:**

**Excused Absences:**

Jim Cook, District 2 (Alt.)  
Rick Hyman, District 5  
Gary Milburn, City of Scotts Valley (Alt.)  
Melissa Ott, City of Santa Cruz  
Piet Canin, Ecology Action/Bike-to-Work (Alt.)  
Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola (Alt.)  
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)

**Vacancies:**

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

**Staff:**

Cory Caletti, Sr Transportation Planner  
Rachel Moriconi, Sr Transportation Planner

3. Announcements – Cory Caletti announced that request for proposals (RFP) was released for preliminary design and environmental work for the Mar Vista Drive bicycle and pedestrian crossing. Proposals are due Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.
4. Oral communications – Amelia Conlen announced that she accepted a position with the City of Santa Cruz as the Transportation Coordinator. She will continue serving on the Committee as Chair. Kem Akol requested that an item be agendaized related to naming a future bridge in honor of former Committee member and long-time City of Santa Cruz Public Works Director Bill Fieberling who recently passed away. John Mills, a member of the Elderly & Disabled

Transportation Advisory Committee, commented on the draft brochure about what bicyclists and pedestrians want one another to know, suggested wording revisions, and encouraged committee members to provide input on the brochure. Staff reminded members that the draft brochure was reviewed at a previous meeting and that the item may be brought back to the committee should significant revisions be considered. A discussion followed about local ordinances related to riding on sidewalks. Cory Caletti indicated that a summary of said ordinances has been compiled and is available on the RTC's website and that she will also email members a link to that site.

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion (Ward/Scott) was made to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously with members Voss, Casterson, Scott, Conlen, Rau, Ward, and Gomez voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.

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

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

9. 2016 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) Recommendations – Rachel Moriconi, RTC Senior Transportation Planner, summarized the staff report, which included a list of projects for which applications were submitted, criteria used to evaluate project applications, and preliminary staff recommendations. A handout, submitted by Rick Hyman regarding the City of Santa Cruz's proposed sidewalk project on Pacific Avenue, was distributed. Scott Hamby of the City of Scotts Valley summarized the Glen Canyon/Green Hills Road project and thanked staff for the funding recommendation. Murray Fontes, Principle Engineer for the City of Watsonville summarized the two City projects submitted for funding consideration. Claire Fliesler of the City of Santa Cruz provided a summary of her agency's projects and added that the City of Santa Cruz would be able to contribute a greater match to the Pacific Avenue project, reducing the minimum STBG funds needed to \$240,000. After questions, voices of support for projects recommended and for a few not recommended, and some discussion, **a motion was unanimously approved (Scott/Casterson) to recommend the RTC adopt the staff recommendation with the additional recommendation that the City of Santa Cruz's Pacific Avenue sidewalk project be funded at a \$240K level.**
10. 2016 Transportation Improvement Plan Ballot Measure Update – Rachel Moriconi, RTC Senior Transportation Planner, updated members on the transportation sales tax measure that has been placed on the November ballot. She highlighted the changes in the funding allocations and conditions made since the Committee received a presentation in April. A campaign committee has been established and RTC staff is only providing information, as available and requested. Discussion included local agency distribution formulas approved by the RTC at its May 2016 meeting and the ability to utilize local funds as match to secure grants.
11. Coastal Rail Trail/Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Update – Cory Caletti, RTC Senior Transportation Planner/Trail Program Manager, provided the following updates:

- The Land Trust of Santa Cruz County provided funding for an analysis of the San Lorenzo River pedestrian crossing and feasibility of widening the existing 4' wide pathway to a 9'-10' multi-use facility. Widening was deemed feasible at a considerably lower cost than the Master Plan's proposal for a new separated bike/pedestrian crossing at that location.
- The City of Santa Cruz partnered with the County to submit an Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant application for the design and environmental services for the Rail Trail from the Wharf Roundabout to 17th Ave. Estimated cost of services for design and environmental services is \$4.7M with \$3.2M requested from ATP and a \$1.5M local match provided by the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County. Grant awards will be announced at the end of this year with fund availability/programming in fiscal years 19/20 and 20/21.
- A width constraint at the New Leaf parking lot at Fair Street has been resolved enabling the City of Santa Cruz's current trail project (from Natural Bridges Drive to the Wharf) to be on the coastal side of the track throughout its length.
- City Arts Santa Cruz/the Santa Cruz Arts Commission have begun planning for public art along the City's portion of the rail trail. The first public brainstorming meeting for an Art Master Plan will be held Thursday, August 11 6:00pm-7:30pm in the Swift St. Courtyard in front of Kelly's French Bakery. At this meeting local artists are invited to help us identify themes, key opportunities and public art projects. Art will be installed as projects are implemented and funding becomes available.
- The North Coast rail trail project received a significant boost. An additional 2 miles of the trail, bringing the trail all the way to Davenport, received preliminary design and environmental clearance funding. This will bring the project to a shovel-ready state and will realize economies of scale by being combined with the current Wilder to Yellowbank beach project. Construction funding however is not yet secured for the 2-mile portion. It is hoped that by the 2018 construction year for the Wilder to Yellowbank beach portion, construction funding will be secured so that the 7-mile project can be built in its entirety. The \$1M cost for preliminary design and environmental work was provided by the Land Trust of Santa Cruz (\$700K) and the RTC (\$300K).
- The City of Watsonville's trail project is making progress with geotechnical work completed and coordination with the California Public Utilities Commission continuing.

A motion was made (Casterson/Voss) to present the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County with a certificate of appreciation for the organization's commitment to rail trail implementation and unprecedented funding contribution.

12. Updates related to Committee functions – Lex Rau indicated his pleasure at the City of Scotts Valley's Green Hill Road application and reported signal light problems on Spring Hills Road. Grace Voss announced that the Santa Cruz Cycling Club is offering a \$100 reward for information leading to the location of a stolen porta-potty which was rented for a recent century ride.

13. Adjourned – 7:30 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled one week later than usual, **Monday, October 17, 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