



Santa Cruz County Regional
Transportation Commission's

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes - Draft

Monday, December 14, 2015

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:

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

Staff:

Cory Caletti, Sr Transportation Planner
George Dondero, Executive Director
Rachel Moriconi, Sr Transportation Planner
Ginger Dykaar, Sr Transportation Planner
Kim Shultz, Sr Transportation Planner

Unexcused Absences:

Excused Absences:

Holly Tyler, District 1 (Alt.)
Bill Fieberling, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)
Myrna Sherman, City of Watsonville
Lex Rau, City of Scotts Valley
Piet Canin, Ecology Action/Bike-to-Work (Alt.)
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)

Guests:

Robin Kraut, Member of the Public
Barry Scott, Member of the Public

Vacancies:

District 4 and 5 – Alternates
City of Watsonville – Alternate

3. Announcements – None
4. Oral communications – Andy Ward indicated that he had submitted hazard reports that were not identified in the usual summary. Cory Caletti indicated that she'd investigate.
5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – None

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Ward/Jed) to approve the consent agenda passed unanimously with members Akol, Casterson, Scott, Conlen, Hyman, Ott, Ward, Jed and Gomez voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.

6. Accepted draft minutes of the October 19, 2015 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
7. Accepted summary of Bicycle Hazard reports
8. Accepted support letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee for a Caltrans planning grant for a Highway Complete Streets comprehensive plan
9. Accepted support letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee for a Caltrans planning grant submitted by the Health Services Agency for a Santa Cruz County safe Routes to School project
10. Accepted report submitted by Bicycle Advisory Committee member Rick Hyman on "A Brief History of Santa Cruz County Bicycle Advisory Committee."

REGULAR AGENDA

11. 2016 Sales Tax Measure Consideration – George Dondero, RTC Executive Director, summarized the process to bring a sales tax measure to the 2016 ballot, the package of projects that would receive funding, how this package was arrived at, and what recent polling indicated in terms of anticipated public support. Mr. Dondero reported that another poll would be conducted in the February/March time frame and that many public agencies and private entities are considering, and providing, endorsements.
12. Final Rail Feasibility Summary and Next Steps – Rachel Moriconi, RTC Senior Transportation Planner, summarized the recently completed Rail Feasibility Study and outlined that the next steps to analyzing the possibility of future passenger rail service would be through an Environmental Impact Report that is expected to take 3 years once funding is identified.
13. 2016 State and Federal Legislative Programs – Rachel Moriconi, RTC Senior Transportation Planner, provided the staff report. Members recommended that legislative priorities include the following: support increased funding for the Active Transportation Program and Complete Streets programs; repeal the requirement for cyclists to ride as far to the right as practicable; repeal the requirement for cyclists to ride in the Bike Lane where one is available; and permit motorists to ride across a double yellow line in order to pass.
14. Chanticleer Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing and Highway 1 Draft Environmental Impact Report – Kim Shultz, RTC Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the project and reminded members of previous improvement suggestions that were incorporated in the project, the most important of which being ensuring that the Chanticleer overcrossing accommodate both bicycle riding and pedestrian access. Ad-Hoc Committee members Rick Hyman, Amelia Conlen and Will Menchine, provided an overview of the memo they submitted which outlined recommended comments. A motion was made (Hyman/Scott) to submit the memo with minor changes as official comment on behalf of the Bicycle Advisory Committee to Caltrans and the RTC, with copy to be sent to the Santa Cruz County Public Works Department. The motion passed unanimously with members Akol, Casterson, Scott, Conlen, Hyman, Ott, Ward, Jed and Gomez voting in favor.

15. Development of 2040 Regional Transportation Plan – Ginger Dykaar, RTC Transportation Planner provided an update on the 2040 Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Plan and sought input on the Goals, Policies and Targets and New Project Ideas. Rick Hyman suggested that, at a minimum, the representative from each jurisdiction review the list and provide input on projects in their jurisdiction. Rick Hyman also suggested including a project to monitor performance over time. Amelia Conlen suggested to separate the bike and walk targets and to have a vision zero target for bike/pedestrian fatalities.
16. Highway 1 Rumble Strips – Leo Jed, Bicycle Advisory Committee. A motion was made (Jed/Akol) to send the letter drafted by the Ad-Hoc Committee and submitted as an ad-on item. The motion passed unanimously with members Akol, Casterson, Scott, Conlen, Hyman, Ott, Ward, Jed and Gomez voting in favor.
17. Member updates related to Committee functions – Will Menchine indicated that he was still pursuing improvements to Graham Hill Road and is in communication with County Public Works. He will follow-up with the Committee at a future date when more information is available.
18. Adjourned – 8:32 p.m.

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

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