



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

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

Monday, November 13, 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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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Scott Roseman	Corrina McFarlane	District 1
Brad Kava	John Hunt	District 2
Sally Arnold	Peter Scott	District 3
Anna Kammer	Liz Hernandez	District 4
Rick Hyman	Theresa Rogerson	District 5
Paula Bradley	Vacant	City of Capitola
Matt Farrell	Grace Voss	City of Santa Cruz
Richard Masoner	Vacant	City of Scotts Valley
Gina Cole	Drew Rogers	City of Watsonville
Matt Miller	Jennifer Villegas Moreno	Ecology Action/Bike To Work
Leo Jed	Kelly Curlett	Comm. Traffic Safety Coalition

The majority of the Committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Consider any AB 2449 requests by voting members to participate remotely.
4. Announcements – RTC staff

5. Oral communications – members and public

The Committee will receive oral communications during this time on items not on today's agenda. Presentations must be within the jurisdiction of the Committee and may be limited in time at the discretion of the Chair. Committee members will not take action or respond immediately to any Oral Communications presented but may choose to follow up at a later time, either individually, or on a subsequent Committee agenda.

6. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

CONSENT AGENDA

All items appearing on the consent agenda are considered to be minor or non-controversial and will be acted upon in one motion if no member of the Committee or public wishes an item be removed and discussed on the regular agenda. Members of the Committee may raise questions, seek clarification or add directions to Consent Agenda items without removing the item from the Consent Agenda as long as no other committee member objects to the change.

7. Approve draft minutes of the October 2, 2023, Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting
8. Receive Summary of Hazard Reports
9. Accept Committee Meeting Schedule for 2024
10. Receive Committee Roster

REGULAR AGENDA

11. AMBAG Complete Streets Policies – review and provide input – Regina Valentine, AMBAG
12. Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) – review and provide input – Amy Naranjo, Transportation Planner, Rachel Moriconi, Sr. Transportation Planner – **Staff report will be posted online on 11/9/23**
13. Construction safety for roadwork and encroachments affecting bikeways – follow up (oral update) – Committee members
14. Updates related to Committee functions – Committee members (oral updates)
15. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for December 11, 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.

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 - Care of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner;
 - a contagious illness that prevents a member from attending in person;
 - a need related to a physical or mental disability as defined by statute; or
 - travel while on official business of the RTC or another state or local agency.
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BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES
Monday, October 2, 2023
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

In-Person Meeting

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1. Call to Order: Vice Chair Anna Kammer called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm.
2. Introductions

Members Present, in Person:

Scott Roseman, District 1
Sally Arnold, District 3
Anna Kammer, District 4 (Vice Chair)
Matt Farrell, City of Santa Cruz
Richard Masoner, City of Scotts Valley
Matt Miller, Ecology Action
Kelly Curlett, CTSC (Alt.)

Members Remote, Voting under Just Cause or Emergency:

Theresia Rogerson, Dist. 5 (Alt.)
Gina Cole, City of Watsonville
Leo Jed, CTSC

Staff:

Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner
Stephanie Britt, Transportation Planning Technician
Brianna Goodman, RTC Staff
Rachel Moriconi, RTC Staff

Guests:

John Urgo, Santa Cruz Metro
Kathy Jaggi, Member of the public
Johanna Lighthill, Member of the public

Members Remote, Not Voting:

Rick Hyman, Dist. 5
Grace Voss, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)

Unexcused Absences:

Excused Absences:

Corrina McFarlane, District 1 (Alt.)
Brad Kava, District 2
John Hunt, District 2 (Alt.)
Peter Scott, District 3 (Alt.)
Liz Hernandez, District 4 (Alt.)
Paula Bradley, City of Capitola

Vacancies:

City Capitola – Alternate
City of Scotts Valley – Alternate
Ecology Action – Alternate

