

**DRAFT**  
**Bicycle Committee Meeting Minutes**  
Monday, November 8, 2004  
7:00 PM  
City of Watsonville Council Chambers  
250 Main Street; Watsonville

**Members Present:**

Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola, Vice Chair  
Kem Akol, District 1, Chair  
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)  
Rick Hyman, District 5  
Bill Fieberling, City of Santa Cruz

**Excused Absences:**

Tony Grant, CTSC  
Michael Colombani, City of Scotts Valley  
Carlos Garza, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)  
Ted Benhari, District 3 (Alt.)  
Gary Milburn, At-large  
Piet Canin, Bike To Work

**Unexcused Absences:**

Manuel Rodriguez, City of Watsonville  
William Menchine, District 3

**Staff:**

Cory Caletti

**Vacancies:**

District 1 - Alternate  
District 4 - Voting & Alternate  
District 2 - Voting & Alternate  
City of Watsonville - Alternate  
District 5 - Alternate  
Bike to Work - Alternate

**Guests:**

Saskia Lucas, Better World Bicycle Safety  
Maria Rodriguez, City of Watsonville Staff  
Cleo Martinez, City of Watsonville Staff  
Mike Dalbey, Self

1. **Introductions** were made.
2. **Oral Comments:** Kem Akol noted the lack of a quorum. Agenda items requiring action will be continued to the December 13, 2004 meeting. Members requested that the roster be updated to include email addresses and phone numbers. Members asked staff to come back with an item in December regarding recommendations about by-law revisions to allow a majority of filled positions to constitute a quorum rather than a majority of available positions.
3. **Changes to the Agenda:** none

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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4. **Minutes:** No action could be taken due to lack of a quorum. Rick Hyman clarified a comment he made at the October meeting and requested that clarification be reflected in the minutes.
5. **Accept Summary** of October 7, 2004 SCCRTC Meeting. No action could be taken.
6. **Schedule of Committee Meetings:** No action could be taken.
7. **Committee Action Tracking Table:** No action could be taken.

8. **October Bicycle Hazard Reports:** No action could be taken.
9. **Miscellaneous Information:** No action could be taken.
10. **Bike Secure Application for the 418 Project:** No action could be taken.
11. **Bike Secure Application for New Leaf Community Market:** No action could be taken.

## **REGULAR AGENDA:**

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12. **Features Jurisdiction - City of Watsonville:** Each month, the Committee invites a jurisdiction to give project updates on bicycle related projects that are in development or are planning process. Maria Rodriguez and Cleo Martinez represented the City of Watsonville. Maria Rodriguez gave an oral presentation on various projects currently being constructed including bike paths to the Vista Montana Subdivision and Ohlone Parkway. Maria handed out brochures for the new Wetlands of Watsonville trails and discussed the City's pursuit of greater connectivity between the trails. Committee members recommended that the City also pursue greater connectivity between the wetland trails and the surrounding roadways, as well as the future rail-trail.

The Bicycle Committee had requested over the past year that the City of Watsonville consider constructing a bicycle path from Airport Boulevard to the new Pajaro Valley High School. Maria Rodriguez explained the obstacles the proposal faces, including the Farm Bureau's one foot non-access strip around the agriculture parcel adjacent to the school, the coordination required between the many agencies involved in this project including the County of Santa Cruz and the Pajaro Valley Unified School District. The committee brainstormed ideas regarding resolution of determined obstacles, however, more information is necessary to clarify limitations. The City of Watsonville staff will clarify the parameters to identified obstacles to the suggested bicycle path proposal, including getting a better understanding of the one-foot non-access strip (in what document is the strip determined and defined?), Coastal Commission permit issues, possible compromises between agriculture needs and needs for secondary access to the school, etc. Daniel Kostelec asked RTC staff to outline the questions asked at the meeting in respect to the proposal and provide to the City with a request for answers. Kem Akol asked for a meeting to be scheduled in the near future with representatives from the City and someone from the Committee as a follow-up to the discussion.

Committee members commended the City for its extensive bike path development and construction but recommended that bike lanes also be integrated into roadway infrastructure, as possible.

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

- a. City of Santa Cruz:* No update. Kem Akol requested that RTC staff write a letter (motion made at a previous meeting) regarding removing K-rails on Mission Street Extension. City of Santa Cruz staff will be attending the December meeting and members would like to discuss this further at that time.

*b. City of Capitola:* No update.

*c. City of Scotts Valley:* No representative was present.

*d. City of Watsonville:* Discussed earlier. Manuel Rodriguez needs to be reappointed.

*e. County Project Tracking:* Kem Akol spoke with Jack Sohriakoff who mentioned that he submitted 2 bike related proposals which were recently rejected. Seventh Avenue is coming along and has been re-stripped to have a continuous bike lane.

The failure of Measure J was discussed and committee members expressed interest in revisiting the RTP list of bike projects at some point in the near future and coming up with alternative funding sources and strategy suggestions.

*f. Bike to Work Update:* No update.

*g. CTSC Update:* No update.

*h. Improving School Bicycle Access:* No representative.

*i. Vision:* On hold for now.

*j. San Lorenzo Valley Trails:* No update.

*k. Wilder Ranch Path:* No update.

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

Minutes prepared and submitted by \_\_\_\_\_  
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Schedule brainstorming session.. with keith, school district adopting a Coordinated effort...

Kem wants to see a meeting scheduled with reps and with someone from the committee...

Traffic study done by school

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What other roadblocks would there be? Agriculture land ... and what can be done within proximity of ag land. Compromise could be reached as to spraying similar to kem's example in the city of santa cruz...