



**Santa Cruz County Regional
Transportation Commission's
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Minutes

**Monday, April 17, 2017
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 pm**

**RTC Office
1523 Pacific Ave
Santa Cruz, CA 95060**

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

Members Present:

Grace Voss, District 1
Janneke Strause, District 1 (Alt)
David Casterson, District 2, Vice-Chair
Peter Scott, District 3
Will Menchine, District 3 (Alt.)
Kem Akol, District 4
Rick Hyman, District 5
Amelia Conlen, City of Santa Cruz, Chair
Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville
Kira Ticus, Ecology Action/Bike-to-Work
Leo Jed, CTSC

Staff:

Cory Caletti, Sr Transportation Planner
Grace Blakeslee, Sr Transportation Planner
Rachel Moriconi, Sr Transportation Planner

Unexcused Absences:

Excused Absences:

Jim Cook, District 2 (Alt.)
Piet Canin, Ecology Action/Bike to Work (Alt)
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)

Vacancies:

District 4 – Alternate
District 5 – Alternate
City of Santa Cruz – Alternate
City of Scotts Valley – Voting and Alternate
City of Capitola – Voting and Alternate
City of Watsonville – Alternate

Guests:

Lex Rau, Former City of SV voting member
David Alexander, City of SC resident
Lynn Lauridsen, County Health Services
Agency
Scott Hamby, City of Scotts Valley
Rodney Cahill, Mesiti-Miller Engineering (for
City of Scotts Valley)
Jessica Kahn, City of Scotts Valley

3. Announcements – Grace Blakeslee, RTC Senior Transportation Planner, announced the Cruz511 in Your Neighborhood program and provided information on the focus areas for the project, travel behavior surveying, timeline and engagement opportunities.
4. Oral communications – Bicycle Advisory Committee member Leo Jed summarized 3 pieces of legislation currently working their way through the legislature. The bills relate to bicyclist signal detection, legalizing the treatment of stop signs as yields for bicyclists, and clarifying the legal travel behavior for bicyclists in situations where right lanes exist for motorists.
5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – Add-on materials for item #16 were distributed. Items #7 and #12 were moved to the regular agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Hyman/Akol) was made to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously with members Voss, Strause, Casterson, Scott, Akol, Hyman, Conlen, Fontes, Ticus, and Jed voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.

6. Approved draft minutes of the February 13, 2017 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
7. Accept letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee to the City of Santa Cruz recommending that a “Port District Multi-Modal Transportation Plan” project be added to the City of Santa Cruz Active Transportation Plan – Moved to the regular agenda as Item #19a.
8. Accepted letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee to the City of Santa Cruz requesting bike lanes along Mission St be included in the City’s Active Transportation Plan and that future bike lanes, sharrows or other bike friendly treatments be added along Mission Street between the two King Street intersections.
9. Accepted announcement and solicitation of public comment for the County of Santa Cruz Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services Strategic Plan
10. Accepted summary of Hazard Reports – A request was made to bring back information related to a reported hazard on River Street.
11. Approved recommendation to the RTC to approve Ecology Action’s Transportation Development Act allocation request for \$60,000 for the Bike to Work Program
12. Approve recommendation to the RTC to approve the Health Service Agency’s TDA allocation request for \$130,000 for the Community Traffic Safety Coalition and the Ride ‘n Stride Bicycle and Pedestrian Education Programs – Moved to the regular agenda as item #19b.

REGULAR AGENDA

13. Accept information on new appointments and resignations, and update roster – Cory Caletti, RTC Senior Transportation Planner, identified the new appointments recently

approved by the RTC and expired seats for which members did not seek reappointment or sought reappointed but were not nominated. The seats impacted include District 1 (Janneke Strause was appointed as an alternate), District 4 (Kem Akol was appointed as a voting member), and Bike to Work (Kira Ticus was appointed as a voting member). Lex Rau and Gary Milburn requested reappointment to seats representing the City of Scotts Valley but were not nominated. A motion was made (Scott/Akol) to send certificates of appreciation for long-serving former members Andy Ward, Daniel Kostelec and Lex Rau for their service. The motion passed unanimously with members Voss, Strause, Casterson, Scott, Akol, Hyman, Conlen, Fontes, Ticus, and Jed voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.