3. Considered any AB 2449 requests by voting members to participate remotely.
4. Staff announcements –
 - No staff announcements.
5. Oral communications –
 - Matt Miller announced that Biketober is live now! Join the 31-day mission to bike more and drive less. The challenge and events are available at letsmodo.org/bike-challenges/
 - Gina Cole is working with a group called Gardenia y Amor Bien Estar that will be doing its first outing with a group called Girls Rock the weekend of October 15th. They will teach 15 women how to ride bikes and they will go out on the trails for the first time. This program is in conjunction with Community Bike Collective and Growing Greatness.
 - Theresia Rogerson announced that the Community Traffic Safety Coalition Meeting tomorrow 10/3 at 2:30-4:00pm will be available in person and virtually.
 - Grace Voss announced that the Santa Cruz Sun Rise Rotary Club completed a 200-mile bike ride from Hillsborough to Santa Cruz and raised \$75,000 for the Boys and Girls Club; there were 82 riders.
6. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas –
 - Staff announced that slides for item #13 were posted online, and any additional slides received will be posted online

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Roseman/Rogerson) was made to accept the consent agenda. The motion was passed unanimously with members Scott Roseman, Sally Arnold, Anna Kammer, Matt Farrell, Richard Masoner, Matt Miller, Gina Cole, Leo Jed, and alternates Kelly Curlett, CTSC (Alt.), Theresia Rogerson, Dist. 5 (Alt.) voting "aye".

7. Approved draft minutes of the May 8, 2023, Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting.
8. Received Summary of Hazard Reports
9. Approved MBSST Seg 10-11 Formal Crossing Letter of Support
10. Approved City of Santa Cruz Active Transportation Plan Letter of Support

REGULAR AGENDA

11. Chair Elections
 - The Committee acknowledged the previous Chair, Amelia Conlen, for her excellent service for several years.

- Masoner/Arnold nominated Anna Kammer to serve as Chair. The committee voted unanimously to elect Anna Kammer as Chair with members Scott Roseman, Sally Arnold, Anna Kammer, Matt Farrell, Richard Masoner, Matt Miller, Gina Cole, Leo Jed, and alternates Kelly Curlett, CTSC (Alt.), Theresia Rogerson, Dist. 5 (Alt.) voting “aye”.
 - Rogerson/Masoner nominated Gina Cole for Vice Chair. The Committee voted unanimously to elect Gina Cole as Vice Chair with members Scott Roseman, Sally Arnold, Anna Kammer, Matt Farrell, Richard Masoner, Matt Miller, Gina Cole, Leo Jed, and alternates Kelly Curlett, CTSC (Alt.), Theresia Rogerson, Dist. 5 (Alt.) voting “aye”.
12. METRO Line 71/Rapid Corridors Project – review and provide input - John Urgo, Santa Cruz METRO
- The Line 71/ Rapid Corridors Project is underway and will reach its public outreach phase soon. The project will evaluate traffic and travel conditions along the corridor and identify existing needs. The goal will be to improve travel time and reliability along the corridor.
 - In April METRO won a TIRCP grant which will help implement some of the recommendations of this study. They will close and relocate bus stops. At every location they are looking into adding amenities. This will improve efficiency and reduce delays.
 - The project currently envisions a red-painted shared bicycle and bus-only lane on Front Street in Santa Cruz. While not ideal, it is the best compromise considering the limited space and will improve bicyclist safety by reducing conflicts with motor vehicles. However, during the construction of the new Pacific Station, buses will be parked all along Front Street in this lane. John Urgo also described proposed designs for more efficient bus boarding areas and how they interact with bicyclists. The study anticipates increased bus frequency from every 30 minutes to every 15 minutes.
 - The Committee requested an image that depicts the concept of a bus boarding island with raised bike lane and expressed concerns with the raised platform because of the introduced bicycle-pedestrian conflict that does not exist now. Additionally, since some bicyclists travel at the same speed as buses, some will encounter conflict at multiple stops, as they do now.
 - The Committee requested that METRO perform robust public education outreach such as sharing videos in advance of any new designs such as the raised bike lanes or other features.
 - There will be a virtual kickoff meeting on 10/12 where members of the public can learn more about the project, and there will be various information events throughout the Watsonville-Santa Cruz corridor where METRO will be available to discuss the project.
13. Climate Adaptation Vulnerability Assessment (CAVA) – review and provide input - Brianna Goodman, Transportation Planner
- The RTC is working with Santa Cruz County’s Public Works and Office of Recovery and Resilience
 - Objectives
 - Address extreme weather and wildfires that have impacted the county. The analysis will identify the order in which assets should undergo detailed climate assessments.
 - Outcomes

