



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

**BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**MINUTES**

**Monday, April 13, 2020  
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm**

**Teleconference**

1. Call to Order: Chair, Amelia Conlen called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.
2. Introductions

**Members Present:**

Amelia Conlen, Bike-to-Work, Chair  
Grace Voss, District 1  
Shea Johnson, District 2  
Sally Arnold, District 3 (Alt.)  
Anna Kammer, District 4  
Rick Hyman, District 5  
Theresia 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

**Unexcused Absences:**

**Excused Absences:**

Janneke Strause, District 1 (Alt.)  
Casey Beyer, District 2 (Alt.)  
Peter Scott, District 3  
Bruce Sawhill, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)  
Drew Rogers, City of Watsonville (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  
Guy Preston, Executive Director  
Luis Mendez, Deputy Director  
Sarah Christensen, Senior Transportation Engineer  
Ginger Dykaar, Senior Transportation Planner  
Brianna Goodman, Transportation Planner

**Guests:**

Nathan Nguyen, City of Santa Cruz  
Piet Canin, Ecology Action/Bike-to-Work  
Gina Cole, Bike Santa Cruz County  
Jacques Bertrand, City of Capitola Commissioner  
Lauren Freeman, County Health Services Agency/CTSC  
Matt Marquez, Santa Cruz METRO  
Pete Rasmussen, Santa Cruz METRO  
Ron Goodman, member of public  
Brett Garrett, member of public

3. Announcements – Staff announced that the RTC continues to hold its public meetings, using Zoom and being streamed online, as usual, by Community TV
4. Oral communications – Piet Canin announced that Specialized Bicycles has a program to donate bicycles to essential workers.
5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – Items 8 & 10 moved to the Regular Agenda

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Members discussed the hazard report responses regarding parking in bike lanes. A motion (Fontes/Masoner) was made to approve the consent agenda excepting items 8 & 10. The motion passed unanimously with members Conlen, Voss, Johnson, Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Moore, Farrell, Masoner, and Fontes voting in favor.

6. Approved draft minutes of the February 10, 2020 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
7. Accepted summary of hazard reports
9. Accepted informational item: Bike to Work update on FY 19/20 TDA-funded program changes due to COVID-19
11. Accepted informational item: Report on Regional Transportation Plan 2045 Goals and Targets from Rick Hyman

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

10. Accepted informational item: Chanticleer/Highway 1 overcrossing design update - Staff provided clarification on the design of Chanticleer Ave at Soquel Ave. Members requested dashed green treatment where the proposed cycle track crosses driveways. Also discussed was a desire for future bicycle and pedestrian improvements to the northern portion of Chanticleer Ave.

A motion (Arnold/Farrell) was made to accept the informational item. The motion passed unanimously with members Conlen, Voss, Johnson, Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Moore, Farrell, Masoner, and Fontes voting in favor.

*Committee member Leo Jed joined the meeting.*

12. Committee Chair and Vice Chair elections – Staff asked for nominations for the positions of chair and vice chair of the Bicycle Advisory Committee to serve 2-year terms.

A nomination (Farrell/Arnold) was made of Amelia Conlen for the position of chair. The vote passed unanimously with members Conlen, Voss, Johnson, Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Moore, Farrell, Masoner, Fontes, and Jed voting in favor.

A nomination (Conlen/Farrell) was made of Murray Fontes for the position of vice chair. The vote passed unanimously with members Conlen, Voss, Johnson, Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Moore, Farrell, Masoner, Fontes, and Jed voting in favor.

13. Rail Trail Segment 7 Phase 2 design review – Nathan Nguyen, City of Santa Cruz staff, first updated the Committee on progress of Phase 1 and of Segments 8/9. He then presented several renderings and plan sheets of the trail project, including the entrance/exit areas at each end. He reviewed cross sections of the trail, retaining wall details, drainage, and the planned lighting and security cameras. There are areas for public art at a later date. The earliest start of construction would be Spring 2021.

A motion (Hyman/Farrell) was made to approve the final plans for Segment 7 Phase 2. The motion passed unanimously with members Conlen, Voss, Johnson, Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Moore, Farrell, Masoner, Fontes, and Jed voting in favor.

14. Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis (TCAA) – Alternatives Screening Results and Short List of Alternatives – Ginger Dykaar, Sr. Transportation Planner, presented the results of the first stage of analysis, which brings the TCAA process to what is called Milestone 2. She presented the full qualitative high-level screening results of the full list of possible transit options for the corridor, which was undertaken using the triple-bottom-line approach of considering equity, the environment, and the economy. The current recommendation is to move four top alternatives to the next more detailed stage of analysis. Ginger provided a description of the benefits of each of the four alternatives. The TCAA project team is seeking input from stakeholder groups and RTC advisory committees at this milestone, and there will be an “online open house” for public input available on the RTC website. Members asked clarifying questions about alternatives utilizing all or part of the corridor, the risk of losing railroad easements for non-rail alternatives, the meaning of temporal separation of light rail vehicles and freight trains, the ability to store bicycles on-board buses, the effects of the alternatives on the quality of and delivery of a multiuse trail in the corridor, and the expected travel time and ridership capacity of the alternatives. Members of the public commented about the ability of smaller vehicles to allow for “social distancing” and have comparable capacity, and of some elevated systems to have level boarding without elevators.

A motion (Farrell/Arnold) was made to express the Committee’s current preference for light rail and commuter rail due to potentially greater bicycle capacity and shorter travel times. The motion passed with members Conlen, Voss, Johnson, Arnold, Kammer, Moore, Farrell, and Masoner voting in favor. Members Hyman, Fontes, and Jed abstained.

8. Approved 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 – Piet Canin, Ecology Action staff, informed the Committee that his organization proposes to develop more online encouragement and resources for bicycling as well as highlighting the benefits bicycling provides for mental and physical health during times of “social distancing” and shelter-in-place orders. RTC staff informed the Committee that it is anticipated that TDA funds will decline significantly during the next several months due to COVID-19 shelter-in-place orders. Members requested that if there is a reduction in TDA funding allocation for this project after there is more information about reductions in sales tax revenue,

the project return to the Committee for input on how the funding reduction is accommodated.

A motion (Jed/Fontes) was made to approve the recommendation to the RTC to approve Ecology Action's TDA allocation request. The motion passed unanimously with members Conlen, Voss, Johnson, Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Moore, Farrell, Masoner, Fontes, and Jed voting in favor.

15. Approved recommendation to the RTC to approve the county Health Services Agency's TDA allocation request for \$130,000 for the Community Traffic Safety Coalition (CTSC) and the Ride N Stride (RnS) Bicycle and Pedestrian Education Programs; review Vision Zero Work Plan – Theresia Rogerson, County Health Services Agency staff, gave an oral presentation providing an overview of the CTSC and RnS programs including other funding sources, in-school RnS education programs offered, plans for increased online education due to COVID-19, and the Vision Zero-focused work of the CTSC. The CTSC has been working closely with Watsonville for their first-in-the-county Vision Zero Action Plan, and they are currently seeking input from stakeholders, including the Committee, on the Vision Zero Work Plan to assist the other jurisdictions of the county. It is planned to incorporate the "safe systems" approach including engineering, policy, and technology proposals, while also including education and equity considerations. RTC staff informed the Committee that it is anticipated that TDA funds will decline significantly during the next several months due to COVID-19 shelter-in-place orders, and also requested Spanish online resources and acknowledgement of the fact that many low-income children don't have very good online access. Members reiterated their support for the education programs of the CTSC and RnS, and stated that the leadership of the CTSC in implementing Vision Zero and other active transportation safety has been very important to South County.

A motion (Hyman/Jed) was made to approve the recommendation to the RTC to approve county Health Services Agency's TDA allocation requests. The motion passed unanimously with members Conlen, Voss, Johnson, Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Moore, Farrell, Masoner, Fontes, and Jed voting in favor.

16. Updates – Murray Fontes announced that construction of the first phase of the Segment 18 rail trail begins in May.

17. Adjourn – 8:30 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2020 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at the **Community Foundation Santa Cruz County, 7807 Soquel Dr, Aptos, Calif.**

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