



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

**BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**Minutes - Draft**

**Monday, October 19, 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  
Peter Scott, District 3  
Will Menchine, District 3 (Alt.)  
Amelia Conlen, District 4  
Rick Hyman, District 5  
Melissa Ott, City of Santa Cruz  
Andy Ward, City of Capitola  
Lex Rau, City of Scotts Valley  
Leo Jed, CTSC, Vice-Chair  
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)  
Emily Glanville, Ecology Action/Bike to Work

**Staff:**

Cory Caletti, Sr Transportation Planner

**Vacancies:**

District 4 and 5 – Alternates  
City of Watsonville – Alternate

**Unexcused Absences:**

**Excused Absences:**

Holly Tyler, District 1 (Alt.)  
Jim Cook, District 2 (Alt.)  
Myrna Sherman, City of Watsonville  
Piet Canin, Ecology Action/Bike-to-Work (Alt.)  
Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola (Alt.)  
Gary Milburn, City of Scotts Valley (Alt.)  
Bill Fieberling, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)

**Guests:**

Doug Hessing, Caltrans District 5  
Kelly McClendon, Caltrans District 5  
Richard Masoner, Member of the Public  
Bill Cook, Santa Cruz Cycling Club  
Catherine Vanrhee, Santa Cruz Cycling Club  
Grace Voss, Santa Cruz Cycling Club

3. Announcements – Cory Caletti, RTC Senior Transportation Planner and staff to the Bicycle Advisory Committee made the following announcements: 1) Work has begun on the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan and input requests on goals, policies and projects will come before the committee in the coming year. 2) Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) is hosting an event featuring a discussion regarding "A new Metric for a New Era: Vehicle Miles Traveled" on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015. 3) Work on a new brochure regarding bicycle and pedestrian interactions has begun and a draft will come to the Committee for review when available. Emily

Glanville has previously volunteered to assist. 4) The Active Transportation Program grant staff recommendations will be coming to the California Transportation Commission for approval on October 21st, 2015. Among the projects recommended are funds for the RTC's County-wide Bicycle Route Signage Program, the City of Watsonville's remaining rail trail project, and the City of Santa Cruz's Branciforte bicycle/pedestrian bridge and Safe Routes to School project. 5) Release of the draft environmental document for the Highway 1 corridor improvement projects is expected for late October or early November with a 75 day public review period.

4. Oral communications – Emily Glanville announced that Ecology Action is organizing a rail corridor clean up for Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm on the Westside of Santa Cruz. Amelia Conlen indicated that Caltrans approved the County of Public Works' request for green bike lanes at the Soquel Drive interchange near Dominican Hospital. The project is funded by the County and installation is scheduled for early next year.
5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – Cory Caletti provided handouts for items numbers 9 and 12.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

6. Accepted draft minutes of the August 10, 2015 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
7. Accepted summary of Bicycle Hazard reports

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

8. Planned Projects on Highway 9 – Doug Hessing, Caltrans Project Manager and Kelly McClendon, Caltrans Transportation Planner and liaison to Santa Cruz County, presented an overview of upcoming projects on Highway 9 and Caltrans' shifting paradigm from an auto centric approach to providing a greater range of mobility choices and expanding active transportation. Doug Hessing described three upcoming projects focusing on a range of drainage improvements, shoulder paving, slope stabilization and rumble strips. Cory Caletti informed members that RTC staff is submitting a Caltrans planning grant to fund a comprehensive Complete Streets assessment for the Hwy 9 corridor. A motion was made (Hyman/Jed) to request RTC staff Cory Caletti to continue as liaison to Caltrans and monitor development of various projects and bring back to the Committee at appropriate times. The motion included a request to Caltrans that a Committee member be appointed to the Project Development Team. The motion passed unanimously with members Akol, Casterson, Scott, Conlen, Hyman, Ott, Ward, Rau, Jed and Glanville voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.
9. Highway 1 Rumble Strip Project – Committee member Leo Jed provided some background on the history and development of the Highway 1 rumble strip project and identified problem areas now that the strips have been installed. A motion (Hyman/Jed) was made to request removal of the rumble strips that were placed in error where less than a 5-foot usable shoulder exists and that are near the entrance to Wilder Ranch State Park where an informal dirt parking lot exists. The motion passed with Akol, Casterson, Scott, Conlen, Hyman, Ott, Rau, Jed and Glanville voting in favor. Ward voted in opposition. Another motion (Hyman/Ward) was made to form an ad-hoc committee composed of Akol, Langley, Jed and community member Grace Voss to work

with Caltrans on solutions. The motion passed with members Akol, Casterson, Scott, Conlen, Hyman, Ott, Ward, Rau, Jed and Glanville voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.

10. Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition's Bicycle Summit and Vision Zero Report – Amelia Conlen and Melissa Ott, Bicycle Advisory Committee members, attended the Silicon Valley Bicycle Summit where a Vision Zero policy goal and toolkit were unveiled. They explained the Vision Zero goal of eliminating deaths and serious injuries from roadways by implementing policies, forming action committees, and employing the 5 E's (engineering, enforcement, education, encouragement, and evolution). Two more E's (engagement and equity) have also been identified as being critical additions to the framework. Local discussions are taking place about the possibility of jurisdictions in Santa Cruz County adopting Vision Zero goals and undertaking associated programs. More information will be available at future meetings.
11. Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail/Coastal Rail Trail – Cory Caletti, RTC Senior Transportation Planner, provided an update on recent activities related to the Coastal Rail Trail project. She reported that the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County's commitment of an additional \$300,000 to the North Coast rail trail project and launched a Great Land and Trail Campaign to raise \$5M for various sections of the rail trail. The City of Watsonville adopted an amendment to the Final Environmental Impact Report for Segment 18 and is considering holding an Open House to receive public input into project design. An Open House for public review of the City of Santa Cruz's project design is tentatively scheduled for later this fall/early winter. Updated fact sheets with maps and the status of current projects are available on the RTC's website at [www.sccrtc.org/trail](http://www.sccrtc.org/trail).
12. Member update related to Committee functions – 1) Lex Rau provided an overview of the City of Scott Valley's Mt Mermon Road/Scotts Valley Dr/Whispering Pines Drive intersection improvement project and the various bicycle features that are being incorporated including green bike lanes and bike boxes. 2) Leo Jed provided legislative updates related to new classifications of electric bicycles, exemption of bridge tolls on state bridges or franchise bridges controlled by the state for bicyclists and pedestrians, rear reflector regulations, and traffic violation diversion programs. 3) Rick Hyman suggested that the Committee form an ad-hoc committee to review the Chanticleer crossing design after the Highway 1 environmental document is released later in October or early November and bring recommendations to the next Bike Committee meeting. A motion (Hyman/Ward) to form an ad-hoc committee made up of Will Menchine, Amelia Conlen and Rick Hyman passed with members Akol, Casterson, Scott, Conlen, Hyman, Ott, Ward, Rau, Jed and Glanville voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition. 4) Peter Scott requested that staff agendize a discussion of the UCSC bike shuttle's financial woes for the next meeting and invite Transportation and Parking Services staff.
13. Adjourned – 8:43 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, December 14, 2015**, 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