- Key concepts
 - Protective barrier and mode separation standards
 - Finding balance where to prioritize traffic flow and where to prioritize other activities such as downtown areas with pedestrians
 - Roundabouts are safer than four-way stop intersections due to forced shifts in behavior.
- Considering implementation of these ideas
 - More roundabouts
 - Colored asphalt based on mode – red asphalt for car zones and green asphalt for bicycle zones
 - For those interested, there will be a ThinkBike workshop in Watsonville soon (date to be determined).

16. Updates related to Committee functions – Committee members (oral updates) – None.

17. Adjourn – time 8:42

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for November 13th, 2023, from 6:00pm to 8:30pm in hybrid format.

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

Bicycle Hazard Report

November 13, 2023

Date	First Name	Last Name	Location	Cross Street	City	Reported Hazards	Additional Comments	Forwarded To	Forwarded Date	Response
10/31/23	Sandrine	Georges	4435 Clares St	Oriole Ln	Capitola	Bike: Debris on shoulder or bikeway	Broken glass in bike lane	Kailash Mozumber	11/03/23	11/3/23 Kailash Mozumber: Our crew is going to go by and inspect the site. I'll have a report back to all on Monday.
10/29/23	Elisabeth	Wilson	Foot Path around Anna Jean Cummings County Park	N/A	Soquel	Bike: Other	I have a view of and walk regularly on the foot path around the Anna Jean Cummings County Park soccer and baseball fields. Since this spring 2023 there has been an increasing number of electric bikes traveling the foot path around the fields. Pedestrians need to step aside to remain safe and avoid excessive dust/dirt or water spray after the rains. The speeds of these vehicles are quite fast, often with a passenger on the back. Rather than wait for one of the younger kids not looking and elderly walkers not able to get out of the way, I thought I'd raise the issue here. Assuming this, indeed is a pedestrian path and not a bike path, could a sign notifying park users that electric vehicles (scooters/bikes) are prohibited be posted? Is there a way to photograph an offender and submit to an agency? There's plenty that goes on in the park; everything from fireworks out on the lawn to people spinning out burners in the parking lot, urinating behind the bushes in plain view of my house, or hiding behind the bushes and making out. I figure these activities are mostly at their own peril or embarrassment whereas the electrified bicycles on a walking path are simply an accident, possibly severe injury, waiting to happen. The electric bikes are ridden around the neighborhood at top speeds, which I find ironic because the center of Hilltop, Rancho Rd, and the surrounding side street are often littered with orange figurines of small plastic children that say "slow children at play". They are nowhere near slow and are causing dangerous hazards throughout the neighborhood and neighboring park. I guess it's better than the mini bikes that were doing loops around the neighborhood and up and down Rancho dr. At least the noise pollution has decreased. What will complicate the situation is it's not his children it's teenagers and adults riding electric bicycles in the park.	DPW	10/31/23	10/31/23 Stacey Muller: Hello, I am forwarding this over to our Roads Dispatch team and County Parks for review & response.
10/08/23	Ernesto	Anguiano	22705 East Cliff Dr	26th Ave	Santa Cruz	Bike: Other	A portable toilet has been positioned in the bike lane, posing a hazard and diverting bicyclists onto the roadway. There is also a risk of someone inadvertently opening the toilet door and colliding with a bicyclist or stepping onto oncoming traffic. They could also strike a person riding their bike or a pedestrian as they open the door.	DPW	10/09/23	10/10/23 Stacey Muller: Hello, Thank you for your report. I have included Michael MacMahon, our encroachments inspector for review and response. 10/10/23 Michael MacMahon: Hello, I helped move the Porta Potty to restore the bike lane to 5' and the door does not open into the bike lane. It should be removed from the project on 10/11/23.
10/06/23	Ernesto	Anguiano	30th Ave	Portola Dr	Santa Cruz	Bike: Damaged sidewalk, Other	The recent improvements at the intersection of Portola and 38th Avenue, aimed at enhancing the approach from 38th Avenue to Portola, are commendable. Nevertheless, it's disconcerting to witness numerous drivers repeatedly parking in the designated daylighted zone, which is meant to improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. Equally worrisome is the frequent occurrence of drivers cutting through the corner to make a right turn onto Portola. Relying solely on parking enforcement has proven ineffective in curbing this behavior. I advocate for the installation of a bulb-out, bollard, or landscaping box in this area to deter illegal parking, thereby addressing the hazardous conditions that endanger pedestrians and cyclists. As someone who frequently uses this intersection by both bike and foot, I have personally encountered compromised visibility due to these illegally parked vehicles, especially large pick-up trucks, resulting in several near misses where I narrowly avoided being struck by a driver. I've also witnessed near-miss incidents involving other pedestrians. I've included in the attachments a photo of an improvement idea for that corner that the Seattle department of Transportation implemented in their area that I think should be considered. Additionally, there is a curb section near the marked lines that has deteriorated and is damaged, posing a potential fall and trip hazard. Immediate attention is needed to rectify this safety concern.	DPW	10/09/23	10/10/23 Stacey Muller: Hello, Thank you for reposting this. I have included John Lumicao from our traffic division for review and response.
08/24/23	Ben	T	Santa Cruz Riverwalk (36.9672569, -122.0143623)	N/A	Santa Cruz	Bike: Rough pavement or potholes, Pavement cracks	Eroded, really rough pavement, cracks and potholes. Not enough room to bike both ways on the river walk trail right behind the boardwalk. Poses a safety concern.	Claire Gallogly, Dan Estranero	09/15/23	10/13/23 Claire Gallogly: This has been repaired.

