



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

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FINAL MINUTES

**Monday, April 8, 2019
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.)
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
Matt Farrell, City of Santa Cruz
Richard Masoner, City of Scotts Valley
Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville
Leo Jed, CTSC

Staff:

Guy Preston, Executive Director
Sarah Christensen, Senior Transportation Engineer
Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner
Anais Schenk, Transportation Planner
Tommy Travers, Transportation Planning Technician

Guests:

Matt Machado, County of Santa Cruz
Lauren Freeman, County of Santa Cruz
Kailash Mozumder, City of Capitola
Chris Schneiter, City of Santa Cruz
Daryl Jordan, City of Scotts Valley
Kelly McClendon, Caltrans (by phone)
Terri Persons, Caltrans (by phone)
Ingrid McRoberts, Caltrans (by phone)
Piet Canin, Ecology Action/Bike-to-Work
Sally Arnold, Friends of the Rail and Trail

Unexcused Absences:

Excused Absences:

Shea Johnson, District 2
Casey Beyer, District 2 (Alt.)
Bruce Sawhill, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)
Drew Rogers, City of Watsonville (Alt.)
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)
Kira Ticus, Bike-to-Work (Alt.)

Vacancies:

District 4 – Alternate
City of Capitola – Alternate
City of Scotts Valley - Alternate

3. Announcements – Staff announced that 1) Anais Schenk, staff representative for the Committee, will be ending employment with the RTC, 2) the June Committee meeting will be in Aptos as noted below, and 3) the RTC is seeking public input for the Unmet Transit and Specialized Transportation List via the RTC website or a public hearing during the May 2 RTC meeting in Capitola.
4. Oral communications – Piet Canin announced that May is Bike Month featuring an online challenge called Love to Ride, and May 7 is Bike to Work/School Day. Janneke Strause announced that Open Streets Watsonville is June 2, Bike Santa Cruz County is undertaking a membership campaign, and shared the organization’s quarterly newsletter.
5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – None

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Hyman/Masoner) was made to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously with members Conlen, Voss, Menchine, Kammer, Hyman, Moore, Farrell, Masoner, Fontes, and Jed voting in favor.

6. Approve draft minutes of the February 11, 2019 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
7. Accept summary of hazard reports
8. Approve recommendation to the RTC to approve Ecology Action’s Transportation Development Act (TDA) allocation request for \$60,000 for the Bike to Work/School Program
9. Approve recommendation to the RTC to approve the county Health Services Agency’s TDA allocation request for \$130,000 for the Community Traffic Safety Coalition and the Ride n Stride Bicycle and Pedestrian Education Programs

REGULAR AGENDA

Committee member Scott arrived during item 10.

10. Update on Caltrans District 5 pedestrian and bicycle plans – Kelly McClendon, Terri Persons, and Ingrid McRoberts, Caltrans planners, presented an update on the Caltrans District 5 Active Transportation Plan. They stated that the plan is in its outreach/public engagement phase and is scheduled to finish by the end of 2019. They asked for ideas of additional events in Santa Cruz County at which their team can collect public input, particularly from disadvantaged communities. They shared the public website (bikewalkcentralcoast.mindmixer.com) available to collect public input and requested local agencies and organizations share the web address. They introduced the plan as looking primarily at the state highway system and the pedestrian and bicycle connections that are located on, along, and across the system. They announced that the next partner team meeting, which includes representatives

from the RTC, city of Santa Cruz, city of Watsonville, and Bike Santa Cruz County, will be April 26 in San Luis Obispo. Committee members asked about consideration of bicycle and pedestrian facilities on Mission Street in Santa Cruz. Staff announced that the RTC has been sharing with Caltrans District 5 information about stakeholders and public events for outreach as well as projects, programs, and plans relevant to the development of the Active Transportation Plan.

11. Design review for Glenwood Drive bike lane widening – Daryl Jordan, City of Scotts Valley Public Works Director, presented designs for widening to add bike lanes on Glenwood Drive north of Scotts Valley High School. Members requested that for the northern reach where there is space for only one bike lane, the preference should be a lane for the uphill direction and to install “Bikes May Use Full Lane” signs and sharrows centered in the travel way in the other direction. Members requested consideration of protected bike lanes near the high school in the future.
12. Design review for Brommer Street pedestrian and bike improvements – Kailash Mozumder, City of Capitola Public Works Project Manager, presented designs for adding a bike lane and sidewalk to the north side of Brommer Street and a bike box at 41st Avenue. Members requested delineation of both sides of the bike lane where there is adjacent parking and concern about adequate width considering the “door zone” of parked cars. Members requested coordination of this project with possible overhead wire undergrounding. There was also discussion about ways to gain more width for lanes through right of way modifications on the north side of the street. Staff commented on addressing the grading on the west side of the intersection as well as consideration of including bike detectors on the east side of the intersection. Members formed an ad-hoc committee consisting of Michael Moore, Janneke Strause, and Leo Jed to review the final plans.
13. Design review for Green Valley Road bike lane reconstruction, and installation of green lanes at various locations – Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville Principal Engineer, first presented designs for adding sidewalks, widening bike lanes to 5 feet, and narrowing automobile lanes between Freedom Blvd and Home Depot. Members expressed concerns about the high speeds of vehicles and the possibility of a speed limit reduction after project construction, and identified this road as a good candidate for future protected bike lanes. Murray Fontes next presented designs for adding green bike lanes near intersections along Green Valley Road, Harkins Slough Road, Walker Street, West Beach Street, Rodriguez Street, and Bridge Street in Watsonville. Members requested consideration of bike boxes on Green Valley Road.
14. Review and provide input on the draft “5-year Program of Projects” for the Measure D regional investment categories – Sarah Christensen, RTC Sr. Transportation Engineer, and Cory Caletti, RTC Sr. Transportation Planner, presented the program of projects and reviewed funding changes from the previous 5-year plan for the regional projects.

Matt Machado, County of Santa Cruz Public Works Director, Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville Principal Engineer, and Chris Schneiter, City of Santa Cruz Assistant Public Works Director, discussed rail trail projects within their respective jurisdictions. Committee members and staff discussed the decision to allocate \$2.8 million of the requested \$3.8 million to segment 18 in Watsonville rather than the full amount. Members and staff also discussed the prospects of additional grant funding for active transportation projects as well as bonding. Piet Canin asked about the increased

funding for Cruz511 and staff responded that there would be a call for proposals for an agency/non-profit to assist RTC in administering the new Commute Manager platform.

15. Update on Mar Vista Dr and Chanticleer Ave overcrossings – Sarah Christensen, RTC Sr. Transportation Engineer, provided a brief update that the Chanticleer overcrossing is on schedule, and that the County of Santa Cruz will now be the lead agency for the Mar Vista overcrossing, for which project preliminary engineering should start in Fall 2019.
16. Discuss Route Designation Endorsement for United States Bicycle Route System – Anais Schenk, RTC Transportation Planner, discussed the staff proposal to endorse the Pacific Coast Bicycle Route as part of the nationwide route system. The Committee had no concerns with the proposal.
17. Update on Committee Visioning Workshop – Anais Schenk, RTC Transportation Planner, announced that the workshop will be rescheduled from May 1 to take the place of one of the future 2019 Committee meetings.
18. Updates related to Committee functions – None
19. Adjourn – 8:27 pm

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2019 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at the **Community Foundation Santa Cruz County, 7807 Soquel Dr, Aptos, CA.**

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:
Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner