

AGENDA: April 1, 2004

TO: Regional Transportation Commission
FROM: Linda Wilshusen, Executive Director
RE: Bicycle Committee Membership Reappointments

RECOMMENDATION

The Bicycle Committee and staff recommend that the Commission reappoint the following individuals to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Bicycle Committee:

1. Kem Akol (voting - chair) to represent the County of Santa Cruz District 1; and
 2. William Menchine (voting) and Ted Benhari (alternate) to represent the County of Santa Cruz, District 3; and
 3. Rick Hyman (voting) to represent the County of Santa Cruz District 5, and
 4. Piet Canin (voting) and Amba Kumar (alternate) to represent Bike to Work
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BACKGROUND

Currently five committee positions are set to expire in March 2004 (see current roster Attachment 1). These members seek re-appointment to the Bicycle Committee. Kem Akol has served as the County of Santa Cruz District 1 representative since 1993. The alternate position for District 1 is currently vacant. Ted Benhari has served as the voting representative for the County of Santa Cruz District 3 and William Menchine has served as alternate since 2002. Rick Hyman has served as the County of Santa Cruz District 5 representative since 1989. His alternate, Emily Champlin, has decided to resign from the Bicycle Committee and as such, this position remains vacant. Piet Canin, the voting member of Bike to Work has served since 1992. His alternate position has remained vacant for a few months.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Akol, Mr. Hyman, Mr. Menchine and Mr. Benhari have been nominated by their respective supervisors for reappointment. As program manager for Bike to Work, Mr. Canin has nominated both Amba Kumar and himself as representatives. Ms. Kumar has not served on the Bicycle Committee and her application is attached. Previously Mr. Benhari served as the voting representative for District 3; however he will switch positions with alternate Mr. Menchine. At the March 8, 2004 Bicycle Committee meeting, members of the Committee recommended that these individuals be appointed to serve on the Bicycle Committee for full three-year terms. The City of Watsonville representative seat is also set to expire in March 2004 but staff has not received a re-nomination.

SUMMARY

Seats on the Bicycle Committee for District 1, District 3, District 5, the City of Watsonville and Bike to Work expire this month. Staff recommends that the Commission reappoint Kem Akol, Rick Hyman, Piet Canin, Ted Benhari, William Menchine to new, three-year terms. Additionally, Staff recommends that the Committee recommend that the Commission appoint Amba Kumar to the currently vacant alternate position for Bike to Work.

Attachments 1: 2004 Committee Roster

Attachment 2: Letters from Supervisors, Wormhoudt, Beautz, Stone, re-nominating Committee members

Attachment 3: Application from Amba Kumar

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