Bicycle Hazard Report

November 13, 2023

Date	First Name	Last Name	Location	Cross Street	City	Reported Hazards	Additional Comments	Forwarded To	Forwarded Date	Response
09/05/23	Steve	Schnaar	200 Broadway	Riverside Ave	Santa Cruz	Bike: Bikeway not clearly marked, Vehicles blocking sidewalk or bike lane	I live at 216 Broadway, and on both sides of the street here Broadway narrows a bit and has a red curb due to not enough clearance for parking and traffic lanes and bike lanes. On both sides of the street, but especially the south side, cars frequently are stopping, disregarding the red curb, which then forces cyclists to veer out of the bike lane into traffic. To be clear, I'm not talking about illegal parking, although that does happen occasionally and I never see any enforcement of it. But more commonly, car drivers or even giant commercial truck drivers, pull over there because as a driver if you're heading east out of downtown, it is a natural big space to pull over if you need a spot to pull over for a moment. I know that on any road, occasionally a delivery driver double parks or whatever. But the problem in this location is just how frequent the blockage is happening. It is going on many times a day, sometimes multiple times in an hour, and some drivers sit there for extended periods, like 15 or 20 minutes. I think that a minimum step to improve the situation would be to repaint the green bike lane markings, to alert drivers that is not an available space for motor vehicles, and/or add signs "no stopping". Although I think the most effective solution would be to add a few plastic bollards, such as the ones that exist already just a little west on Broadway coming past the intersection with San Lorenzo. As I'm sure you are aware, on-road bike lanes are not nearly as safe as separated bikeways, but at least in critical locations if visual barriers like these bollards are installed, it makes a huge difference.	Claire Gallogly, Dan Estranero	09/05/23	Follow up email sent 10/13/23
09/05/23	Trish	Hilding	903 Laurel St	Felix St	Santa Cruz	Bike: Other	The new pedestrian crosswalk here makes the road for cars very narrow. The drivers then come over into the bike lane. There is no safe place for cyclists to get out of the way as the sidewalk curb is on the immediate right side. I commute across town 2-3 times per week and have never seen a car stay within their lane since this was built. They inevitably are on or over the white line separating the road from the bike lane. Drivers also cut the corner on the uphill just past this. I would love to see the same thing done here as was done on the uphill on Walnut Street from downtown near the high school.	Claire Gallogly, Dan Estranero	09/05/23	10/13/23 Claire Gallogly: This has been repaired.
09/03/23	William	Cook	2901 Mission St Ext	Swift St	Santa Cruz	Bike: Other	I was struck while stopped on my bike by a car turning left from mission ext. onto natural bridges. I know of one other cyclist with the same experience in this location. Motorists regularly turn too sharply in this location putting them in the wrong lane and as in my case hitting a cyclist. I was concussed and had a 6 month recovery.	Claire Gallogly, Dan Estranero	09/05/23	Not a question or request for action

