

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 10, 2021 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Teleconference

This meeting was held by teleconference in accordance with the Brown Act as currently in effect under the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, which allow local board and committee members and the public to participate and conduct meetings by teleconference, videoconference, or both. View full executive order.

- 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 John Hunt, District 2 (Alt.)
Peter Scott, District 3
Sally Arnold, District 3 (Alt.)
Anna Kammer, District 4
Liz Hernandez, District 4 (Alt.)
Rick Hyman, District 5
Theresia Rogerson, District 5 (Alt.)
Paula Bradley, City of Capitola
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 Amy Naranjo, Transportation Planner

Guests:

Piet Canin, Bike-to-Work/Ecology Action Gina Gallino Cole, Bike Santa Cruz County Scott Roseman, pending committee nominee Corrina McFarlane, pending committee nominee Grace Voss, pending committee nominee Janneke Strause, member of the public Kathy Jaggi, member of the public

3. Announcements – Staff announced that the Committee member and alternate for District 1 were removed at the April RTC meeting.

Unexcused Absences:

Excused Absences:

Kathleen Bortolussi, District 2 Michael Moore, City of Capitola (Alt.) Matt Farrell, City of Santa Cruz Matt Miller, Bike-to-Work (Alt.)

Vacancies:

District 1 – Primary
District 1 – Alternate
City of Santa Cruz – Alternate
City of Scotts Valley – Alternate
CTSC – Alternate

- 4. Oral communications Amelia Conlen expressed thanks to Grace Voss and Janneke Strause for their service representing Supervisorial District 1 on the Committee and shared information about Bike Month events. She also announced upcoming County Public Works bicycle demonstration projects, as a part of the development of the County Active Transportation Plan, to be located on Green Valley Road beginning May 28 and on Portola Drive beginning June 25. Theresia Rogerson announced a major County bicycle education and encouragement project for children is positioned well for a potential supplemental round of funding from the state Active Transportation Program.
- 5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas none

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 6. Approved draft minutes of the February 8, 2021 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
- 7. Accepted summary of hazard reports
- 8. Accepted letter from Committee in support of grant application for Coastal Rail Trail Segment 7 Phase 2
- 9. Accepted letter from ad-hoc subcommittee providing Committee comments on the Caltrans District 5 Active Transportation Plan
- 10. Approved recommendation to the RTC of nomination of new Committee members Scott Roseman and Corrina McFarlane introduced themselves, and committee members discussed having very brief education sessions at multiple future meetings for newer members covering Committee function-related topics.
- 11. 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
- 12. 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 Program – Grace Voss commented that there be more data reporting from the CTSC and RnS programs.

REGULAR AGENDA

13. GO Santa Cruz County demonstration – Amy Naranjo, RTC Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the new countywide GO Santa Cruz County web or app platform, which assists anyone to plan their commutes and travel by bicycle, foot, transit, or by finding a carpool or bikepool. Participants also get financial rewards for manually logging or automatically connecting their travel alternatives to driving

alone. There will also be additional outreach and events for participating large employers. She provided a live demonstration in a web browser to show the features of the platform. Committee members inquired about the RTC's outreach methods to get more people using the platform, inquired about transit incentives, and expressed a strong desire to prioritize rewards for shopping at local businesses.

- 14. San Lorenzo Valley/Highway 9 complete streets progress Report from April 28, 2021 public meeting Rick Hyman provided an update to the Committee on implementation of several priority elements of the San Lorenzo Valley/Highway 9 Complete Streets Corridor Plan, including design concepts for new bike lanes in several towns along Highway 9. He shared a concept for Highway 9 at Graham Hill Road as an example. Committee members discussed aspects of the concept and discussed strategies for providing input for these projects as well as generally countywide.
- 15. Updates related to Committee functions Murray Fontes announced that Segment 18 Phase 1 of the Coastal Rail Trail is tentatively scheduled for a grand opening event on June 5. Theresia Rogerson reported back to the Committee that three members met with county staff to review a recent buffered bike lane modification on Mt. Hermon Road, and requested the Chair write a letter to the County calling for fixing the recent painting to provide narrowed vehicle lanes, a minimum 2-foot painted buffer with diagonal hatching that could accommodate potential future bollards to separate the bike lane, and a minimum 5- or 6-foot bike lane. No Committee members expressed opposition.
- 16. Adjourn 8:05 pm

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2021 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. The meeting will be held **via teleconference.**

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