

DRAFT
Bicycle Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 12, 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

Excused Absences:

Unexcused Absences:

Vacancies:

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

Guests:

Staff:

Sean Co

1. **Introductions** were made.
2. **Oral Comments:** Gary Milburn stated that at the last meeting the committee asked Jack Sohriakoff from County Public Works if the County could stripe bike lanes on one side of the road during road improvements to save money. Sean Co noted that he will check on this.

Piet Canin noted that the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) is conducting a study on older driver safety.

Mr. Co noted that the CHP had been invited to the July meeting but did not receive a response from them.

3. **Changes to the Agenda:** Item 15 was added on the Recreational Rail Corridor options.

CONSENT AGENDA: (Menchine/Canin)

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

10. **Miscellaneous Information:** Accepted.

11. **Bike Secure Application – Brown Ranch Marketplace:** Approved.

REGULAR AGENDA:

12. **Expenditure Plan Update:** Since the May 10, 2004 meeting, the RTC meet on June 15, 2004 to revise the language of the expenditure plan for transportation projects, changes to the dollar amounts of the list of projects to be included in the sales tax measure were made. Committee members noted that at the request of the Committee, the footnote about the Coastal Pedestrian/Bike Trail adjacent to the rail line that up to 50% of the \$23 million could be used for acquisition was removed. However, way the language is currently worded all of these funds could be used for construction or acquisition. Members stated that Proposition 116 funds are available for acquisition of the rail line and these sales tax funds should not be used for acquisition. Rick Hyman noted that the fact sheet still notes that there will be three pedestrian bike bridges over Highway 1 when the committee would like to see fewer restrictions as to the design and location of these crossings. Sean Co noted that the language of the tax measure does not mention a number or type of crossings; the fact sheet was not updated to reflect this change. Gary Milburn made a motion with Mr. Akol second that the committee directs staff to write a letter to the Board of Supervisors asking them to clarify the language in the expenditure plan that the money for the Coastal Pedestrian/Bike Trail cannot be used for acquisition. The motion passed unanimously.

13. **TDA Article 8 Allocation Claim City of Santa Cruz:** The committee unanimously passed a motion (Milburn/Fieberling) that would recommend to the RTC that they approve the City of Santa Cruz TDA claim. Carlos Garza noted that there is a lower cost alternative to the East Cliff/Hiawatha Pedestrian and Bicycle crossing project and there might be enough money remaining in the City's TDA balance to request these funds from the Commission. A motion was made to direct staff to write a letter to the City of Santa Cruz encourage to use this lower cost alternative and request TDA Article 8 funds (Garza/Milburn). The motion passed unanimously.

14. Project tracking/Subcommittee Tasks:

a. City of Santa Cruz:

A redesign of the De Laveaga Beach St. Bikeway- Work is scheduled to begin in the Fall.

Broadway/Brommer – This project needs to obtain a coastal permit.

Soquel Avenue Bike Lanes – There are a few Right-of-Way pieces that need to be obtained still but they have all the money for the project.

f. Bike to Work Update:

The final numbers were reported for the Spring Bike to Work Day at just under 4,000 it was the highest participation in the event. Spring Bike to Work Day is October 7, 2004 and due to budget cuts, will be run with the help of the Bicycle Trip's Better World Bicycle Safety Program. Bike to Work also participated in the Super Kids Triathlon to assist children in fitting helmets.

g. CTSC Update:

The CTSC has a new website at <http://www.sctrafficsafety.org> . They also participated in the Super Kids Triathlon and continue with their many programs.

h. Improving School Bicycle Access:

Kithy Chavez from the Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency presented about 4,000 students with safety talks in 22 schools from September to May. This represents a total of 53% of all school children in the Watsonville area.

j. San Lorenzo Valley Trails:

Kem Akol attended the SLV Trail Study meeting on June 2. One option discussed was to change Graham Hill Road from Santa Cruz to Felton to Highway 9 and Highway 9 from Felton to Santa Cruz would be used for the lower part of the trail. This issue would be discussed in greater detail at the September Trail Study meeting. Staff will invite the consultants to the next bike meeting.

15. Recreation Rail Corridor Options: Kem Akol wanted to explore the possibility of using another corridor for passenger rail service instead of the proposed Capitola to Aptos route. This alternate route might be more feasible and would allow the RTC to move towards the purchase of the rail line. Sean Co explained that the consultants identified several routes and the RTC picked the current route for passenger rail service.

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by _____
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