



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

BICYCLE COMMITTEE

Minutes-Draft

**Monday, February 22, 2010
6:30 p.m.**

**Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
1523 Pacific Ave
Santa Cruz, CA 95060**

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions

Members Present:

Kem Akol, District 1
David Casterson, District 2
Jim Langley, CTSC
Bill Fieberling, City of Santa Cruz
Eric Horton, District 2 (Alt.)
Rick Hyman, District 5
Leo Jed, CTSC (Alt.)
Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola, Chair
Bob Montague, City of Watsonville
Lex Rau, Scotts Valley (Alt.)
Peter Scott, District 3

Staff:

Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner

Guests:

Blake Northey, UCSC student
Pat Graves, UCSC student
Nick Muncha, Bike-to-Work Coordinator
Brandon Kett, District 4 Applicant

Excused Absences:

Gary Milburn, City of Scotts Valley
Saskia Lucas, Bike to Work (Alt.)
Michael Lewis, District 1 (Alt.)
Andy Ward, City of Capitola (Alt.)
Penni Bengtson, District 5 (Alt.)
Piet Canin, Bike to Work
Carlos Garza, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)
Will Menchine, District 3 (Alt.)

Unexcused Absences:

Vacancies:

District 4 – Voting and Alternate
City of Watsonville – Alternate

3. Announcements - Cory Caletti announced that some Bicycle Committee members' terms expire at end of March, that she was working on re-nominations, and that officer elections will take place at the April Bicycle Committee meeting.

Cory informed member that the Arana Gulch Master Plan coastal permit will be heard by the California Coastal Commission on March 11, 2010 at the County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisor Chambers.

She provided a handout regarding the formation of a U.S. Bicycle Route System which is a joint project between the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and Adventure Cycling Organization to identify and route an interstate system of cycling networks.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Fieberling/Langley) to approve the consent agenda passed unanimously.

6. Approved draft minutes of the December 14, 2009 Bicycle Committee meeting
7. Accepted Bike Secure III Final Report as submitted to the Funding Agency: Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District
8. Approved Bike Secure application from Wave Crest Development and correction to previously approved subsidy for Pacific Veterinary Specialists
9. Accepted correspondence from the Bicycle Committee to the California Coastal Commission regarding support for the Arana Gulch Master Plan
10. Accepted Hazard Report
11. Accepted Bicycle Committee Roster

REGULAR AGENDA

12. Draft *2010 Regional Transportation Plan Update*: Consider Information Item and Forming a Review Subcommittee – Cory Caletti provided members an overview regarding the update of the *2010 Regional Transportation Plan* (RTP). Projects need to be identified in the RTP to secure Federal, State and local funding. The next plan update will be in 2012 and will incorporate greenhouse gas emissions targets. Cory Caletti said that although the current update is a minor one, the Bicycle Committee has the opportunity review and provide feedback. The draft RTP document along with the Draft Supplement Environmental Impact Report will be released to public on March 1st and will be available for public review until April 19th. The Commission is holding a public hearing on April 1st and the next regular Bicycle Committee meeting meets on April 12th. It was suggested that one of the Bicycle Committee sub-committees or a new ad-hoc sub-committee be formed to review and provide feedback for the plan before the April 1st public hearing. In response to a question, Cory Caletti clarified that the plan will not have a prioritized list of projects but will be divided into a constrained list of projects for which funds have been allocated and an unconstrained list. A notification will be sent to members to announce when the draft documents will be posted to the SCCRTC website. A CD containing all documents will also be available. A motion (Akol/Hyman) was made to appoint an ad-hoc sub-committee to review the draft documents and present recommendations to the Bicycle Committee at the April 12th meeting. Bob Montague, Kem Akol, Rick Hyman, and Daniel Kostelec volunteered to serve on the sub-committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Receive Oral Presentation and Consider Draft Aptos Village Master Plan – Bicycle Committee members David Casterson, Will Menchine, Bob Montague met with Glenda Hill from the County Planning Department met with Commissioner Ellen Pirie to discuss the Draft Aptos Village Master

Plan. Mr. Casterson explained to members the details of the plan and the area that encompasses the draft plan. He mentioned that much of the discussion focused on safe bicycle travel, general motor vehicle speeds and treatments such as Shared Lane Pavement Markings (aka "sharrows"). David indicated that the Santa Cruz Sentinel reported that there would be no need for bike lanes due to slow moving auto traffic which is a mis-quote needing correction or retraction. The final decision on the approval of the plan will take place on February 23rd, 2010.

