



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

**BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**MINUTES**

**Monday, August 10, 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  
Janneke Strause, District 1 (Alt.)  
Casey Beyer, District 2 (Alt.)  
Peter Scott, District 3  
Sally Arnold, District 3 (Alt.)  
Anna Kammer, District 4  
Rick Hyman, District 5  
Theresia Rogerson, District 5 (Alt.)  
Matt Farrell, City of Santa Cruz  
Richard Masoner, City of Scotts Valley  
Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville  
Drew Rogers, City of Watsonville (Alt.)  
Leo Jed, CTSC

**Staff:**

Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner  
Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner  
Amy Naranjo, Transportation Planner

**Guests:**

Ingrid McRoberts, Caltrans  
Audrey Ogden, Caltrans  
Terri Persons, Caltrans

**Unexcused Absences:**

**Excused Absences:**

Shea Johnson, District 2  
Michael Moore, City of Capitola  
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

3. Announcements – none
4. Oral communications – Sally Arnold announced that the Friends of the Rail & Trail has launched a new campaign for transforming transportation called Coast Connect ([coastconnect.org](http://coastconnect.org)). Gina Cole announced Bike Santa Cruz County's Bike Match program facilitating bicycle donations to essential workers

([bikesantacruzcounty.org/bikematch](http://bikesantacruzcounty.org/bikematch)). Theresia Rogerson announced that the County Health Services Agency is planning on a grant application to the state's Active Transportation Program for several "traffic gardens" in the Watsonville area. Drew Rogers announced that Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz will install a pump track in Watsonville.

5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – none

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

6. Approved draft minutes of the June 8, 2020 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
7. Accepted summary of hazard reports
8. Approved recommendation to the RTC to approve City of Watsonville's Transportation Development Act (TDA) allocation request for \$337,920 for MBSST Segment 18 Phase 1 construction project
9. Accepted letters of support from the Bicycle Advisory Committee for grant applications by:
  - a. County of Santa Cruz for Highway 152/Holohan intersection project
  - b. City of Santa Cruz for Swanton Delaware Multiuse Path project
  - c. City of Santa Cruz for MBSST Segment 7 Phase 2
  - d. City of Santa Cruz for MBSST Segment 8/9
10. Accepted informational item: Highway 1 Program Update to RTC

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

11. Caltrans District 5 Active Transportation Plan review and provide input – Ingrid McRoberts, Audrey Ogden, and Terri Persons, Caltrans staff, presented the current status of the development of the draft Plan. They described the goal to triple bicycling rates, double walking rates, and double public transit rates, and the focus on social equity and partnership with local groups. Delivery of the final draft Plan is expected in late fall 2020 and will now include a public webpage with a more extensive collection of "story maps" to describe and visualize conditions and recommendations. Information from existing plans from local jurisdictions and other input from local Partner Teams as well as public input have been collected, and the next step is the final compilation and mapping of all the sources. Prioritization of needs based on the four goals of mobility, equity, preservation, and safety, with new emphasis on equity, will result in the preliminary draft Plan, which will then have another review by local Partner Teams. Caltrans staff stated they would work with Watsonville to review the city's new complete streets plans from late 2019 for inclusion in the draft plan. Committee member(s) asked if the project team is identifying wide highway shoulders as bicycle facilities or as a gap in bicycling infrastructure, and staff responded it would be a gap. Members also asked about

consideration of “parklets” on state highways and discussed the sharing of Watsonville’s collision data with Caltrans.

