

**DRAFT**  
**Bicycle Committee Meeting Minutes**

Monday, March 8, 2004

7:00 PM

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Conference Room  
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**Members Present:**

Ted Benhari, District 3  
Michael Moore, District 2  
Rick Hyman, District 5  
Emily Champlin District 5 (Alt.)  
Gary Milburn, At-large  
Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola, Vice Chair  
Bill Fieberling, City of Santa Cruz  
Carlos Garza City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)  
Piet Canin, Bike To Work  
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)

**Guests:**

Steven Wiesner County of Santa Cruz  
Glenn Rabenold

**Excused Absences:**

Michael Colombani, City of Scotts Valley  
Kem Akol, District 1, Chair  
Tony Grant, CTSC  
Manuel Rodriguez, City of Watsonville

**Unexcused Absences:**

**Vacancies:**

District 1, Alternate  
District 4, Voting & Alternate  
District 2, Alternate  
City of Watsonville, Alternate  
Bike to Work, Alternate

**Staff:**

Sean Co  
Rachel Moriconi

1. **Introductions** were made.
2. **Oral Comments:** Piet Canin noted that the Bicycle Industry Coalition is hosting a fundraiser with 25% of the funds to the rail trail at Barossa Grill on April 10, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.
3. **Changes to the Agenda:** none

**CONSENT AGENDA:** (Fieberling/Moore)

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4. **Minutes of the February, 2004 Meeting:** Approved.
5. **Summary of February, 2004 SCCRTC Meeting:** Accepted.
6. **Schedule of Committee Meetings:** Accepted
7. **Updated Committee Action Tracking Table:** Accepted.
8. **February Bicycle Hazard Reports:** Accepted.
9. **Miscellaneous Information:** Accepted.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

10. **2004 Regional Transportation Plan Draft Project List:** Sean Co gave the staff report for the update of the 2001 Regional Transportation Plan. The Committee was presented with three project lists: the “Within Projected Funds” (Constrained), “Need New Funds” (Unconstrained) and New RTP Projects (Unconstrained). Committee members expressed confusion over the names of the project lists. Rick Hyman explained that the names are federally designated and used by all Regional Transportation Planning Agencies. Bill Fieberling stated that the new projects by the City of Santa Cruz approved by the City Council were not included in the City Master Transportation Study. Piet Canin made a motion that Commission adopt the draft project list with the amendment to include the Santa Cruz Metro District MTD – P20 Bikes on Buses Expansion and the RTC project RTC – P30 Safe Routes to Schools Study, on the Constrained project list. Bill Fieberling seconded the motion with unanimous passage.
11. **Recommendations for the 2004 Transportation Enhancement (TE) Funds:** Rachel Moriconi gave the staff report. In February the Commission issued a call for projects to local agencies for Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds. The Commission limited the application for projects that were \$100,000 or greater. The Commission also set a target of funding one project per agency. Committee members discussed how to assign priorities to the various projects. Carlos Garza stated that the one project per jurisdiction did not sufficiently address gaps in the transportation system, project deliverability, safety or total project cost. Piet Canin stated that it was redundant to have the County of Santa Cruz plan on extending the Wilder Ranch Bikeway path when the Coastal Rail Trail would run adjacent to the trail. Steven Wiesner explained that the Wilder extension was consistent with the County Bicycle Plan and this project would most likely be completed in the next 5 years while the RTC has not yet purchased the Right-of-Way necessary to build the bike trail.

After discussing possible funding recommendations for individual projects, Rick Hyman made a motion that the Commission:

Definitely fund: Soquel Avenue Bike Lanes – in the City of Santa Cruz and  
East Cliff/Hiawatha – in the City of Santa Cruz

Fund the following other high priority projects:

Bay Avenue Sidewalk – in the City of Capitola  
Watsonville Wetlands Trail Project – City of Watsonville  
Hacienda Drive Bike Lanes and Sidewalks – City of Scotts Valley  
San Lorenzo River Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge – in the City of Santa Cruz  
Coastal Rail Trail – SCCRTC (with balance of funds available and any additional funds available if Soquel Avenue Bike Lanes secures other funds)

Do Not Fund the following projects:

Wilder Ranch Bikeway – County of Santa Cruz  
Watsonville Entryway Median Landscaping – City of Watsonville  
UCSC Water Pollution Mitigation – UCSC

The Bicycle Committee considers the San Lorenzo Bike/Ped Bridge and the Coastal Rail Trail high priority projects and worthy of funding but expressed concern that the projects may take a long time to be completed and may require additional funds. Staff will

provide this information to the Commission at its April 1, 2004 meeting. Bill Fieberling seconded and the motion passed with Jim Langley and Ted Benhari voting “no.”

12. **Bicycle Committee Membership Reappointments:** Staff recommended that the committee recommend the RTC that the members whose terms have expired be reappointed to the Bicycle Committee for full three year terms. The committee approved these reappointments unanimously (Fieberling/Canin).

13. **Project Tracking/Subcommittee Tasks:**

Due to the long deliberation of the TE item, project tracking with the exception of the City of Santa Cruz was deferred until the April 12, 2004 meeting.

City of Santa Cruz:

- The San Lorenzo path in the vicinity of Laurel St. Extension from Laurel to Riverside will be completed and will complete the path from Hwy 1 to the Beach. Groundbreaking is on April 5, 2004 at 11am.
- The West Cliff Plan went through the City Transportation Committee on March 10, 2004 and was forwarded unanimously to the City Council for consideration, tentatively on March 23, 2004.

**Adjournment:** meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by \_\_\_\_\_  
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