



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

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MEETING
MINUTES**

**Monday, October 3, 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.)
Kathleen Bortolussi, District 2
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.)
Gina Cole, City of Watsonville
Amelia Conlen, Bike-to-Work, Chair
Matt Miller, Bike-to-Work (Alt.)
Leo Jed, CTSC
Arnold Shir, CTSC (Alt.)

Unexcused Absences:

Peter Scott, District 3 (Alt.)
Richard Masoner, City of Scotts Valley

Excused Absences:

John Hunt, District 2 (Alt.)
Sally Arnold, District 3
Liz Hernandez, District 4 (Alt.)
Mike Moore, City of Capitola (Alt.)
Drew Rodger, City of Watsonville (Alt.)

Vacancies:

City of Scotts Valley – Alternate

Staff:

Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner
Brianna Goodman, Transportation Planner
Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner
Jason Thompson, Transportation Planning Technician
Sarah Christensen, Senior Transportation Engineer

Guests:

Dan Estranero, City of Santa Cruz
Miguel Lizarraga, City of Santa Cruz
Paul Martin, Mark Thomas & Co.

3. Staff announcements – Staff announced that Kathleen Bortolussi, District 2 Committee Member, has resigned from the Committee beyond the October 3, 2022 meeting, and thanked her for her service to the RTC and community. The Coastal Rail Trail Segments 8 & 9 project Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) is available for public comment, and there will be a public meeting on October 19, 2022; more information is available on the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission website. Caltrans and City of Watsonville are having a public meeting on Route 152 on October 6th, 2022.
4. Oral communications – Matt Miller announced that Ecology Action’s Biketober, which is partially funded by the RTC as part of Bike to Work, launched on October 1, 2022. He gave a presentation on Biketober, a month-long program centered around increasing bike trips, and demonstrated the Love to Ride Platform, a bike challenge where participants can log their bike trips for a chance to win prizes. He announced Ecology Action’s other events: Open Streets, Virtual Bike Commuting Workshop, New Leaf Anniversary Event, Group Commute, and Watsonville Bike Party. The Community Group Ride will take place on October 26, 2022.
5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – There was a request to move a portion of item 12 to before item 10. Handouts posted on the RTC website were announced.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

6. Approved draft minutes of the August 8, 2022 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
7. Accepted summary of hazard reports

REGULAR AGENDA

8. Ocean Street Pavement Rehab & Bike/Ped Upgrades – review and provide input – Dan Estranero, City of Santa Cruz staff – Dan Estranero presented the concept striping plans for Ocean Street. A committee member commented that oversized parked vehicles are an issue and wanted to make sure there is a stripe between the parking and bike lane. A committee member asked about shared bus and bike lanes in place of street parking. A committee member commented on the location of the proposed sharrows. Multiple committee members commented on their concerns about the bike lane during construction. Multiple committee members encouraged looking into protected bike lanes, either parking-protected or with bollards. A committee member commented on the location of one of the bike boxes near Ocean Street Extension. A committee member commented on the location of the bike lane when turning onto Ocean Street from Plymouth Street and the possibility of using green concrete for the bike lanes. Andrew Polay commented in support of parking-protected bike lanes, and said that bicyclists crashing into car doors is a greater concern than motor vehicles crashing into car doors.

9. San Lorenzo Valley Schools Circulation and Access Study – review and provide input – Brianna Goodman, Transportation Planner, and Paul Martin, Mark Thomas & Co. Brianna Goodman introduced the project. Paul Martin, project consultant, presented on the Draft Concepts for the SLV Schools Access Study. Multiple committee members commented that the project focusses on people entering the SLV Elementary School; however, it should include improvements for people on the campus as well. Stephanie Kent commented that pedestrians in the area are younger and encouraged structures that improve safety. Bennett Williamson asked about the connection to Fall Creek Drive. Brianna Goodman responded that a sidewalk is planned to improve the connection. Joni commented about the length of the turn lanes near SLV Elementary School. Keith expressed appreciation for including the paved parking lot and requested a three way stop at Capelli Drive and Hacienda Way and signalization of the intersection of El Solyo Heights Drive and Highway 9. Mark Becker expressed appreciation for including this project to improve safety during this meeting.
10. Measure D 5-Year Plan – review and provide input – Rachel Moriconi, Sr. Transportation Planner - Rachel Moriconi presented the three pieces of the 5-Year Plan that have significant changes. A committee member commented that the RTC should provide insight on how the remaining Measure D funds will be spent. Christopher Schiermeyer expressed concern that a significant amount of funds is proposed for projects other than the SLV Schools area; he commented that the SLV Schools project is a top priority for the community.
11. North Coast Rail Trail Wayfinding Signage – review and provide input – Grace Blakeslee, Sr. Transportation Planner – Grace Blakeslee discussed the site plan for the signage. A committee member inquired about the materials being used for the signs in terms of maintenance. Marty Demare inquired about the text on the signs and commented that there is no reference to a proposed highway overcrossing at Panther Beach to Bureau of Land Management property.
12. Updates related to Committee functions – Committee members (oral updates) Arnold Shir announced that CTSC will hold a meeting on October 4, 2022. CTSC staff assisted County Public Works in submitting a multi-jurisdictional federal grant application for Safe Streets and Roads for All. Scott Roseman announced that the Graham Hill Road subcommittee will meet on October 4, 2022, and that he is organizing a bike ride as a follow-up to the August Committee meeting item regarding bike boulevards. Gina Cole announced that the ad-hoc subcommittee for Segment 12 toured the segment, and she stated concerns about the crossing at State Park Drive, lighting issues, and the railroad crossings in Aptos Village. Paula Bradley shared the Segment 10/11 subcommittee’s concerns about lighting, fencing, and tree removals associated with Segment 11.
13. Adjourn – 8:48pm

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2022 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm via teleconference.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:
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