



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

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING

MINUTES

**Monday, April 10, 2023
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm**

In-Person Meeting

SCCRTC Office: 1101 Pacific Ave, Suite 250, Santa Cruz, CA

Remote Participation

Remote participation for a) members of the public, b) nonvoting alternates, or c) voting Committee members unable to attend in person due to an emergency or for cause per AB 2449 (see p. 3 below for more information):

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1. Call to Order: Chair Amelia Conlen called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.
2. Introductions

Members Present, in Person:

Scott Roseman, District 1
Sally Arnold, District 3
Anna Kammer, District 4
Grace Voss, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)
Richard Masoner, City of Scotts Valley
Gina Cole, City of Watsonville
Amelia Conlen, Ecology Action, Chair
Matt Miller, Ecology Action (Alt.)
Leo Jed, CTSC
Arnold Shir, CTSC (Alt.)

Staff:

Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner
Stephanie Britt, Transportation Planning Technician

Guests:

Kailash Mozumder, City of Capitola
Juan Castillo, Ecology Action
Peter Newton, Jane Stillinger, members of the public

Members Remote, Voting under Just Cause or Emergency:

Brad Kava, District 2
Theresa Rogerson, District 5 (Alt.)
Paula Bradley, City of Capitola

Members Remote, Not Voting:

Rick Hyman, District 5

Unexcused Absences:

Excused Absences:

Corrina McFarlane, District 1 (Alt.)
John Hunt, District 2 (Alt.)
Peter Scott, District 3 (Alt.)
Liz Hernandez, District 4 (Alt.)
Matt Farrell, City of Santa Cruz
Drew Rodgers, City of Watsonville (Alt.)

Vacancies:

City Capitola – Alternate
City of Scotts Valley - Alternate

3. Staff announcements –
 - Mike Moore (City of Capitola, alt.) resigned from the committee. The Committee expressed appreciation for his many years of dedicated service. This results in a vacancy for the City of Capitola.
 - Reminder: There is a Committee meeting scheduled for May 8th.
 - Parking requirements – recent state law reduced parking requirements for transit-oriented developments, which may inadvertently affect bicycle parking requirements. Local jurisdictions are starting to address this impact.
 - Caltrans released a progress report for the State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
4. Oral communications –
 - Grace Voss announced that the Strawberry Fields Forever Annual Fundraising ride for road bikes will be on May 21st and the Santa Cruz Mountains Challenge will be on July 29th. All profits will go to Resilient Central Coast for conserving energy.
5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – A handout was uploaded to the RTC website for Item 12.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

6. Approved draft minutes from the February 13, 2023, Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting.
7. Received summary of hazard reports
8. Approved correspondence from Committee to City of Santa Cruz supporting its application for grant funds to update its Active Transportation Plan

REGULAR AGENDA

9. Received SLV Schools Complex Circulation Access Study update. County of Santa Cruz and SLV School district asked whether the Committee would like to form an ad hoc subcommittee to add input to the design. A motion (Roseman/Cole) was made to create the ad hoc subcommittee consisting of Theresia Rogerson and delay its start until the first request to do work. The motion passed unanimously with members Roseman, Arnold, Kammer, Rogerson, Bradley, Voss, Masoner, Cole, Conlen, and Jed voting in favor and with Brad Kava temporarily absent.
10. Provided input for the City of Capitola projects on Kennedy Drive and Capitola Road presented by Kailash Mozumder.

Kennedy Drive Sidewalk Project

- The proposed project would add a sidewalk on one side of the road and a bike lane going up the hill.
- Add a curb ramp for ADA accessibility and move the ladder crosswalk to the other side of Park Avenue.
- Committee members commented:

- Mark 10.5-foot lanes on both sides to get a slightly wider bike lane.
- Narrower bike lanes can serve as traffic calming.
- Ensure the sharrows are in the center of the lane and not off to the side.
- Consider bike lane improvements on more of Kennedy as well.
- Widen curb-adjacent bike lane or improve gutter seam for the bike lane.
- Mark all four crosswalks
- Low-cost curb extensions with bollards could help decrease the distance for the crosswalks.
- Streets are for public access, not private parking.
- Jane Stillinger commented that northbound drivers run that stop sign so there is a need to slow down traffic before the crosswalk.

