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Bicycle Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 9, 2004
7:00 PM

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

Members Present:

Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola, Vice Chair
Bill Fieberling, City of Santa Cruz
Piet Canin, Bike To Work
Kem Akol, District 1, Chair
Gary Milburn, At-large
Ted Benhari District 3 (Alt.)
Michael Colombani, City of Scotts Valley
Carlos Garza, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)

Excused Absences:

Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)
Rick Hyman, District 5
William Menchine District 3
Tony Grant, CTSC

Unexcused Absences:

Manuel Rodriguez, City of Watsonville

Vacancies:

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

Guests:

Cheryl Schmitt, City of Santa Cruz

Staff:

Sean Co

1. **Introductions** were made.
2. **Oral Comments:** Daniel Kostelec noted that the committee should begin to implement the system of discussion moderator and chair as agreed upon at the May 10, 2004 meeting.

Sean Co noted that the Regional Transportation Commission held a special meeting on July 27, 2004 to send the now named sales tax "Measure J" to the Board of Supervisors for placement on the November ballot. The Commission voted to send it to the Board of Supervisors for approval with Commissioner Kennedy dissenting. On the issue of approval of the language for the ballot it passed 6-4. The expenditure plan was sent to the Board of Supervisors where it was approved.

3. **Changes to the Agenda:** None.

CONSENT AGENDA: (Fieberling /Milburn)

4. **Minutes of the July, 2004 Meeting:** Approved.
5. **Schedule of Committee Meetings:** Accepted
6. **Updated Committee Action Tracking Table:** Accepted.

7. **July Bicycle Hazard Reports:** Accepted.
8. **Miscellaneous Information:** Accepted.

REGULAR AGENDA:

9. **Featured Jurisdiction-City of Santa Cruz:** Each year, the Committee invites a jurisdiction to give project updates on bicycle related projects that are in development or are currently planned. Cheryl Schmitt Bicycle Coordinator for the City of Santa Cruz, presented the project updates:

Beach Street Bikeway – This project will include re-paving Beach St. in addition to construction of the two-way bicycle lane. This project is expected to be completed by next summer. The City is waiting on the Coast Hotel expansion plan before proceeding further up West Cliff.

Soquel Avenue Bicycle Lanes – Design is 90% complete. PG&E has agreed to re-locate the utility poles along Soquel. Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2005.

Water Street Sidewalks – This project funded by Safe Routes to School will have 8' sidewalks from Branciforte to Reed St. A bicycle cage for Branciforte Junior High is being designed from old bicycle frames.

Bay Street – With funds left from Safe Routes to School, the sidewalks in front of Bayview School will be replaced.

Highway 1/Morrissey Intersection- The City had a meeting with John Laird, RTC and Caltrans to work on a re-design of the intersection as it is a route to school. For the short term, Caltrans may agree to provide an all-way stop at the off-ramp.

Gault School – Using Safe Routes to School funds, Ms. Schmitt will work with the school on a traffic calming project or possibly East Cliff/Hiawatha intersection as Gault students will now be coming from Beach Flats. One possibility is to use Darwin St. as a bicycle boulevard as an alternate to Seabright Ave.

Trestle Bridge – Beginning August 15, the City will replace the wood planks on the bridge to the east of the Boardwalk. Bill Fieberling made a motion to direct staff to write a letter to Public Works asking them that the replacement boards be longer than the existing ones to provide more space on the bridge. Piet Canin seconded with the motion passing unanimously.

Broadway- Brommer- A firm has been hired for the design it is expected that the design will be submitted to the Coastal Commission in 6 months.

San Lorenzo Bike/Pedestrian Bridge – This bridge will be located at Felker St. The environmental work is moving forward and the City is working with the redevelopment of the old Saltz leathery . Bill Fieberling made a motion to direct staff to write a letter to the City and the Redevelopment agency asking for a connection with Encinal Highway 9

to the beginning of the path. Gary Milburn seconded with the motion passing unanimously.

Maple Alley – This alley is located between Putney and Perry and the NIAC building between Front St. and Pacific Ave. Construction is nearly complete to allow bicycle travel. The bike racks have been moved closer to the Metro center. New circular bicycle lockers have also been installed with plans for a pay on demand system with the lockers. This system will allow users to use a card to open the locker and park their bike when the locker is not occupied. Ms. Schmitt hopes to retrofit the system on all the lockers within the City of Santa Cruz.

San Lorenzo Levee Path – This path on the Westside of the San Lorenzo River is on schedule to be complete before winter.

Mission St. Extension – This path is currently a two way bicycle path with concrete “K” rails. Bicycle traffic is directed up an asphalt sidewalk. Committee members discussed that this project is unsafe because of the hard barricade and the “K” rails are aesthetically unpleasing. Piet Canin made a motion to direct staff to write a letter to the City Council requesting they remove the “K” rails. Bill Fieberling seconded with the motion passing unanimously.

East Cliff/Hiawatha – A new design is being examined at will allow pedestrians to cross in front of Hiawatha with sheltered island to narrow the road down. The first proposal was rejected by the Commission for being too expensive. This solution will be a lower cost than the one submitted to the Commission.

Project tracking/Subcommittee Tasks:

c. City of Scotts Valley:

Green Hills Bike Lanes is now on both sides of the road. The pedestrian sidewalks will be completed in one month.

e. County Project Tracking:

Daniel Kostelec presented photos of on-street parking that was within the bicycle lane. These parking violations included Portola between 41st and 47th, Brommer near 38th, and Portola near Corcoran. Mr. Kostelec (Mr. Canin second) made a motion to direct staff to write a letter to County Public Works asking them to remove the on-street parking. The motion passed unanimously with a minor amendment that parking be removed from 41st Ave near East Cliff.

j. San Lorenzo Valley Trails:

Sean Co informed the committee that the next meeting of the San Lorenzo Valley Trail Feasibility Study is in September. County Public Works will prepare a staff report to the Board of Supervisors on the update of the study that will be presented at the September Committee meeting.

1. Wilder Ranch Path:

Piet Canin reported on a meeting with Andy Schriffrin and Will Menchine, about the extension of the Wilder Path. Mardi Wormhoudt's office expressed they are in favor of using the rail corridor once it is acquired by the RTC. They also discussed opening Coast Road to bicycle access. It was suggested that a chicane that is similar to the one at the end Natural Bridges Drive be used to allow cyclists through but would not allow horses out. Mardi Wormhoudt's office would try to get the County to pay for the chicane with State Parks to construct it.

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

Minutes prepared and submitted by _____
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