14. Office Elections – Cory Caletti, RTC Senior Transportation Planner, expressed appreciation for Amelia Conlen's service for the past year as Chair of the committee and David Casterson's service as Vice-Chair. A motion was made (Akol/Scott) to elect Amelia Conlen for an additional one-year term as Chair. The motion passed unanimously with members Voss, Strause, Casterson, Scott, Akol, Hyman, Conlen, Fontes, Ticus, and Jed voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition. Another motion was made (Voss, Fontes) to elect David Casterson as Vice-Chair for another one-year term. The motion passed unanimously with members Voss, Strause, Casterson, Scott, Akol, Hyman, Conlen, Fontes, Ticus, and Jed voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.
15. "5-year Program of Projects" recommendations for Measure D funding allocations: Highway Corridors, Active Transportation and Rail Corridor investment categories, the San Lorenzo Valley Highway 9 Corridor Improvements and the Highway 17 Wildlife Crossing – Rachel Moriconi, RTC Senior Transportation Planner, summarized the staff report. Comments included the following: 1) general support of the funding recommendations for the rail trail allocations but requests that more funding for the trail should be provided out of the trail category instead of from the neighborhood projects category; 2) the Bicycle Advisory Committee should receive a presentation on the scope of the Unified Corridor Investment Study and its relation to consideration of options for the rail corridor; 3) request for more information related to Segments 8 and 9 of the trail project including construction costs of the San Lorenzo River pedestrian walkway widening; and 4) yearly agendizing of the Measure D funding allocation recommendations. A motion was made (Casterson/Fontes) to recommend that the RTC approve the staff recommendation. After some discussion, the motion passed with members Voss, Strause, Casterson, Scott, Akol, Conlen, Fontes, and Ticus voting in favor. Members Rick Hyman and Leo Jed abstained from the vote.
16. Mt. Hermon Rd/Scotts Valley Dr/Whispering Pines Dr Intersection Project – Ad-Hoc Committee members and Scott Hamby, City of Scotts Valley Public Works Director presented an overview of the intersection improvements. Additional materials were also distributed and representatives from the City of Scotts Valley's consultant team, Mesiti-Miller Engineering, added project details. After discussion and appreciation for the use of innovative treatments like green bike boxes, a motion was made (Hyman/Jed) to send a letter recommending further refinements. The motion passed unanimously with members Voss, Strause, Casterson, Scott, Akol, Hyman, Conlen, Fontes, Ticus, and Jed voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.

17. Bicycle Safety Observation Study and new Vision Zero program – Lynn Lauridsen, Health Services Agency staff, summarized the reports provided in the packet and added additional details related to the scope of the Vision Zero initiative. Ms. Lauridsen indicated that a compilation of existing data and its toll on human lives will be presented at the June Bicycle Advisory Committee and that a symposium on programs to eliminate all traffic collisions will be held at the Simpkins Swim Center on June 29th from 4-6pm. A special emphasis of the program is on preventing fatalities of the most vulnerable road users and local jurisdictions will be asked to adopt policies and identify focus areas. The two year, 2016-2018, CTSC Vision Zero Work Plan was approved last year by the Bicycle Advisory Committee. The Bicycle Observation Survey is “on hold” while the program assesses the utility of existing data sources.
18. Sunset Inn on Mission Street Demolition and New Construction Opportunities for Improved Bicycle Access between King Street and Swift Street – Rick Hyman, Bicycle Advisory Committee, summarized considerations related to the proposed bike access being considered as part of the hotel project at 2424 Mission Street. A motion was made to write a letter to the City of Santa Cruz Planning Commission suggesting further enhancements to the proposal. The motion passed with members Voss, Strause, Casterson, Scott, Akol, Conlen, Fontes, Ticus, and Jed voting in favor. Rick Hyman abstained from the vote.
19. Updates related to Committee functions
 - a.) Item #7 as pulled from the Consent agenda: A motion was made to accept the letter (Fontes/Akol) but to agendaize a discussion of the item at a future meeting.
 - b.) Item #12 as pulled from the Consent agenda was discussed. A motion was made (Hyman/Voss) to approve the staff recommendation for TDA funding but a request was added that the program increase efforts to promote helmet use. Ms. Lauridsen indicated that other programs of the County Health Services Agency focus on helmet give-aways and education. The motion passed with members Voss, Strause, Casterson, Scott, Hyman, Conlen, Fontes, Ticus, and Jed voting in favor. Kem Akol voted in opposition because of opposition to the discontinuation of the bicycle observation study.
 - c.) Due to summer schedules, the Bicycle Advisory Committee date for June will be switched from June 12th to June 5th, 2017.
20. Adjourned – 8:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for a special date of June 5th, 2017, from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the RTC office, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:

Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner