



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

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FINAL MINUTES

**Monday, December 8, 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, Bike-to-Work, Chair
Grace Voss, District 1
Janneke Strause, District 1 (Alt.)
Shea Johnson, District 2
Peter Scott, District 3
Will Menchine, District 3 (Alt.)
Anna Kammer, District 4
Rick Hyman, District 5
Theresa Rogerson, District 5 (Alt.)
Michael Moore, City of Capitola
Richard Masoner, City of Scotts Valley
Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville
Drew Rogers, City of Watsonville (Alt.)
Leo Jed, CTSC

Unexcused Absences:

Excused Absences:

Casey Beyer, District 2 (Alt.)
Jo Fleming, City of Scotts Valley (Alt.)
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)
Kira Ticus, Bike-to-Work (Alt.)

Vacancies:

District 4 – Alternate
City of Santa Cruz – Voting and
Alternate
City of Capitola – Alternate

Staff:

Guy Preston, Executive Director
Anais Schenk, Transportation Planner
Rachel Moriconi, Sr. Transportation Planner
Tommy Travers, Transportation Planning Technician

Guests:

Matt Farrell, nomination pending
Kathy Jaggi, member of the public
Will Spangler, member of the public

3. Announcements – Staff announced that 1) the groundbreaking for the San Lorenzo River trestle trail project would be held on January 10th, 2) that the final Highway 1 EIR/EA has been approved by Caltrans and FHWA, and 3) that RTC was entering into contract for construction of the Countywide Bicycle Signage Project.
4. Oral communications – Members discussed holding some of the committee meetings in South County.
5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas - none

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Masoner/Fontes) was made to approve the consent agenda. Will Menchine asked for a correction for the draft October minutes prior to approving. The motion to approve the agenda with the requested edit to the October minutes passed unanimously with members Conlen, Voss, Johnson, Scott, Kammer, Hyman, Moore, Masoner, Fontes, and Jed voting in favor.

6. Approve draft minutes of the October 8, 2018 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
7. Approve recommendation for new Bicycle Advisory Committee nominations
8. Accept summary of hazard reports
9. Accept correspondence from the Bicycle Advisory Committee to the County of Santa Cruz

REGULAR AGENDA

10. "Meet & Greet" with new RTC Executive Director – Guy Preston, RTC Executive Director, provided an overview of his background. Members discussed committee input on long-range plans and TDA projects requesting that the Committee have a more opportunity to weigh in on projects when they are earlier in the pipeline. Members also requested the RTC help facilitate "orphan" bicycle improvements, defined as projects that get stalled or put on the backburner because they are under the jurisdiction of an agency that is not equipped to make transportation improvements or projects that cross jurisdictional boundaries. Members also requested more attention for Watsonville and the San Lorenzo Valley.
11. Legislative Update – Rachel Moriconi, RTC Senior Transportation Planner, introduced and discussed the RTC's annual Legislative Program for the federal and state levels. She noted that the legislative program focuses on: local, state and federal funding sources, fair funding for small counties, local control, priority projects, streamlining of project delivery, Complete Streets, safety policies, and reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Act. Members discussed bicycle commuter benefits, local internet sales tax collection and an improved protocol for local jurisdictions to improve arterial state highways. Members requested that the Legislative Program address potential bicycle incentives or environmental disincentives for infill development, laws to make it easier for local jurisdictions to lower speed limits, and other legislation to increase bicycle safety, and opposition to the loss of local control over automated vehicles. This item was for information only. Ms. Moriconi requested that members email any additional comments by January 4, 2019.

12. Cruz511 Update – Anais, RTC Transportation Planner, summarized the RTC’s Cruz511 program, discussed the current challenges of the program, and future needs. She stated the need to collect and manage transportation data, focus on automation and shared mobility innovations, and add a commute manager to Cruz511’s services, or “mobility as a service,” platform. She announced that there will be a Request for Proposals (RFP) released in early 2019 for these services. She discussed the bicycle benefits, including bike-sharing, and decreased vehicle miles travelled that such a platform can administer and facilitate. Members discussed programs that could be incorporated: “bike buddy” matching, bike hazard reporting and resolution, and transit real time information. Members discussed the prospects of public adoption of trip routing in Cruz511 versus other platforms. Members requested staff share with the committee the effects on bicycle safety of pending legislation around automated vehicles. This item was for information only.
13. Updates related to Committee functions – A motion (Hyman/Leo) was made to form an ad-hoc committee to study and comment on the RTC’s Highway 9 / San Lorenzo Valley Plan, and members Hyman and Rogerson expressed interest. The motion passed unanimously with members Conlen, Voss, Johnson, Scott, Kammer, Hyman, Moore, Masoner, Fontes, and Jed voting in favor. Members discussed recent improvements on Green Hills Road in Scotts Valley and requested that staff share a proposal for reconfiguring the intersection of Mt. Hermon Road and Conference Drive with County Public Works.
14. Adjourn – 8:06 pm

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2019 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at the RTC office, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:
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