



Santa Cruz County Regional  
Transportation Commission's

**BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**Minutes**

**Monday, December 12, 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  
Will Menchine, District 3 (Alt.)  
Rick Hyman, District 5  
Amelia Conlen, City of Santa Cruz, Chair  
Lex Rau, City of Scotts Valley  
Andy Ward, City of Capitola  
Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville  
Piet Canin, Ecology Action/Bike to Work  
Leo Jed, CTSC

**Guests:**

Janneke Strause, Bike Santa Cruz County  
Jim Burr, City of Santa Cruz

**Staff:**

Cory Caletti, Sr Transportation Planner  
Ginger Dykaar, Transportation Planner  
Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner  
Nestor Guevara, Transportation Planning Tech

**Unexcused Absences:**

**Excused Absences:**

Jim Cook, District 2 (Alt.)  
Peter Scott, District 3  
Melissa Ott, City of Santa Cruz  
Gary Milburn, City of Scotts Valley (Alt.)  
Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola (Alt.)  
Emily Gomez, Ecology Action/Bike-to-Work (Alt.)  
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)

**Vacancies:**

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

3. Announcements –Murray Fontes is the new voting member representing the City of Watsonville; Amelia Conlen is now representing the City of Santa Cruz as the voting member; and Melissa Ott is serving as the alternate. The RTC received a report regarding options for the rail corridor that may impact rail trail design. The RTC took action to proceed with environmental review of rail transit and other options of the rail corridor.

4. Oral communications – Amelia Conlen introduced Janneke Strause, the new Executive Director of Bike Santa Cruz County, who has served as the organizations' Event Coordinator working on events like Run to the Sea and Open Streets. Janneke plans to attend future committee meetings on a regular basis. She noted that at the recent annual fundraising dinner, County Supervisor John Leopold presented a proclamation honoring Bike Santa Cruz County for 25 years of service to the community. Lifetime achievement awards were also presented to notable individuals Berry Michel, Micah Posner, Ron Goodman, Piet Canin and Cory Caletti.
5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – None

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

6. Accepted final minutes of the August 8, 2016 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
7. Accepted summary of Hazard Reports
8. Accepted roster
9. Accepted 2017 Draft Meeting Schedule

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

10. Unified Corridor Investment Study – Draft Goals, Performance Measure and Projects for Scenario Analysis – Ginger Dykaar and Grace Blakeslee presented a summary of the staff report to solicit input on the goals, performance measures and the projects to be analyzed in the scenario analysis. Members recommended to include bike miles traveled and to capture the difference between multi-use trails and dedicated bike trails in the performance measures. Members also suggested to include a “no project” scenario in the scenario analysis, and to consider protected bike lanes along Soquel Ave/Drive as a project to be analyzed.
11. Draft “What Pedestrians and Bicyclists Want Each Other to Know” Brochure – Cory Caletti submitted an add-on page to the staff report containing public comment. Grace Blakeslee, RTC Transportation Planner, presented the most recent version of the brochure and received feedback. Input will be considered by the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee's Pedestrian Safety Work Group.
12. Transportation Development Act Claim from the City of Santa Cruz – Amelia Conlen, as City of Santa Cruz staff, summarized the TDA claims under review. Vice-Chair Casterson served as chair during this item. A motion (Hyman/Ward) to recommend that the RTC approve the allocation requests passed with members Voss, Casterson, Menchine, Hyman, Conlen, Rau, Ward, Fontes, and Canin voting in favor. Leo Jed voted against the motion and requested that the record reflect the reason for his opposition being design features of the Pacific Avenue Contra Flow Bike Lane, not funding of the project itself. Members indicated overall support for the project and its benefits in light of the likelihood to reduced wrong-way and sidewalk riding on Pacific Avenue.
13. Coastal Rail Trail/Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Update – Cory Caletti summarized progress made on the north coast rail trail project. Jim Burr, City of Santa Cruz

staff, provided a summary of the materials provided in the packet related to updates on the City's rail trail project. Given discussion of costs increases, notable comments from committee members included how Measure D funding allocations to trail projects would be made in the future. Of debate should be whether cost increases of projects underway would be covered over funding of projects in areas of the county that would ensure equitable distribution of resources. RTC staff indicated that an in-depth discussion of Measure D funding prioritizations will be agendized in the near future. Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville staff, provided an update on the south county rail trail project.

14. 2017 State and Federal Legislative Programs – Rachel Moriconi provided an overview of the draft 2017 RTC state and federal legislative programs and requested feedback. Members provided input, appreciating RTC support for any efforts to increase Active Transportation Program and Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST) funding. In recognition that several state programs favor larger regions, Leo Jed suggested looking for a comparison of how funds from a range of programs (cap and trade, STIP, ATP and others) are distributed statewide.
15. 2016 Measure D Transportation Improvement Program Update (as presented at the December 8, 2016 RTC meeting) – Cory Caletti summarized the staff report outlining the vast amount of effort put into the passage of Measure D. The measure, approved by a 2/3- majority of the voters, will provide locally controlled funds to be divided according to the voter approved expenditure plan. Significant funds will be allocated to bicycle and pedestrian projects. Again, members indicated that a future discussion should take place regarding criteria by which rail trail projects would be prioritized for funding.
16. Highway 1 Mar Vista Bicycle/Pedestrian Overcrossing – Cory Caletti summarized the staff report and solicited volunteers to serve on an ad-hoc committee to be made up of project stakeholders. Ad-hoc committee members will review design features and consider operational features. A motion was made (Hyman/Jed) to appoint the following individuals to serve on the committee: David Casterson, Will Menchine, Kem Akol, Piet Canin and Bike Santa Cruz County's Janneke Strause. The motion passed unanimously with Voss, Casterson, Menchine, Hyman, Conlen, Rau, Ward, Fontes, Canin and Jed voting in favor.
17. Updates related to Committee functions – 1) Members discussed redesign of the Sunset Inn on Mission Street and the possible addition of a bicycle project at the back of the property that would connect King Street to Swift St. Such a connection would enable bicyclists to avoid travel on Mission Street. Rick Hyman and Will Menchine will serve on an ad-hoc committee and will bring an update to a future meeting, possibly February. 2) Kem Akol proposed that the Committee request that the City of Santa Cruz honor long-time Bicycle Committee member and former City of Santa Cruz Public Works Director through the naming of a significant public works structure after him. David Casterson will be the signatory on behalf of the Committee. A motion was made (Jed/Akol) to send such a request which passed unanimously with members Voss, Casterson, Menchine, Hyman, Conlen, Rau, Ward, Fontes, Canin and Jed voting in favor. 3) A letter of appreciation to County of Santa Cruz Public Works Department was suggested in recognition of the installation of Freedom Boulevard green bike lanes across Highway 1. A motion to send such a letter was made (Voss/Ward) and passed unanimously with members Voss, Casterson, Menchine, Hyman, Conlen, Rau, Ward, Fontes, Canin and Jed voting in favor. 4) Lex Rau indicated that progress was being made on Mt Hermon bicycle and vehicular improvements. Piet Canin also indicated that an Active Transportation Group was being formed for the City of Scotts Valley that will be meeting monthly. 5) Amelia Conlen updated members regarding the City of Santa Cruz Active Transportation Plan which will be coming for consideration to City of Santa Cruz Council in January or February. The plan is being

recommended for approval by the City's Planning Commission. If the plan will be brought to the February council meeting, it will be agendaized for the February Bicycle Committee so that members may consider sending a letter of support.

18. Adjourned – 8:30 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for, February 13, 2017, 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

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