A motion (Hyman/Scott) was made and passed unanimously to appoint Kem Akol to present the following recommendations on behalf of the Bicycle Committee at the February 23rd Public Hearing:

- Speed tables and other methods to slow traffic on Soquel Drive be installed
 - A connection for bicycles from Trout Gulch Road to Aptos Creek Road behind the new development be considered
 - A mix of enclosed and inverted U-rack bike locking facilities be installed
 - Left turn bike pockets on Soquel Drive at Trout Gulch Road and at Aptos Creek Road be provided
 - Bike lanes on the east/west road and the two new roads be provided
 - A south-bound bike detour off Soquel to Aptos Street be provided
13. Review Draft Online Bicycle/Pedestrian Hazard Report Form – Cory Caletti presented the draft online version of the Hazard Report Form for both bicycle and pedestrian network deficiencies or hazards. She requested feedback from members and pointed out the proposed features of the form, preliminarily including the ability to insert a picture and map. Cory Caletti said that she has gotten comments and feedback from the local jurisdictions and other agencies. She addressed why the RTC receives the hazard reports, in addition to local jurisdictions directly, saying that often individuals are unaware what jurisdictions a hazard is located in and that a central depository for the reports provides a valuable resource to the community. The RTC facilitates this reporting process so that the complaint is submitted to the correct department, jurisdiction or agency. As a second phase, Cory Caletti noted the goal of developing a way to "close the loop" on reporting follow-up action pertaining to the hazard report submitted to the submitter. Members discussed features of the new form and the responsibility of the local jurisdictions to repair hazards.
14. Review Subcommittees and Membership – Committee structure for all existing project tracking/sub-committees will remain the same with the following exceptions:
- Michael Lewis will be removed from all subcommittees as his term is expiring and he is not seeing re-appointment. Lex Rau will be added to City of Scotts Valley subcommittee.
 - David Casterson asked to be added to technical sub-committee.
15. Discuss Bicycle Committee Meeting Time - Chair Kostelec asked members of their preference of the 6:30 pm start time for Bicycle Committee meetings and members indicated they appreciated the earlier start time. Cory Caletti said that when the next Rules and Regulations update occurs, a permanent change to a 6:30 pm start time will be considered. In the meantime, the meeting will be announced as being held "at a special time of 6:30 pm".
16. Project Tracking/Subcommittee Tasks: Oral Reports
- a. City of Santa Cruz Project Tracking:
Bill Fieberling said that many letters in favor of the Arana Gulch Master Plan's Broadway/Brommer multi-use path connection were submitted to the California Coastal Commission. He said that additional funds were needed to complete the pathway under

Highway 1 to the Tannery Complex. He also mentioned that Sierra Northern has been contracted as the freight short line operator. In response to comments regarding the rail acquisition project, Cory Caletti said that, if possible, she will agendaize the item and will invite Deputy Director Luis Mendez to present rail acquisition documents once they are released.

- b. City of Capitola Project Tracking: Daniel Kostelec said that a new bike lane has been installed on Monterey Avenue from New Brighton Middle School to Bay Avenue.
- c. City of Scotts Valley Project Tracking: Cory Caletti said that construction on Bean Creek Road has been delayed due to heavy rains and is a month behind schedule.
- d. City of Watsonville Project Tracking: Bob Montague said that South County Bicycle/Pedestrian Work Group is establishing its priorities and working to develop a Bicycle Plan for the City of Watsonville. Completion of the plan is expected for the end of 2010.
- e. County of Santa Cruz Project Tracking: No report was provided
- f. Bike To Work Update: New Bicycle Coordinator Nick Muchas indicated that the next Bike-to-Work Week event is scheduled for May 9th through the 15th.
- g. CTSC Update: Jim Langley supplied a report from Theresia Rogerson saying that the CTSC is finalizing their work plan for next fiscal year. He mentioned that CTSC and the Santa Cruz Bike/Pedestrian Work Group are considering purchasing a media campaign jointly called Street Smarts and are working to find ways to provide information to teen and young adult drivers. He reported the number of bicycle and pedestrian safety presentations performed at elementary schools and pre-schools.
- h. UCSC: No report was provided.
- i. Legislative Tracking: No report was provided
- j. Sanctuary Scenic Trail: No report was provided.
- k. Committee Effectiveness: No report was provided.
- l. Technical Subcommittee: No report was provided.
- m. Bicyclist/Motorist Safety Education: No report was provided.
- n. RTC Packet Monitoring Subcommittee: No report was provided.
- o. Shared Lane Pavement Marking (aka Sharrows): No report was provided.
- p. Safe Routes to School: Eric Horton reported that he had a meeting with Jack Sohriakoff of the County of Santa Cruz Public Works Department regarding bicycle safety at Rio Del Mar Elementary School. Mr. Sohriakoff recommended that Mr. Norton meet with the school administration to ascertain interest in bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Eric Horton scheduled a meeting with the principal on March 3 to discuss traffic calming, additional bicycle treatments on the roadways approaching the school (such as Sharrows) and the installation of bicycle racks. He will report back to the Bicycle Committee.

17. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the SCCRTC Conference Room, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:

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