TO: Bicycle Advisory Committee

FROM: Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner

RE: Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for 2024

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Bicycle Advisory Committee approve the proposed 2024 meeting schedule.

BACKGROUND

Every year the Committee approves the schedule of meetings for the following year. Eight meetings have been scheduled.

DISCUSSION

Bicycle Committee meetings are generally held on the second Monday of even months. As was the case in 2022, an additional two meetings are scheduled to reduce the number of items per meeting; these are in odd months ⁽¹⁾. Due to holidays, there are two meetings scheduled for a different Monday ⁽²⁾.

The proposed Committee meeting schedule for 2024 is as follows:

- February 12
- April 8
- May 13¹
- June 10
- August 12
- October 7²
- November 4^{1, 2}
- December 9

All Committee meetings take place from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Meetings will be held in person at the RTC Offices, with a remote option for members of the public. Staff will attempt to schedule one meeting in mid or south County, per the rules and regulations, if there is remote technical support. Agenda packets are posted on the RTC website <https://sccrtc.org/meetings/bike-committee/agendas/> at least 3 days and usually 5 days prior to the meeting.

Staff recommends that the Committee approve the proposed meeting schedule.

November 2023 Bicycle Advisory Committee Roster

Member	Representing	Alternate
Scott Roseman	County of Santa Cruz-District 1	Corrina McFarlane
Brad Kava	County of Santa Cruz-District 2	John Hunt
Sally Arnold	County of Santa Cruz-District 3	Peter Scott
Anna Kammer, Chair	County of Santa Cruz-District 4	Liz Hernandez
Rick Hyman	County of Santa Cruz-District 5	Theresia Rogerson
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Matt Miller	Bike to Work	Jennifer Villegas Moreno*
Leo Jed	Community Traffic Safety Coalition	Kelly Curlett*

*New appointment



MEMORANDUM

TO: SCCRTC Bicycle Advisory Committee

FROM: Regina Valentine, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: AMBAG Complete Streets Policies

MEETING DATE: November 13, 2023

AMBAG staff will provide an overview of the upcoming development of the AMBAG Complete Streets Policies for committee member feedback.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

With the passing of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (IIJA/BIL) of 2021, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Monterey Bay region, is required to set aside a portion of the agency's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Metropolitan Planning Funds (PL funds) allocation to conduct complete streets planning. Complete streets prioritize the safe and adequate accommodation of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, children, older individuals, individuals with disabilities, motorists, and freight vehicles.

As identified in AMBAG's Overall Work Program, staff will begin developing Complete Streets Policies in coordination with AMBAG's member agencies, including the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC). Although this is a new federal requirement, complete streets planning has been a priority historically for AMBAG and the jurisdictions in the Monterey Bay region. As an example, AMBAG prepared a [Monterey Bay Area Complete Streets Guidebook](#) in partnership with SCCRTC in August 2013. For this reason, these Complete Streets Policies will serve more to memorialize the transportation planning work already being conducted in the region.

For committee feedback, a draft outline and anticipated timeline is provided below:

Draft Outline

- Introduction
- Purpose and Need
- Complete Streets Definition
- Complete Streets Vision
- Complete Streets Goals
- Principles of Complete Streets
- Complete Streets Policies
- Consistency with Regulations
- Scope of Complete Streets Policies
- Exceptions
- Design Guidance
- Context Sensitivity
- Evaluation and Performance Measures
- Implementation and Reporting
- References

