



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

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

**Monday, February 13, 2017
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 pm**

**RTC Office
1523 Pacific Ave
Santa Cruz, CA 95060**

1. Call to Order: Vice-Chair Casterson called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.
2. Introductions

Members Present:

Kem Akol, District 1 (Alt.)
David Casterson, District 2, Vice-Chair
Peter Scott, District 3
Will Menchine, District 3 (Alt.)
Rick Hyman, District 5
Melissa Ott, City of Santa Cruz
Lex Rau, City of Scotts Valley
Andy Ward, City of Capitola
Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville
Emily Gomez, Ecology Action/Bike-to-Work (Alt.)
Leo Jed, CTSC

Guests:

Janneke Strause, Bike Santa Cruz County
Doug Hessing, Caltrans District 5
Kelly McClendon, Caltrans District 5
Becky Steinbruner, Resident
Bria Steinbruner, Resident

Unexcused Absences:

Grace Voss, District 1

Excused Absences:

Amelia Conlen, City of Santa Cruz, Chair
Jim Cook, District 2 (Alt.)
Gary Milburn, City of Scotts Valley (Alt.)
Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola (Alt.)
Piet Canin, Ecology Action/Bike to Work
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)

Vacancies:

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

Staff:

Cory Caletti, Sr Transportation Planner
Ginger Dykaar, Transportation Planner

3. Announcements – Cory Caletti announced that Committee seats representing the Cities of Scotts Valley and Capitola will expire at the end of March and she will be working on reappointments. She also announced that Melissa Ott and Emily Gomez are both resigning from the Committee and that Kem Akol has been nominated to represent District 4 as the alternate member.
4. Oral communications – Janneke Strause, Bike Santa Cruz County Executive Director, had a number of oral communications: 1) an agenda item on the Tuesday, February 14th City of Santa Cruz Council meeting contains a request to release a Request for Proposal for a city BikeShare

program and support is solicited; 2) Bike Santa Cruz County developed an online survey for community members to identify priority projects that the organization should support for Measure D funding allocations; 3) the City of Santa Cruz's Active Transportation Plan will be on the Council's February 28th agenda. Kem Akol expressed concern that no project within the Harbor District was identified on the City's Active Transportation Plan. Caltrans' Kelly McClendon announced the release of the Draft California State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and its availability for public review through March 10.

5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas –Leo Jed requested that item #8 be pulled. It was scheduled as item #14a on the regular agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Akol/Fontes) was made to approve the consent agenda, minus item #8. The motion passed unanimously with members Akol, Casterson, Scott, Hyman, Ott, Rau, Ward, Fontes, Gomez and Jed voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.

6. Approved draft minutes of the December 12, 2016 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
7. Accepted letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee to the City of Santa Cruz regarding recognition of former City of Santa Cruz Public Works Director Bill Fieberling
8. Accept letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee to the County of Santa Cruz regarding appreciation of green bicycle lane installations – item pulled and moved to #14a on the agenda
9. Accepted summary of Hazard Reports
10. Accepted announcement and solicitation of public comment on Caltrans' Draft California State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

REGULAR AGENDA

11. Caltrans Highway 9 Bridge Rail Replacement Projects – Caltrans Project Manager Doug Hessing and Regional Planner Kelly McClendon summarized the purpose and need for the projects, as well as the alternatives being considered. All alternatives under consideration would increase the shoulder width in both directions, a point which received appreciation from the committee. Discussion revolved around the feasibility of extending increased shoulder widths before and after bridges, as well as the need for the structures to fit within the existing community context as a mountainous rural road. The BAC also suggested future engagement activities in the Boulder Creek community. Doug Hessing, Project Manager, was agreeable to scheduling a future workshop in the next project phase, likely in late 2017 or 2018.
12. Sunset Inn on Mission Street: reconstruction and bike access – Bicycle Advisory Committee's Ad-Hoc Committee members Rick Hyman and Will Menchine summarized their report and identified various recommendations for bike access improvement as part of the Sunset Inn major modification being initiation. The recommendations include 1) the addition of bicycle access through the back of hotel, connecting King Street to Swift Street without needing to detour on Mission St/Highway 1; and 2) bicycle safety improvements along Mission Street. A motion was made (Hyman/Ward) to support the five recommendations in the memo and send a letter, or letters, containing the recommendation(s) with any minor modifications as needed when the matter is scheduled for further action. The motion passed unanimously with Akol, Casterson, Scott, Hyman, Ott, Rau, Ward, Fontes, Gomez and Jed voting in favor. No votes were cast in

opposition.

13. Consideration of Financially Constrained Project List for the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan – Ginger Dykaar, RTC Transportation Planner, summarized the staff report. Kem Akol expressed his wish to see a project added to develop a multi-modal circulation plan for the Port District addressing bicycle access within the harbor and to connecting facilities. Will Menchine requested that a project be added giving greater emphasis to transportation hubs and to “21st century mobility solutions”.
14. Updates related to Committee functions
 - a. Accept letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee to the County of Santa Cruz regarding appreciation of green bicycle lane installations – Leo Jed expressed concern about the use of green bike lane treatments. RTC staff reminded members that the item was voted on at a previous meeting and was approved with one vote against made by Mr. Jed.
 - b. Kem Akol asked the Bike Committee to send a letter to the City of Santa Cruz requesting that a project be added to the Active Transportation Plan for developing a multi-modal circulation plan for the Port District that would address bicycle access within the harbor and to connection points in the vicinity including the future rail trail. A motion was made (Akol/Scott) to send a letter with the request to the City of Santa Cruz. The motion passed with Rick Hyman abstaining and Akol, Casterson, Scott, Ott, Rau, Ward, Fontes, Gomez and Jed voting in favor.
 - c. Lex Rau announced that updated designs were available for the Mt Hermon and Scotts Valley Driver intersection improvements which include refinements to the green bike lanes and bike boxes previously proposed. An ad-hoc committee composed of Lex Rau, Leo Jed and Rick Hyman was formed that will review the plans in greater detail.
15. Adjourned – 8:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for, April 10, 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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