

DRAFT
Bicycle Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 10, 2004
7:00 PM

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

Members Present:

Rick Hyman, District 5
Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola, Vice Chair
Bill Fieberling, City of Santa Cruz
Piet Canin, Bike To Work
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)
Kem Akol, District 1, Chair
Manuel Rodriguez, City of Watsonville
Tony Grant, CTSC
William Menchine District 3
Gary Milburn, At-large
Ted Benhari

Excused Absences:

Carlos Garza City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)
Michael Colombani, City of Scotts Valley
Michael Moore, District 2

Unexcused Absences:

Vacancies:

District 1, Alternate
District 4, Voting & Alternate
District 2, Alternate
City of Watsonville, Alternate

Guests:

Jack Sohriakoff County of Santa Cruz

Staff:

Sean Co
Rachel Moriconi

1. **Introductions** were made.
2. **Oral Comments:** Sean Co stated that there is a new CHP captain Christina Manriquez and that she will be invited to the meeting in July. The committee was asked if they still wanted staff to write a letter to Caltrans posting signs for cyclists to get on the Wilder path. The committee responded they did but only in the southbound direction. Mr. Co noted that public input is sought on the Hwy 1 Widening Project and comments are due to staff on May 14, 2004. A map showing possible routes for the San Lorenzo Valley Trail is posted outside the County of Santa Cruz Public Works department and comments are due by May 14, 2004.
3. **Changes to the Agenda:** Item 12 was discussed prior to Item 11.

CONSENT AGENDA: (Menchine/Canin)

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

9. **Miscellaneous Information:** Accepted.
10. **Bike Secure Application – Ecology Action:** Approved

REGULAR AGENDA:

11. **Prioritization of Santa Cruz County Bike Projects:** This item was continued from the April 12, 2004 meeting. Jack Sohriakoff from Santa Cruz County Public Works reviewed the list of County Bike and helped the committee assign high, medium and low rankings to the list of projects. A complete list of the prioritized projects will be included in the July packet.
12. **Expenditure Plan Project List:** Rachel Moriconi from RTC staff discussed the Draft Expenditure Plan for a ½ cent Local Transportation Sales Tax Measure, proposed for the November 2004 Ballot. This Expenditure plan is a list of projects that the Commission will consider to be funded by the sales tax measure. Approximately 64 percent will go towards the widening of Hwy 1. 20% of the tax goes to cities based on population. Rick Hyman wanted to know what would happen to the funding for bike projects if the cost of the Highway went up. Ms. Moriconi responded that all the projects would receive funding as outlined in the expenditure plan. Mr. Hyman also noted that the San Lorenzo Valley Trail was not included on the list. Committee members noted that the proposed bike/pedestrian bridges do not address gaps in the system. One of the high priority projects, the crossing at Morrissey Blvd would be a key crossing that has been discussed for years not implemented because of funding. Kem Akol noted that the Cabrillo College crossing does not connect residential areas to Cabrillo College. Mr. Hyman asked what percentage of the \$108 million would be used for bike projects. Mr. Moriconi noted that this has not been decided yet. Members discussed a fixed percentage dedicated to bike projects. Mr. Canin noted that he would like remove the footnote that up to 50% of \$21 million can be used for rail line acquisition. The cost of the trail would most likely be greater than \$21 million and all the money would be needed for the project where Proposition 116 can be used for acquisition. The committee unanimously passed a motion (Canin/Menchine) that would recommend to the RTC that:
 - **\$31 be allocated to the Coastal Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail**
 - **A minimum of 20% from the \$108 million dedicated to Local Projects-road repairs, bike lanes, walkways and more – be dedicated to bicycle projects**
 - **Remove the provision that 50% of \$21 million for the Coastal Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail be used for rail acquisition**
 - **Detailed studies of the locations of the bike/pedestrian crossings be conducted taking into account gaps in the bicycle transportation system as identified by the bicycle committee.**

- 13. **Elections:** A motion was made to re-elect Kem Akol as the Bicycle Committee chair with Daniel Kostelec as vice chair and moderator (Canin/Grant). The motion passed unanimously.

14. **Project tracking/Subcommittee Tasks:**

City of Watsonville:

Mr Rodriguez noted that the City of Watsonville received \$400,000 in Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds to complete the Watsonville Wetlands Trails Project, which would provide a pedestrian and bicycling trail along the City's wetlands project and would complete a major transportation corridor for pedestrian and bicyclists that facilitates travel between commercial facilities, schools and adjacent neighborhoods.

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by _____
Sean Co, Senior Transportation Planner

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