



Santa Cruz County Regional
Transportation Commission's

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Monday, June 11, 2018
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

RTC Office
1523 Pacific Ave
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

1. Call to Order: Chair, Amelia Conlen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Introductions

Members Present:

Amelia Conlen, City of Santa Cruz, Chair
Janneke Strause, District 1 (Alt)
Shea Johnson, District 2
Peter Scott, District 3
Will Menchine, District 3 (Alt.)
Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville
Kira Ticus, Ecology Action/Bike-to-Work
Leo Jed, CTSC

Staff:

Anais Schenk, Transportation Planner
Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner

Guests:

Kelly Bond
Mike Moore
Richard Masoner
Theresia Rogerson, CTSC
Tom Roberts

Unexcused Absences:

Excused Absences:

Grace Voss, District 1
Casey Beyer, District 2 (Alt.)
Rick Hyman, District 5
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)
Piet Canin, Ecology Action/Bike to Work
(Alt)

Vacancies:

District 4 – Voting and 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 – Anais Schenk announced that she will no longer be printing the full packet for meetings but that she will provide extra copies of the agenda only.
4. Oral communications – Murray Fontes announced that the City of Watsonville has been conducting outreach for the Vision Zero program and that a Draft Action Plan would be prepared in the fall. Amelia Conlen announced that Ecology Action has kicked off the Complete Streets to Schools projects for Watsonville, Scotts Valley and the unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County.
5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – None

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Ticas/Fontes) was made to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously with members Conlen, Strause, Johnson, Scott, Fontes, Ticus and Jed voting in favor.

6. Approve draft minutes of the April 9, 2018 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting (pages 5-8)
7. Accept summary of Hazard Reports (pages 9-16)

REGULAR AGENDA

8. North Coast Rail Trail: Project Update and Schedule for Release of Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) – Grace Blakeslee, RTC Transportation Planner provided an update on the North Coast Rail Trail EIR that included a review of the alternatives to be analyzed as part of the Draft EIR. Staff anticipates releasing the draft EIR in late July for a public review. Two public meetings are tentatively scheduled for August 14th and 15th in Davenport and the City of Santa Cruz, respectively. The Committee discussed the content of the alternatives including the crossings and trail width of the various alternatives. Grace Blakeslee explained that the alternatives will be evaluated at an equal level of detail as the Proposed Project. Committee members were encouraged to provide comments on the draft during the public review process. This item was for information only.
9. Measure D: Five-Year Programs of Projects for Regional Projects Update – Anais Schenk, RTC Transportation Planner provided an update of the Measure D regional projects funding estimates which will go to the RTC for consideration on June 14th. The Committee asked clarification questions regarding staffing cost estimates on active transportation projects and expenditures related to the Highway projects. This item was for information only.
10. Procedure for updating committee on ongoing projects – Anais Schenk, RTC Transportation Planner informed the Committee that once a majority of the vacancies were filled staff would organize an orientation session that would include discussion and clarification of the role and functions of the Committee and its individual members. She reminded Committee members that one of the basic functions of the Committee has been for individuals to bring forward projects, plans or programs occurring in the area s/he represents in order to keep the Committee informed of bicycle related issues around the county. This item was for information only.
11. Green Hills / Glen Canyon Paving Project – Anais Schenk, RTC Transportation Planner provided updated information on the project scope of the Green Hills / Glen Canyon Paving project which is scheduled to start June 18th and asked Committee members for their comments. Discussion included detailed comments regarding signage, striping and the connection between Green Hills Road and South Navarro Drive. A motion (Fontes/Scott) was made directing staff to compose a letter in coordination with the Chair outlining the recommendations as well as thanking the City of Scotts Valley for the opportunity to review the plans. The motion passed

unanimously with members Conlen, Strause, Johnson, Scott, Fontes, Ticus and Jed voting in favor.

12. Pending new member nominations – Anais Schenk, RTC Transportation Planner reviewed the current candidates and nominees for the Committee. A motion (Fontes/Jed) was made to approve the staff recommendation as outlined in the staff memo. The motion passed unanimously with members Conlen, Strause, Johnson, Scott, Fontes, Ticus and Jed voting in favor.
13. Updates related to Committee functions – Kira Ticus announced that Ecology Action will be working on a number of Active Transportation Program (ATP) applications throughout the county. She also mentioned that Ecology Action is very interested in finding funding for e-bike education and programs including an e-bike subsidy program. Committee members discussed the need for e-bike education. Murray Fontes announced that he would like to thank all the people who helped support Watsonville's Open Streets. He also let the Committee know that the City of Watsonville would be conducting public outreach on the Downtown Watsonville Complete Streets plan in August and would be at the Strawberry Festival demonstrating virtual reality renderings of the potential improvements. Watsonville has also started a plan line study for Freedom Boulevard between Green Valley and Buena Vista Drive. He also mentioned that the City of Watsonville would be applying for an ATP grant for a bicycle and pedestrian improvements over Highway 1 at Harkins Slough Road that would include a contra-flow bicycle lane on the north side of the bridge to provide better access to Pajaro Valley High School. Janneke Strause announced that the County of Santa Cruz would be having a budget study session on Tuesday June 12th at 1:30 pm that would include discussion of using Measure D funds for repaving projects. The Committee discussed supporting Bike Santa Cruz County's recommendation to include green lane and other bicycle facility improvements in the repaving projects.
14. Adjourn – 8:00 pm

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2018 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at the RTC office, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:
Anais Schenk, Transportation Planner