



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

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, February 7, 2022
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, the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, and AB361, which allow local board and committee members and the public to participate and conduct meetings by teleconference, videoconference, or both. [View full executive order.](#) [View AB 361.](#)

1. Call to Order: Chair Amelia Conlen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Introductions

Members Present:

Scott Roseman, District 1
Corrina McFarlane, District 1 (Alt.)
Peter Scott, District 3
Anna Kammer, District 4
Rick Hyman, District 5
Theresia Rogerson, District 5 (Alt.)
Paula Bradley, City of Capitola
Matt Farrell, City of Santa Cruz
Grace Voss, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)
Richard Masoner, City of Scotts Valley
Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville
Amelia Conlen, Bike-to-Work, Chair
Leo Jed, CTSC
Arnold Shir, CTSC (Alt.)

Staff:

Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner
Rachel Moriconi, Sr. Transportation Planner

Guests:

Kailash Mozumder, City of Capitola
Joshua Spangrud, City of Santa Cruz

Unexcused Absences:

Excused Absences:

Kathleen Bortolussi, District 2
John Hunt, District 2 (Alt.)
Sally Arnold, District 3 (Alt.)
Liz Hernandez, District 4 (Alt.)
Michael Moore, City of Capitola (Alt.)
Drew Rogers, City of Watsonville (Alt.)
Matt Miller, Bike-to-Work (Alt.)

Vacancies:

City of Scotts Valley – Alternate

3. Staff announcements – Staff announced that Caltrans staff will discuss their complete streets implementation plan at the March ITAC meeting, that the Caltrans District 5 Active Transportation Plan will be released this month, that Committee chair and vice chair elections will be held in April, and that presentations of concept design plans for

coastal rail trail segments 8/9, 10/11, and 12 will be given either at a special meeting in March or at the Committee meeting in April.

4. Oral communications – Murray Fontes announced that Watsonville staff does not support the proposal of the Vision Zero Task Force to revise city code regarding bicycle riding on sidewalks. Matt Farrell stated that the ad-hoc subcommittee created in December did not compose a letter to comment on the draft Regional Transportation Plan.
5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – digital handout pertaining to the meeting is posted on the Committee webpage

CONSENT AGENDA

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

6. Approved draft minutes of the December 13, 2021 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
7. Accepted summary of hazard reports
8. Accepted update on expiring Committee seats
9. Accepted correspondence between Committee and County staff regarding Soquel Drive multimodal project
10. Accepted e-bike subsidy flyer

REGULAR AGENDA

11. Clares Street Traffic Calming Improvements – Kailash Mozumder, Capitola Public Works project manager, presented a project on the eastern portion of Clares Street to improve pavement condition, improve pedestrian safety, and improve bicyclist safety. He described features including narrowed vehicle lanes, a new buffered treatment for the bike lanes, speed tables, and green bike lane treatment near intersections. Members of the Committee requested improvement of the connection from the Clares/Wharf intersection to the path which goes to the Soquel Creek bike/ped bridge due to the fact that many bicyclists do not use the wheelchair ramp and requested consideration of improvements for bicycle left turns onto side streets. There was discussion of further improvement to the Clares Street-41st Avenue intersection by moving the westbound bike lane to the inside of the right-turn pocket, adding a bike box for westbound approaching bikes heading south, studying future restoration of the crosswalk at the north segment of the intersection, and adding sharrows on westbound Clares Street on the west side of the intersection.
12. Chestnut Street Storm Drain Replacement and Pavement Rehab Project – Joshua Spangrud, City of Santa Cruz engineer, presented a project on Chestnut Street to replace a stormwater system, the full pavement surface, and about 31 pedestrian ramps. The project will also include the addition of some marked crosswalks across Chestnut, and there is expected to be a related project soon following to install

rectangular rapid-flashing beacons for crossing Chestnut at Church Street. Members of the committee requested further improvement to the Chestnut/Church intersection due to the speed of vehicles on Chestnut in that area and difficulty turning left from Church to Chestnut, markings improvements at the Chestnut St/ Chestnut St Extension intersection so that bicyclists heading north onto Chestnut Extension can cross the railroad tracks at a safer angle and motorists are aware of this maneuver that bicyclists are making, and buffered bike lanes to help discourage speeding.

13. RTC 2022 State and Federal Legislative Program – Rachel Moriconi, Sr. Transportation Planner, presented the draft legislative priorities of the RTC for 2022. The priorities are generally related to improving funding, project deliverability, and safety, and might be ongoing needs or might be in response to legislative changes. She highlighted the portions of the Legislative Program related to bicycling such as the active transportation section, shared mobility, and streamlining regulations for emissions-reducing projects, and mentioned Brown Act modifications to allow continued remote participation in meetings. Members of the Committee requested the RTC support legalization of bicyclists treating stop signs as yield signs, requested an update from staff in 2022 as to how jurisdictions can utilize 2021’s AB43 to reduce speed limits, and requested staff continue supporting options enabling the state to collect steady transportation funding in spite of the decrease of gas tax revenues.
14. County Draft Active Transportation Plan – Amelia Conlen, Ecology Action planner, presented an introduction to the process for updating the Active Transportation Plan for the unincorporated County, including a summary of public outreach performed and the methodology for the project team’s corridor analysis including objective scoring criteria. She presented many of the maps and recommendations that have changed since the preliminary draft presented at the November Committee meeting and directly addressed the comments that the Committee had made previously. She suggested how best Committee members will be able to review the recommendations when the draft plan is released later in February.
15. Updates related to Committee functions – Arnold Shir announced the progress of the Community Traffic Safety Coalition’s Vision Zero Work Plan and other work. Rick Hyman announced that Caltrans is planning on installing rumble strips on state highways in Santa Cruz County and asked staff to seek details from Caltrans and report to the Committee. Amelia Conlen, as a member of the ad-hoc subcommittee providing input for the County’s Soquel Drive multimodal project, walked through the design team’s responses to the Committee (item 9) and also stated that the portion of the road proposed to include separated bike lanes has increased in the most recent early designs.
16. Adjourn – 8:30 pm

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2022 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. The meeting will be held **via teleconference**.

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