



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

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MEETING
MINUTES**

**Monday, February 13, 2023
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
Brad Kava, District 2
John Hunt, District 2 (Alt.)
Peter Scott, District 3 (Alt.)
Anna Kammer, District 4
Rick Hyman, District 5
Theresia Rogerson, District 5 (Alt.)
Paula Bradley, City of Capitola
Richard Masoner, City of Scotts Valley
Amelia Conlen, Bike-to-Work, Chair
Leo Jed, CTSC
Arnold Shir, CTSC (Alt.)

Staff:

Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner
Sarah Christensen, Senior Transportation Engineer
Amy Naranjo, Transportation Planner
Rachel Moriconi, Transportation Planner

Guests:

Russell Chen, County of Santa Cruz
Daniel Blomquist, Mark Thomas & Co.
Zach Siviglia, Mark Thomas & Co.
Janneke Strause, Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Jae Riddle, Bennett Williamson, Johanna Lighthill, members of the public

Unexcused Absences:

Excused Absences:

Corrina McFarlane, District 1 (Alt.)
Sally Arnold, District 3
Liz Hernandez, District 4 (Alt.)
Mike Moore, City of Capitola (Alt.)
Matt Farrell, City of Santa Cruz
Grace Voss, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)
Gina Cole, City of Watsonville
Drew Rodgers, City of Watsonville (Alt.)
Matt Miller, Bike-to-Work (Alt.)

Vacancies:

City of Scotts Valley – Alternate

3. Staff announcements – Staff reminded the committee that meetings will be in person starting in April. A committee member recommended a letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee to address the issue of in person meetings.
4. Oral communications – Multiple committee members commented about construction zones obstructing bike lanes and communicating such issues to local jurisdictions. Bennet Williamson commented about new state laws concerning bicycles and pedestrians and about new innovations regarding signals. Russell Chen responded with plans for the County owned signals. Staff introduced the new member of the committee, Brad Kava, who introduced himself.
5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – Handouts for two items were available on the RTC website.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

6. Approve draft minutes of the December 12, 2022 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
7. Receive summary of hazard reports – A committee member commented that the committee should consider its preferred design strategies for road crossings of the Coastal Rail Trail
8. Approve Letter of Support for grant application for Coastal Rail Trail funds

REGULAR AGENDA

9. Green Valley Road Path – provide input – Russell Chen, County of Santa Cruz and Daniel Blomquist, Mark Thomas & Co. – Russell Chen presented the new Green Valley Road bike path. A few committee members commented about repurposing the left turn lane on Green Valley Road for more space for bike facilities. Committee members commented about the safety of a wooden fence next to the bike lane, that art could be used as a form of traffic control, about reducing the number of westbound lanes on Green Valley Road both before and after Amesti Road, about reducing traffic speeds and encouraging reduced bike speeds on the shared path, about needs at the Green Valley/Holohan intersection including bike signal detection and designing for bike turning movements to use the path, and about the amount of mud in the bike lane. Daniel Blomquist presented the current project designs and responded that they are considering methods of reducing farm sediment being tracked into the bike lane and that the bike lane will be elevated.
10. Coastal Rail Trail Segment 12 design – provide input – Sarah Christensen, Senior Transportation Engineer, and Zach Siviglia, Mark Thomas & Co. – Sarah Christensen and Zach Siviglia presented on the status of the Coastal Rail Trail Segment 12 project and provided design considerations at several trail access points. A committee

member commented about the challenge in crossing a lot of the public roadways, including backed up queues of cars, and inquired about the possibility of tying the trail/street crossing into the traffic signals. A committee member requested signage and improved visibility at the trail terminus at Sumner Avenue near Rio Del Mar Boulevard. A committee member inquired about the large tree near Aptos Creed Road.

11. Draft evaluation criteria for RTC discretionary funds – review and provide input – Amy Naranjo, Transportation Planner – Amy Naranjo presented the initial draft evaluation process for RTC discretionary funding decisions and provided discussion points to encourage committee input. Multiple committee members expressed the value of letting the Bicycle Advisory Committee rank the priorities, and the importance of improving safety. Members also commented that the most impactful projects reduce vehicle miles traveled, improve accessibility, and/or increase the amount of separated bike facilities. Jae Riddle commented on the importance of parking demand management to reduce vehicle miles traveled and free up roadway space for bicycle facilities.
12. Updates related to Committee functions – Committee members (oral updates) – Arnold Shir provided an update on the CTSC staff positions, announced a recent grant award, and provided statistics on collisions. Paula Bradley announced the City of Capitola approved a contract for shared electric bicycles and that the City of Santa Cruz has sent out a survey on the docking station locations. Anna Kammer announced that a recent hazard report was resolved in Watsonville. Leo Jed announced that the California Department of Motor Vehicles is working on a handbook for electric bicycles and that a few other state entities are assisting.
13. Adjourn – 8:30pm

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2023 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm **IN PERSON at the RTC offices**. Members of the public and non-voting committee alternates may join remotely.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:
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