

DRAFT
Bicycle Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 9, 2005
7:00 PM

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

Members Present:

Kem Akol, District 1, Vice-Chair
Leo Moll, District 2
Will Menchine, District 3
Ben Vernazza, District 4
Piet Canin, Bike To Work
Jim Langley, CTSC
Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola, Chair
Andy Ward, City of Capitola (Alt.)
Bill Fieberling, City of Santa Cruz
Mike Dalbey, City of Watsonville (Alt.)
David Casterson, District 2 (Alt.)
Ray Kaupp, District 5 (Alt.)
Ted Benhari, District 3 (Alt.)
Gary Milburn, City of Scotts Valley
Michael Lewis, District 1 (Alt.)

Guests:

Majid Yamin, City of Scotts Valley

Excused Absences:

Saskia Lucas, Bike To Work (Alt)
Carlos Garza, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)
Corinne Hyland, CTSC (Alt.)
Alex Anderson, City of Scotts Valley (Alt.)
Bruce Sawhill, City of Watsonville
Rick Hyman, District 5

Unexcused Absences:

Vacancies:

District 4 – Alternate

Staff:

Cory Caletti
Tegan Speiser

1. **Introductions** were made. Chair Kostelec welcomed guests.
2. **Oral Comments/Announcements:** SCCRTC Staff, Cory Caletti, announced that the SCMTD will be reviewing South County/Watsonville transit routes. Piet Canin announced that the Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz group is exploring the possibility of dividing up days on single-track trails between hikers and cyclists at Nisene Marks State Park.
3. **Changes to the Agenda:** Piet Canin asked that an item be added regarding publishing road hazard contact phone numbers. This was added as Item #19.

CONSENT AGENDA: (Milburn/Fieberling)

4. **Minutes of the April 11, 2005 Meeting:** Approved.
5. **2005 Bicycle Committee Roster:** Accepted.
6. **Committee Action Tracking Table:** Accepted.
7. **Summary of May 5, 2005 SCCRTC Meeting:** Accepted.
8. **Schedule of Future Bicycle Committee Meetings:** Accepted.
9. **Accept Bicycle Hazard Reports:** Accepted.
10. **Accept Handouts from Previous Committee Meeting:** Accepted.
11. **Accept Correspondence:** Accepted.
12. **Accept Miscellaneous Information:** Accepted.

13. **Approve Bike Secure Applications for Gateway Preschool and Mintie White Elementary School:** Approved.
14. **Accept Bike to Work Week Announcement:** Accepted.

REGULAR AGENDA:

15. **Featured Jurisdiction: City of Scotts Valley.** Majid Yamin, City of Scotts Valley staff, presented upcoming transportation projects of concern to bicyclists. Members discussed project details and alignments. The Scotts Valley Drive/Glenwood Drive intersection improvement project is scheduled to start early June and take 6 months.

A motion was made (Langley/Akol) directing staff to write a letter to the City of Scotts Valley, and cc David Priebe at Caltrans, requesting signage to the right left-turn lane indicating cyclists wait there for the light when turning left from Scotts Valley Drive to Glenwood. A stencil marking in that location would alert motorists and bicyclists the appropriate and safe footprint for turning cyclists.

Members also discussed a sign on Glenwood Drive past the high school indicating that cyclists should use the sidewalk. Staff was asked to investigate the location, take photos, and email them to the Committee for discussion at the next meeting. A possible solution would be to ask the City of Scotts Valley to remove the sign directing cyclists to use the sidewalk and replace it with a sign warning roadway users that the “road narrows/share the road”.

16. **Monterey Bay Scenic Sanctuary Trail/Coastal Trail (continued from March Mtg):** Tegan Speiser, SCCRTC staff, reminded the Committee that members had another four (4) days to submit comments on the draft interpretive plan for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail. The deadline for comments was May 13, 2005.
17. **Shared Lane Pavement Markings (Sharrow) Presentation:** The Committee received a presentation by Committee Alternate Mike Dalbey on Shared Lane Pavement Markings. Commonly referred to as the “Sharrow”, the pavement marking direct cyclists to travel outside the car door zone and encourage safe co-existence with car traffic. Examples of the Sharrow in other cities were discussed, as well as planned applications within the City of Santa Cruz. The Sharrow was recently adopted into the California Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CMUTCD). The Committee was interested in getting a report back from the City of Santa Cruz regarding their experience with the Sharrow once the markings have been in place for awhile. Other locations within the County might benefit from use of this marking intended to mitigate negative responses from motorists to cyclists.
18. **Project Tracking/Subcommittee Tasks**
 - a. **City of Santa Cruz:** Beach Street bike lane improvements are scheduled to start in the fall. The City is seeking a Safe Route to School grant for Delaveaga School area transportation improvements. Street lights on Schaffer Rd are still not functional and K-Rails have now been moved making bike access more difficult. Neighborhood traffic is

also too fast making a cautionary sign necessary. Cory Caletti will discuss these issues with City staff.

b. City of Capitola: Draft Bike Plan should be coming to the Committee's August meeting for review.

c. City of Scotts Valley: covered in earlier item.

d. City of Watsonville: Kem Akol offered ideas regarding ways to approach City Council Members for an alternate route to Watsonville High School. He will follow-up.

e. County: 7th Avenue bike lanes are under construction. Kem Akol is still interested in discussing the bike lane on Lake Ave, adjacent to the Harbor, and why there's no contra flow lane. Cory Caletti indicated again that she would invite County Public Works and Redevelopment Agency staffs to the next Bicycle Committee meeting but that a contra flow lane is unlikely for that location.

f. Bike to Work Update: Piet Canin briefed members on all Spring Bike Week activities including the Detour Train event.

g. CTSC Update: Jim Langley provided an update on school education, bike/ped safety trainings and the online Neighborhood Traffic Study results.

h. UCSC: Submitting comments on the LRDP was discussed. Members asked to include this in the agenda for the next meeting with relevant pages of the LRDP.

i. Rail Acquisition: no news.

j. Wilder Ranch Path: County Public Works staff will attend the June Bicycle Committee to discuss Phase II of the Wilder Ranch Path.

k. Sanctuary Scenic Trail: covered as part of earlier item.

l. Highway 1 Bike/Ped Overcrossing: Committee members Kem Akol and Bill Fieberling will be attending one of two upcoming meetings of the Highway One Overcrossing Stakeholders Meeting.

19. **Publishing Road Hazard Contact Numbers: Added item.** Postponed to next meeting.
20. **Social Gathering:** Chair Kostelec offered his Seabright area home for a Committee social gathering on July 21st at 5:30pm. Cory Caletti will bring a potluck sign up sheet to the next meeting.

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

Minutes prepared and submitted by _____
Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner