



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

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**Monday, February 10, 2020
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
Janneke Strause, District 1 (Alt.)
Shea Johnson, District 2
Peter Scott, District 3
Sally Arnold, 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:

Grace Voss, District 1
Casey Beyer, District 2 (Alt.)
Matt Farrell, City of Santa Cruz
Bruce Sawhill, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)
Matt Miller, Bike-to-Work (Alt.)

Vacancies:

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

Staff:

Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner
Ginger Dykaar, Senior Transportation Engineer
Amy Naranjo, Transportation Planner

Guests:

Russell Chen, County of Santa Cruz
Gina Cole, Bike Santa Cruz County
Peter Newton, member of public
Jessica Evans, member of public

3. Announcements – Staff announced that Segment 7 Phase 1 of the rail trail is under construction, that Chair and Vice Chair elections will be held at the April 13 Committee meeting, and that the cycle track concept is in design for a portion of Chanticleer Ave approaching the south end of the future bike/ped bridge over Highway 1.
4. Oral communications – Murray Fontes announced that Segment 18 Phase 1 of the rail trail is expected to begin construction in March or April.
5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – Item 11 deleted

CONSENT AGENDA

Members discussed that some local jurisdictions take longer to respond to hazard reports. A motion (Jed/Fontes) was made to approve the consent agenda excepting item 8. The motion passed unanimously with members Conlen, Strause, Johnson, Scott, Kammer, Hyman, Moore, Masoner, Fontes, and Jed voting in favor.

6. Approved draft minutes of the December 9, 2019 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
7. Accepted summary of hazard reports
8. Approve recommendation to the RTC to approve Santa Cruz County's Transportation Development Act (TDA) allocation request for \$475,000 for Bike Lane Maintenance and \$30,000 for Street Smarts Campaign.

Members received clarification from County and RTC staff regarding TDA allocations from previous years, reallocations, and regarding the requirement that funds for new projects are to be expended after approval by the Committee and RTC. County staff also clarified that Bike Lane Maintenance includes sharrows and that maintenance is performed every year. A motion (Jed/Kammer) was made to approve the TDA allocations as recommended in the staff report. The motion passed unanimously with members Conlen, Strause, Johnson, Scott, Kammer, Hyman, Moore, Masoner, Fontes, and Jed voting in favor.

9. Accepted informational item: Letter from SCCRTC Bicycle Advisory Committee to Santa Cruz County Public Works regarding Aptos Village Improvements Phase 2B design

REGULAR AGENDA

10. Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis – Goals/Screening Criteria/Performance Measures & Universe of Alternatives – Ginger Dykaar, RTC Sr. Transportation Planner, presented the screening criteria and performance measures to be used for evaluating alternatives in the analysis, some which are based on the "triple bottom line" approach (equity, the environment, and the economy.) The project team is gathering input from stakeholder groups, partner agencies, and RTC committees to refine the first stage of the analysis. Members discussed including capital cost per passenger or per passenger mile, a metric of bicycle capacity and of passenger capacity per vehicle or per peak hour rather than per day, a metric for ease of

expansion of capacity if bicycle demand and/or passenger demand exceeds projections, a metric to factor in potential effects on the use of the rail trail from different transit types, a metric for level boarding and storage on board and at stations, a metric for one-seat travel, and the need to consider technology that may not be fully developed now. Ginger Dykaar presented the mode alternatives, connector alternatives, and station locations. Members of the public asked for consideration of capacity at peak times, and for connector alternatives to include grade-separated connections to UCSC and especially Cabrillo College and to include human-powered connector vehicles. Committee members asked about consideration of a station at Almar Ave and about consideration of seasonal or weekend-only stations.

A motion (Jed/Hyman) was made to recommend to the project team that bicycle on-board storage should be a fundamental requirement of any transit system, and to recommend the list of bicycle Equity considerations as provided in a hand-out at the meeting by member Rick Hyman. The motion passed unanimously with members Conlen, Strause, Johnson, Scott, Kammer, Hyman, Moore, Masoner, Fontes, and Jed voting in favor.

11. Rail Trail North Coast Project design review – Grace Blakeslee, RTC Sr. Transportation Planner – item deleted
12. Regional Transportation Plan 2045 Project List review and provide input – Amy Naranjo, RTC Transportation Planner, provided an update on the next version of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), focusing on the Project List which is part of the Action Element of the plan. She is soliciting ideas for new transportation projects that are not already listed in the current version of the RTP, considering the Goals, Policies, and Targets which were recently approved by the RTC. Ideas submitted by Committee members and the public will be shared with project sponsors (local agencies and approved organizations) and she will return to the Committee in April.
13. Caltrans District 5 Active Transportation Plan – form ad-hoc committee to review future draft version – Tommy Travers, RTC Transportation Planner, stated that the Draft Active Transportation Plan is expected to be released in the next month. Members formed an ad-hoc committee of Amelia Conlen, Rick Hyman, and Anna Kammer to review the Draft Plan and report to the full Committee.
14. Updates related to Committee functions – Shea Johnson provided an update on item 9; she also stated that the Mar Vista bike/ped bridge over Highway 1 is in the design stage. Amelia Conlen announced that the Caltrans planning grant-funded Active Transportation Plan for the unincorporated County will begin soon and sought a Committee member to join the stakeholder group. Murray Fontes announced that the Watsonville City Council will be receiving for approval in February the final Schools Complete Streets Plan and the Vision Zero Action Plan, and that installations of recent bike projects throughout the city are complete. Rick Hyman recommended that the Committee encourage that Frederick Street not be removed from the Project List for the Regional Transportation Plan. Theresia Rogerson announced that County Health Services Agency staff will be updating the Committee in April on its transportation programs, and requested input on the draft Vision Zero Action Plan. She also announced that the Health Services Agency with Ecology Action will be applying for funds in the upcoming statewide Active Transportation Program Cycle 5 for a countywide non-infrastructure project.

15. Adjourn – 8:25 pm

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2020 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at the RTC Office, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, Calif.

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