Anticipated Timeline

- **November 2023:** Present an overview of the development of AMBAG Complete Streets Policies to regional Advisory Committees, Planning Directors Forum, and to the AMBAG Board of Directors
- **December 2023 – January 2024:** Prepare the Draft AMBAG Complete Streets Policies
- **February 2024:** Present Draft AMBAG Complete Streets Policies to regional Advisory Committees, Planning Directors Forum, and to the AMBAG Board of Directors
- **February 1, 2024 – March 15, 2024:** Public Comment Period
- **March 2024:** Prepare the Final AMBAG Complete Streets Policies
- **April 2024:** Present Final AMBAG Complete Streets Policies to regional Advisory Committees and Planning Directors Forum
- **May 8, 2024:** AMBAG Board of Directors will be asked to adopt the Final AMBAG Complete Streets Policies

Next Steps

AMBAG staff will incorporate committee feedback and prepare the Draft AMBAG Complete Streets Policies in coordination with our partner agencies and local jurisdictions. The Final Complete Streets Policies will be incorporated into the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

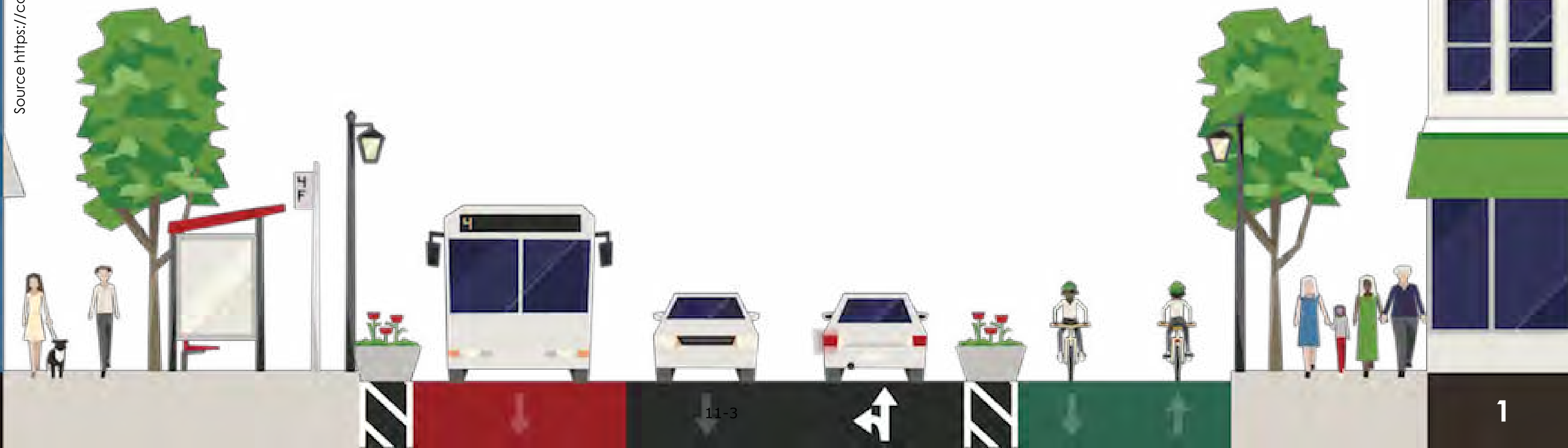
Attachment: presentation slides

Source <https://catsip.berkeley.edu/news/what-are-complete-streets>

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments

Complete Streets Policies

November 2023



Background



IIJA/BIL of 2021: Requires MPOs to use FHWA Planning Funds (PL) set aside for complete streets planning

Complete streets prioritize safe and adequate accommodation of all users

Monterey Bay Area Complete Streets Guidebook, August 2013

Incorporate RTPA and local jurisdictions policies and guidelines



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Anticipated Timeline



- **November 2023:** Present to Committees/Board
- **December 2023 – January 2024:** Prepare Draft
- **February 2024:** Draft to Committees and Board
- **February 1 – March 15, 2024:** Public Comment
- **March 2024:** Prepare Final
- **April 2024:** Final to Committees
- **May 8, 2024:** Board Adoption

Next Steps

- Incorporate Feedback on Draft Outline
- Encourage RTPAs/local jurisdictions to send Complete Street policies to AMBAG
- Prepare Draft Complete Streets Policies

Source <https://www.walksacramento.org/2343/>





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