



**Santa Cruz County Regional  
Transportation Commission**

**BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**Minutes**

**Special Meeting  
Monday, December 11, 2017  
6:00 pm 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:**

Grace Voss, District 1  
David Casterson, District 2, Vice-Chair  
Peter Scott, District 3  
Will Menchine, District 3 (Alt.)  
Kem Akol, District 4  
Rick Hyman, District 5  
Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville  
Kira Ticus, Ecology Action/Bike-to-Work

**Staff:**

Cory Caletti, Sr Transportation Planner  
Ginger Dykaar, Sr Transportation Planner  
Anais Schenk, Transportation Planner

**Guests:**

**Unexcused Absences:**

**Excused Absences:**

Janneke Strause, District 1 (Alt)  
Jim Cook, District 2 (Alt.)  
Amelia Conlen, City of Santa Cruz, Chair  
Leo Jed, CTSC  
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)  
Piet Canin, Ecology Action/Bike to Work (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, indicated that vacancies exist on the committee, that a recruitment will be announced in early 2018, and that members are invited to spread the word.
4. Oral communications – Grace Voss announced that the Santa Cruz Cycling Club awarded \$500 grants to Ecology Action’s Bike Smart! Program and the Trips 4 Kids program. Murray Fontes indicated that the City of Watsonville (in partnership with Ecology Action and the County Health Services Department) was awarded a \$321K Caltrans Planning Grant to develop a Complete Streets

program. Kira Ticus indicated that the County of Santa Cruz was also awarded a grant from the same funding source but for \$367K. The same agencies will serve as partners in conducting a similar effort for the unincorporated area.

5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – None. A comment was made by Murray Fontes, expressing appreciation for the fact that the Bicycle Advisory Committee's recommendations on the 2018 RTIP (agenda item #11) were taken into consideration by staff who amended the final recommendation. Following the final recommendation, the RTC approved increased amounts as was recommended by the committee.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion (Fontes/Akol) was made to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously with members Voss, Casterson, Scott, Akol, Hyman, Fontes, and Ticus voting in favor.

6. Approved draft minutes of the November 13, 2017 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
7. Accepted Bicycle Advisory Committee roster
8. Accepted summary of Hazard Reports
9. Accepted letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee to the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Pajaro River Food Risk Management Study and river levee bicycle access
10. Accepted correspondence from Becky Steinbruner, member of the public, regarding "Supporting Safe Bicycle Travel in Aptos Village with RTC Grant Money for Phase II Aptos Traffic Light Project"
11. Accepted 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) project list, as approved by the RTC on December 7, 2018

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

12. Draft 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) – Ginger Dykaar, RTC Senior Transportation Planner summarized the staff report and provided the following highlights: 1) the RTP is a 4 year document with a 22 year horizon; 2) the document consists of policy, financial and action elements; 3) \$3.7B is expected to be available over the RTP's projected span and \$7B is estimated to be the expected need; 4) the RTC works with the Association of Monterey Bay Governments (AMBAG), who incorporates the RTP in the federally mandated Metropolitan Transportation Plan which is a tri-county document and for which an Environmental Impact Report is being conducted with AMBAG serving as the lead agency; 5) the comment period on the recently released Draft RTP closes on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 with the RTC considering comments on the final draft in March, 2018 with approval of the final document scheduled for June, 2018. Members asked questions regarding methods of distributing information to the public about the availability of the draft, ability to propose changes at this point in the document, and public workshops to be held by AMBAG on the draft EIR. RTC staff will forward RTP-related announcements to the Bicycle Advisory Committee as they are released. Members also indicated that the 2040 RTP needn't be brought back as a regular agenda item in the future and that informational updates will suffice.
13. Santa Cruz County Bicycle Signage Project update – Anais Schenk, RTC Transportation Planner, presented information on the Active Transportation Program (ATP)-funded Santa Cruz County Bicycle Signage program; its history and development; the implementation plan, including

information on sign design, content, and placement; and a draft signage database which will be forwarded to committee members on December 20<sup>th</sup> for review and comment following review by local jurisdictions occurring until December 15<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for committee review will be January 18<sup>th</sup>. Rick Hyman recommended that members review the jurisdiction they represent and provide feedback to Anais Schenk. Anais anticipates responding to comments and Cory Caletti will inform members of any major changes, should any be made. Rick Hyman also requested that an item to evaluate sign placement and wayfinding program functionality be scheduled for 6 months or a year after signs are installed. Finally, development of corresponding maps was discussed and staff indicated that because the Santa Cruz County Bikeway Maps were recently reprinted and a plentiful stock exists, neighborhood level maps may be developed to complement the on-road signage and provide a paper reference.

14. The 2018 Bicycle Advisory Committee draft calendar was presented. Murray Fontes expressed appreciation for the number of meetings scheduled and indicated that, while discussion has been held in the past about adding additional meetings, he felt that the number of meetings are adequate for meaningful committee input. Rick Hyman inquired if the County of SC Transportation Development Act claim is scheduled for any particular month, and while it is not, he requested that members be mindful when the item comes before the committee to request that the County stripe future bike lanes with an inside and an outside stripe as part of new and rehabilitation projects.
15. Updates related to Committee functions – Cory Caletti announced the Rick Hyman and Kira Ticus were both nominated by Bike Santa Cruz County for the annual Wheelie Award. While they were not selected for the award, members recognized Rick and Kira for their outstanding education and advocacy work over many decades and years, respectively.
16. Adjourned - 7:30 PM

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2018. The meeting will be held from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at the RTC office, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:

Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner