



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

**BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**MINUTES**

**Monday, June 10, 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 6:03 pm.
2. Introductions

**Members Present:**

Amelia Conlen, Bike-to-Work, Chair  
Janneke Strause, District 1 (Alt.)  
Casey Beyer, District 2 (Alt.)  
Theresa Rogerson, District 5 (Alt.)  
Matt Farrell, City of Santa Cruz  
Richard Masoner, City of Scotts Valley  
Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville  
Leo Jed, CTSC

**Unexcused Absences:**

**Excused Absences:**

Grace Voss, District 1  
Shea Johnson, District 2  
Peter Scott, District 3  
Anna Kammer, District 4  
Rick Hyman, District 5  
Michael Moore, City of Capitola  
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 3 – Alternate  
District 4 – Alternate  
City of Capitola – Alternate  
City of Scotts Valley – Alternate

**Staff:**

Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner  
Tommy Travers, Transportation Planning Technician

**Guests:**

Gus Alfaro, Caltrans District 5  
Doug Hessing, Caltrans District 5  
Teresa Buika, UCSC Transportation and Parking Services  
Zach Teske, UCSC  
Sally Arnold, District 3 applicant  
Gina Cole, Bike Santa Cruz County  
Becky Steinbruner, member of public

3. Announcements – Staff announced that 1) the proposed final Highway 9 / San Lorenzo Valley Complete Streets Corridor Plan (SLV Plan) will be available online and scheduled to be presented at RTC Commission on June 27<sup>th</sup>; 2) the Countywide Bicycle Route Signage Project is currently under construction with initial phases of work starting in the City of Santa Cruz; 3) the Santa Cruz City Council will hear an appeal of the City’s Planning Commission approval of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and related permits of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Segment 7 Phase 2 on June 11, and Segment 7 Phase 1 is scheduled to begin construction in late fall or early winter; and 4) the Committee staff and chair will seek members’ input on the content of an upcoming Committee orientation session via a future survey.
4. Oral communications – Amelia Conlen announced that she will organize carpooling for the next Committee meeting. Murray Fontes announced that the City of Watsonville is completing two Complete Streets grants and that Committee members are encouraged to fill out the survey on the City’s website for these projects. Becky Steinbruner announced that the Committee should ensure good design and timely construction of the Mar Vista pedestrian/bicycle freeway overcrossing.
5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion (Masoner/Jed) was made to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously with members Conlen, Strause, Beyer, Rogerson, Farrell, Masoner, Fontes, and Jed voting in favor.

6. Approved draft minutes of the April 8, 2019 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
7. Approved recommendation for new Bicycle Advisory Committee nomination
8. Accepted summary of hazard reports
9. Accepted informational item: new Bike Santa Cruz County executive director

**REGULAR AGENDA**

10. Caltrans Highway 9 repairs and shoulder width review and discussion – Gus Alfaro and Doug Hessing, Caltrans District 5 staff, updated the Committee on upcoming Highway 9 storm damage viaduct replacement and the San Lorenzo River and Kings Creek Bridge Restoration project, which will replace two bridges on Highway 9 in the

SLV area. The committee also sought information on how Caltrans might generally incorporate Complete Streets principles into these and similar projects. They stated that Caltrans considers Complete Streets opportunities on all State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) projects. Some projects are more able to include Complete Streets features than other projects based on scope of work. The Storm Water Damage Restoration projects and the culvert projects are spot location projects and while they address Complete Streets at those spot locations they are not corridor-wide shoulder-widening nor would they install crosswalks or flashing beacons outside of the project limits (outside of the scope of work). These projects do however provide shoulder widening when appropriate and as needed to address the Purpose and Need of the project. Once the RTC's SLV Plan is assessed by Caltrans and adopted, it will help Caltrans prioritize the community's needs for Complete Streets elements on Highway 9 and guide future project development. Project development on Highway 9 will include coordination and partnering with local agencies in order to fund complete streets needs within the community of SLV. They stated that for the projects currently under discussion, Caltrans would like to widen the shoulder to the 8-foot standard on the side of the road where the repair work will be conducted. For viaduct replacement, the shoulder would be widened to 4 feet. The Committee sought clarification on how Caltrans includes funding for Complete Streets elements for all projects. Caltrans staff also sought Committee input on two Highway 9 bridge replacements north of Boulder Creek. While the Committee was interested in the two bridge replacements mentioned, members asked if Caltrans can instead prioritize replacing Highway 9 bridges in more populated areas such as north of the SLV three-school campus, if possible. The Committee discussed the two proposed bridge designs, and members asked for consideration of grade separation for pedestrians and inexperienced cyclists such as a rounded edge shoulder or a sidewalk. The Committee also expressed concerns with vehicle lane widening causing faster driving and asked for incorporation of signs such as "3 Feet to Pass" and "Bikes May Use Full Lane" if appropriate.

11. Caltrans District 5 Active Transportation Plan – Bicycle Advisory Committee members received fellow member Rick Hyman's list of Santa Cruz County concerns related to Caltrans's Plan. The Committee discussed additional locations needing bicycle improvements, including all of highways 129 and 152 within the City of Watsonville as well as any locations near schools. The Committee also called for consideration of buffered bike lanes wherever possible, improvements to signalized intersections, and reconfiguration of freeway interchanges to improve bicycle safety. The Committee also discussed an idea of designating Airport Boulevard and Holohan Road as State Route 152, rather than the existing Main Street and East Lake Avenue. The Committee asked Caltrans staff to clarify how input from stakeholders such as the Committee will be considered and incorporated into the Active Transportation Plan.
12. Design review for UCSC Great Meadow Bike Path Phase 2 – Teresa Buika and Zach Teske, UCSC staff, presented the project to improve safety of the Great Meadow bike path through widening, reducing grades, and improving drainage. Discussion included the need for greater width for the downhill section of the path for recovery space and concerns about adding pedestrians adjacent to the uphill portion of the path. UCSC staff stated that they are not aware of pedestrian/bike conflict historically on the uphill portion of the path. Committee members asked for improved signage to direct pedestrians to use only the farm road in the southern portion of the project area. The Committee and UCSC staff discussed allowing access of the bike path at night or at least until 10:00 PM for those with night classes, and utilizing green paint

treatments. UCSC staff stated the project should be ready for construction in summer 2020. They also updated the Committee on upcoming bike safety education programs and the possibility of Jump charging stations on campus.

13. Design review of Chanticleer Ave bike/ped bridge – Tommy Travers, RTC Transportation Planner, briefly presented the design plans for the Hwy 1 Chanticleer bicycle and pedestrian overcrossing as a follow-up to the update from staff at the April 2019 Committee meeting. Committee members requested improved access to the southern end of the bridge for northbound bicyclists. Member of the public Becky Steinbruner expressed concerns about the safety of the Chanticleer Ave/Soquel Ave intersection. Committee members and applicant Sally Arnold asked if the project could be separated from the Highway 1 widening so it could be advanced ahead of the highway project and were informed that the overcrossing could not be separated at this point in time. The Committee also discussed access north of the project at Chanticleer Ave and Soquel Drive. The Committee asked staff to take their concerns to the RTC project manager and county staff and return with more information.
14. Bike Secure Program discussion – Cory Caletti, RTC Sr. Transportation Planner, described a past program of the RTC which subsidized thousands of bicycle racks as well as bike lockers and cages. The program was funded through four grants from the Monterey Bay Air Resources District over a period of over 15 years and ended when the grant application criteria no longer favored such programs. The program was costly to administer, particularly to fulfill all the requirements of the grants. Staff stated that the program was highly needed because at the time, bike parking facilities were rare. The Committee discussed supporting local ordinances requiring bike parking be incorporated into new developments, and the potential of local jurisdictions to store and distribute bike racks similar to the City of Santa Cruz program. Member of the public Becky Steinbruner stated that bike parking at schools should be more secure.
15. Updates related to Committee functions – Richard Masoner recommended visiting new bicycle infrastructure examples in downtown San Jose. Theresia Rogerson asked for separate Committee agendas without packet materials. She also asked how members of the public can be more involved with the Committee and staff responded they may join ad-hoc committees. Leo Jed expressed concerns about excessive scooters in some cities and the potential of a similar situation in this county.
16. Adjourn – 8:38 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2019 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at the **Cabrillo College Watsonville Center, 318 Union St, Watsonville, CA.**

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