Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission’s
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 12, 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:
Corrina McFarlane, District 1 (Alt.)
Sally Arnold, District 3
Peter Scott, District 3 (Alt.)
Anna Kammer, District 4
Rick Hyman, District 5
Paula Bradley, City of Capitola
Matt Farrell, City of Santa Cruz
Richard Masoner, City of Scotts Valley
Gina Cole, City of Watsonville
Amelia Conlen, Bike-to-Work, Chair
Leo Jed, CTSC

Unexcused Absences:
Brad Kava, District 2

Excused Absences:
Scott Roseman, District 1
John Hunt, District 2 (Alt.)
Liz Hernandez, District 4 (Alt.)
Theresa Rogerson, District 5 (Alt.)
Mike Moore, City of Capitola (Alt.)
Grace Voss, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)
Drew Rodgers, City of Watsonville (Alt.)
Matt Miller, Bike-to-Work (Alt.)
Arnold Shir, CTSC (Alt.)

Staff:
Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner
Matt Shroeder, Transportation Planner
Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner
Jason Thompson, Transportation Planning Technician

Vacancies:
City of Scotts Valley – Alternate

Guests:
Dan Estranero, City of Santa Cruz
Alissa Guther, Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Nadine Thorne, Joel Steinberg, Bennett Williamson, members of the public
3. Staff announcements – Staff announced that the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) held a general open house on December 8, 2022 and that California Transportation Commission awarded $115 million to active transportation projects in Santa Cruz County.

4. Oral communications – No Oral Communications

5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – A public comment handout was uploaded to the RTC website.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Jed/Kammer) was made to approve the consent agenda minus items 7 and 8. The motion passed unanimously with members McFarlane, Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Bradley, Farrell, Masoner, Cole, Conlen, and Jed voting in favor.

6. Approved draft minutes of the October 3, 2022 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting

7. Received summary of hazard reports – Agenda item was considered separately. A committee member discussed a recent hazard report concerning the roundabout near the Boardwalk. Dan Estranero will follow up. Several committee members agreed that the roundabout area is a hazard. A motion (Arnold/Hyman) was made to receive item 7. The motion passed unanimously with members McFarlane, Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Bradley, Farrell, Masoner, Cole, Conlen, and Jed voting in favor.

8. Accepted Committee Meeting Schedule for 2023 – Agenda item was considered separately. A motion (Farrell/Arnold) was made to approve item 8. The motion passed unanimously with members McFarlane, Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Bradley, Farrell, Masoner, Cole, Conlen, and Jed voting in favor.

9. Received Committee Roster with new member Brad Kava representing District 2

10. Received Informational Item regarding lifting of COVID public meeting rules and new AB 2449

REGULAR AGENDA

11. TDA Claims for Bay Street and Bikeway Maintenance – provide input and recommend for approval – City of Santa Cruz staff – Dan Estranero presented on the Bay Drive protected bike lanes and pedestrian path. Committee members commented about street sweeping, delineator maintenance, and the possibility of lowered speed limit. A few committee members expressed appreciation for the project. A committee member inquired about bicycles using the multi-use path located in the center median. Dan Estranero answered that the path would remain multi-use. Joel Steinberg commented that the anticipated number of bicycles seems low. A motion (Farrell/Bradley) was made to approve the staff recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with members McFarlane, Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Bradley, Farrell, Masoner, Cole, Conlen, and Jed voting in favor.
12. RTC Legislative Program Updates – review and provide input – Rachel Moriconi, Sr. Transportation Planner and Matt Schroeder, Transportation Planner - Matt Shroeder presented a description of the draft legislative program. Rachel Moriconi commented that committee members have until January 27, 2023 to review and send input to staff. A committee member commented that supporting reduction in vehicle speeds is important for safety. A committee member inquired about citizen letters concerning the associated bills. Bennett Williamson commented about AB 2097.

13. Updates related to Committee functions – Committee members (oral updates) – Richard Masoner stated that Scotts Valley does not have an alternate and inquired about who is responsible for finding an alternate. Rachel Moriconi provided an update on the Watsonville Highway 152 Project. Sally Arnold provided an update on the rail trail section Segment 7 Phase 2. Leo Jed provided an update on a few upcoming bicycle programs. Amelia Conlen provided an update on a Santa Cruz County bike share program. Rick Hyman provided an update on the Highway 9 follow up public meeting.

14. Adjourn – 7:26pm

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2023 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm via teleconference.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:
Jason Thompson, Transportation Planning Technician