12. Draft Project List for the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan review and provide input – Amy Naranjo, RTC Transportation Planner, presented the preliminary draft Project List for the next update of the state-mandated long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the county. The Project List describes transportation projects that local agencies plan to pursue. The preliminary draft Project List includes new and updated projects as compared to the previous version of the RTP, and staff is seeking input from the Committee particularly regarding bicycle-related projects or if there are projects missing from the list. This first list will be considered by the RTC in September 2020. Eventual prioritization of the constrained list of projects, or those expected to be funded, will be based on how each project advances the goals and targets of the RTP. Staff clarified for committee members that only projects ultimately sponsored by a qualified local jurisdiction or organization may be on the list, and that project recommendations from the 2021 County Active Transportation Plan will be able to be amended to the RTP in the case that the final Project List is already approved before the Active Transportation Plan recommendations are made.
13. Measure D 5-Year Plans review and provide input – Rachel Moriconi, RTC Senior Transportation Planner, presented a history and description of the 2016 countywide ½-cent transportation sales tax Measure D, including a summary of each of the funding categories defined by the measure. Each year, the RTC and local transportation agencies produce a 5-Year Plan showing how they plan to use Measure D funding over the next five years. She requested input and recommendations from the committee on proposed distribution of funds for regional categories and projects, including the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST), Highway Corridors, Highway 9/San Lorenzo Valley (SLV), and Rail Corridor. In response to questions from committee members, she provided updates on sections of the rail trail and of safety improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists near the San Lorenzo Valley Schools campus. Member(s) suggested that in light of the current economy, staff consider prioritizing shorter-term projects that are more certain to be completed and meet state and federal grant program criteria so as to maximize outside funding. Staff responded that the RTC’s proposed Measure D 5-year plan updates and Strategic Implementation Plan do focus on getting projects shovel-ready and providing matching funds in order to leverage grants for construction work.

A motion (Hyman/Jed) was made to recommend that the RTC approve the bicycle-related projects in the Measure D 5-Year Plans. The motion passed with members Conlen, Voss, Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Farrell, Masoner, Fontes, and Jed voting in favor. Beyer voted against the motion suggesting bike elements should not be de-connected from other parts of the Measure D program.

14. County of Santa Cruz Active Transportation Plan update and provide input – Amelia Conlen, BAC Chair/Ecology Action, introduced the kickoff of development of a new Active Transportation Plan for unincorporated Santa Cruz County, focusing on the urban service areas. The first stage of public input collection begins now and asks community members for walking or bicycling barriers and safe places in an interactive web map format. Public input collection had been delayed due to COVID-19 but there will be limited in-person outreach as well as further online outreach in fall 2020 for the draft Plan. Ms. Conlen presented maps and collected input from many Committee members on the locations of the unincorporated county where

there are barriers to bicycling. Many locations and issues were discussed, generally being high vehicle speeds, vehicles cutting corners, insufficient width of and poor maintenance of bike lanes and shoulders, and lack of crosswalks.

15. Highway 152/Holohan Road intersection project – Amelia Conlen, BAC Chair, and Anna Kammer, BAC District 4 Representative (oral update), discussed that meetings and emails with County staff resulted in green-paint bicycle facility improvements being included in the plans for the Highway 152/Holohan Rd/College Rd intersection that was previously presented at the June BAC meeting. The County and Caltrans did not accept the addition of bike lanes or reduction of vehicle lane widths on Highway 152. Member(s) discussed continuing to pursue recommendations from the Watsonville Safe Routes to Schools plan in this vicinity and to request that the upcoming Caltrans District 5 Active Transportation Plan recommend the narrowing of vehicle lanes to allow for safer bicycling and walking.
16. Updates – Rick Hyman reported that the County has new plans for the intersection of Mt. Hermon Rd and Conference Drive in Scotts Valley to include pavement markings as the BAC recommended in 2018. Murray Fontes reported that construction of MBSST Segment 18 Phase 1 is experiencing delays of a few months. Gina Cole shared the new form to request Slow Streets in unincorporated areas of the county (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZvZlhqvum80BY3t0NbYagAguhjD1QfiVeWbICV2yW1dnNSg/viewform>), stated that Bike Santa Cruz County is working with the City of Watsonville on a future program in that city, and stated that the City of Santa Cruz will establish 11 Slow Streets. Sally Arnold reported that opening of MBSST Segment 7 Phase 1 is planned for October.
17. Adjourn – 8:35 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2020 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. The meeting is expected to be held **via teleconference.**

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:  
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