Roadway Restoration Project on Capitola Road

- The current pavement condition index is 30-40 so it needs restoration. Signage and striping will be added to help cyclists merge over near 30th Avenue and to improve bike lane visibility. The current lane widths will be replicated except near 30th Avenue. Construction will begin in late Summer or early Fall.
- Committee members discussed adding left turn facilities to the 41st Avenue intersection for cyclists (bike boxes and/or queue boxes)

11. Provided input and recommended approval for the TDA Allocation request for Bike to Work/School Program presented by Matt Miller and Juan Castillo.
 - Walk & Roll to school day - rebranding to be inclusive of other students such as users of wheelchairs or scooters.
 - Participation numbers were shared
 - 2023 Date: May 11th.
 - 3rd year of Safe Route Group Rides
 - Encourages group rides for people to try out a safe route since that holds back people from riding.
 - Looking into a route in Scotts Valley also.
 - Bike Challenge
 - Online based bicycle challenge worked to create behavior change with friendly competition.
 - In 2023 there will be a Spanish interface, and there will be engagement campaigns in Spring and Winter to create individual goals and encourage people to feel accountable and participate.
 - The benefits and difficulties of having an in-person bike to work day with tables at multiple locations next year were discussed. Ecology Action noted that their ability to change behavior is more effective throughout the year than just one big event. However, they're aware that the magic of Bike to Work Day is special. The investment is significant but could potentially happen with additional funding.
 - Committee members suggested group rides for different events like bike to Earth Day, or bike with families. Additionally, to attract different types of riders, the Committee members suggested having a series of "bike week" events like in past years, and encouraged everyone to support and volunteer with the schools.
 - A motion (Arnold/Masoner) was made to support the staff recommendation for the TDA allocation. The motion passed unanimously with members Roseman, Kava, Arnold, Kammer, Rogerson, Bradley, Voss, Masoner, Cole, Conlen, and Jed voting in favor.

12. Provided input and recommended approval for the TDA Allocation for Ride N Stride and Community Traffic Safety Coalition (CTSC) presented by Theresia Rogerson.
 - County-wide coalition to prevent traffic-related injuries and fatalities. Goal of zero traffic fatalities. Two-year work plan to assist the City of Watsonville with their vision zero action plan and promote vision zero in other parts of the County. Four of the jurisdictions in Santa Cruz County have adopted vision zero policies, while discussions with the City of Capitola continue. Ride n' Stride is an elementary school safety education program and is offered in Spanish.
 - Proposal by County Health Services Agency to combine all their Ride n' Stride and CTSC programs under one umbrella for funding.
 - Committee members expressed appreciation for the programs, while seeking to understand how success is measured. It was clarified that the Watsonville Vision Zero Task Force, which is partially supported by the CTSC, continues to gather and analyze crash data and target specific areas.
 - A motion (Kammer/Roseman) was made to support the staff recommendation for TDA allocation and budgeting both programs' funding together into one. The motion passed unanimously with members Roseman, Kava, Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Bradley, Voss, Masoner, Cole, Conlen, and Jed voting in favor and Rogerson abstaining.
13. Deferred the construction safety for roadwork and encroachments affecting bikeways to May meeting.
14. Committee members provided updates related to Committee Functions
 - Anna Kammer: The City of Watsonville is updating its 2005 general plan. The plan will provide opportunities for improved bike and pedestrian networks. There will be many outreach events and committees.
 - Arnold Shir: County Health Services Agency filled the vacant position that helps implement the traffic safety programs.
 - Gina Cole: City of Watsonville will host "bike party." The first will be on April 28th and always be the last Friday of the month.
15. Adjourn – 8:27pm

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for May 8th, 2023, from 6:00pm to 8:30pm in hybrid format.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:
Stephanie Britt, Transportation Planning Technician