



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

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

**Special Meeting
Monday, June 5, 2017
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 pm**

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

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

Members Present:

Grace Voss, District 1
Peter Scott, District 3
Kem Akol, District 4
Amelia Conlen, City of Santa Cruz, Chair
Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville
Leo Jed, CTSC

Staff:

Cory Caletti, Sr Transportation Planner
Gingery Dykaar, Transportation Planner

Guests:

Stanley Sokolow, self/CFST
Gail McNulty, self/parent/SCCo Greenways
Steve Doindis, self/City of Capitola applicant
Lynn Lauridsen and Theresia Rogerson, County
Health Services Agency

Unexcused Absences:

Kira Ticus, Ecology Action/Bike-to-Work
Piet Canin, Ecology Action/Bike to Work (Alt)

Excused Absences:

Janneke Strause, District 1 (Alt)
David Casterson, District 2, Vice-Chair
Jim Cook, District 2 (Alt.)
Will Menchine, District 3 (Alt.)
Rick Hyman, District 5
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)

Vacancies:

District 4 – Alternate
District 5 – Alternate
City of Santa Cruz – Alternate
City of Scotts Valley – Voting and Alternate
City of Capitola – Voting and Alternate
City of Watsonville – Alternate

3. Announcements – Cory Caletti, staff to the Bicycle Advisory Committee, brought to members' attention the fact that the RTC's Rules and Regulations have been updated and Committee chairs are now able to serve two-year terms.
4. Oral communications – Chair Conlen reminded members to read packet materials so they

are able to engage in committee discussions in informed ways. Member Murray Fontes reported that the City of Watsonville was awarded a bronze level Bicycle Friendly Community award from the League of American Bicyclists. He acknowledged the great assistance the City of Watsonville received in filling out the application from staff at the Health Services Agency, Bike Santa Cruz County, United Way and other partners. Member Grace Voss announced that a number of Santa Cruz County residents are participating in a Climate Ride and have fundraised for efforts that support local bicycle advocacy efforts. Guest Bryan Largay, a San Lorenzo Valley resident, encouraged members to participate in the development of the Highway 9 Corridor Plan. Cory Caletti reported that the RTC held a public workshop in Felton recently and over 50 members of the community attended and provided input into needed transportation and safety improvements in the San Lorenzo Valley. She indicated that a survey will be released in the near future that she will forward. Guest Stanley Sokolow announced that he will be presenting at a "Visions on the Corridor" to be held on June 17th in Watsonville where he will discuss the potential for bus rapid transit on the rail corridor.

5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – A replacement page was provided for Item #16.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

6. Approved draft minutes of the April 10, 2017 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
7. Accept letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee to the City of Santa Cruz Planning Commission regarding improved bicycle access as part of the 2424 Mission Street hotel reconstruction Project
8. Accepted letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee to the California Natural Resources Agency in support of the City of Santa Cruz' Urban Greening Program grant application
9. Accepted letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee to the City of Scotts Valley City Council regarding refinements to bicycle-friendly elements included in the Mount Hermon Road/Scotts Valley Drive/Whispering Pines Drive intersection project
10. Accepted notice of Caltrans' adoption of "Toward an Active California" the final State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and Executive Summary
11. Accepted summary of Hazard Reports
12. Accepted summary of 5-year Measure D allocations for the Active Transportation/MBSST/Rail Trail Category as approved by the RTC at the June 1, 2017 meeting

13. Accepted updated to the Commission's Rules and Regulations as approved by the RTC at the June 1, 2017 meeting and comment from Bicycle Committee member Rick Hyman

REGULAR AGENDA

14. Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to former Bicycle Advisory Committee members Andy Ward, Daniel Kostelec and Lex Rau – Chair Conlen recognized the three departing members and presented Andy Ward, the only one of the three in attendance, with a framed Certificate of Appreciation for his long-standing service.
15. Overview of Traffic Safety Programs provided by the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency – Lynn Lauridsen and Theresia Rogerson, HSA staff, provided an overview of programs operated by HSA and the funding sources that sustain the programs. They thanked the RTC and the Committee for the ongoing TDA funding support.
16. Consideration of scenarios to be evaluated in the Unified Corridor Investment Study – Ginger Dykaar, Transportation Planner, summarized the staff report. Members and guests asked clarifying questions and provided feedback. Members noted that an explanation in the staff report on how the scenarios were developed would have assisted them in their understanding of the scenarios. Schematics depicting the combinations of projects would also have been helpful. Following the discussion, a motion (Jed/Akol) was made to recommend including self-driving cars in all scenarios. The motion failed with members Voss, Scott, Conlen, and Fontes voting against the motion and Akol voting in favor. Another motion was made (Jed/Akol) to recommend eliminating self-driving cars from all scenarios. The motion passed with members Scott, Conlen and Jed voting in favor and Akol and Fontes voting against. Grace Voss abstained. Another motion recommending refinements to Scenarios E and D failed with members Voss, Conlen and Jed voting in favor and Fontes, Akol, and Scott voting against. A final motion (Jed/Akol) to recommend that the dedicated bus lane included in Scenario D be revised to a dedicated lane for bus rapid transit and bikes passed unanimously with members Voss, Scott, Akol, Conlen, Fontes, and Jed voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.
17. Yacht Harbor Bicycle Circulation – Kem Akol reported that Claire Fliesler of the City of Santa Cruz presented the City's Active Transportation Plan at the recent Port Commission meeting. With respect to bicycle circulation issues, the Port Commission will engage with the public about possible improvements during development of the Segment 8/9 rail trail project that will extend from the San Lorenzo River walkway at the Boardwalk to 17th Ave. The Port Commission reported no notable problems related to bicycle circulation at this time. Given lack of time, Mr. Akol will bring a recommended action to a future meeting.
18. Updates related to Committee functions - None
19. Adjourned – 8:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for August 14th, 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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