



Final

BICYCLE COMMITTEE AGENDA – August 14, 2006

Members Present:

Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola, Chair
Mike Dalbey, City of Watsonville (Alt.)
Rick Hyman, District 5
David Casterson, District 2 (Alt.)
Bill Fieberling, City of Santa Cruz
Ben Vernazza, District 4
Andy Ward, City of Capitola (Alt.)
Alex Anderson, City of Scotts Valley (Alt.)
Jim Langley, CTSC
Gary Milburn, City of Scotts Valley
Piet Canin, Bike To Work
Leo Moll, District 2
Saskia Lucas, Bike To Work (Alt)

Staff:

Cory Caletti

Vacancies:

District 5 – Alternate

Excused Absences:

Carlos Garza, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)
Michael Lewis, District 1 (Alt.)
Ted Benhari, District 3 (Alt.)
Gina Tufo (District 4 Alt.)
Kem Akol, District 1, Vice-Chair
Will Menchine, District 3
Theresa Rogerson, CTSC (Alt.)
Bruce Sawhill, City of Watsonville

Unexcused Absences:

Guests:

Joe Hall, City of Santa Cruz Redevelopment Agency
Karena Pushnik, RTC Staff
Alex Harris, RTC Intern

1. **Introductions**
2. **Oral Comments/Announcement**

Jim Langley announced that a cyclist was recently killed on Felton Empire Road in a collision with a motorist. Piet Canin volunteered to investigate and report back to the Committee with more information.

3. **Changes to the Agenda**

No changes to the agenda were made.

CONSENT AGENDA (Fieberling/Dalbey)

4. **Accepted Highlights of the August 3, 2006 RTC Meetings**

5. **Accepted Minutes of the June 12, 2006 Bicycle Committee Meeting** with the following amendment: Mike Dalbey requested that the San Lorenzo Feasibility Study on page 5-1 of the June 12, 2006 minutes be referred to as “draft.”
6. **Accepted Bicycle Hazard Reports**
7. **Accepted Miscellaneous Correspondence and Information Items**
8. **Accepted Handouts from Previous Meeting – none**
9. **Accepted Bicycle Committee Roster**
10. **Approved Bike Secure Applications from the Om Room Yoga Studio and Bethany University**

REGULAR AGENDA

11. **Bicycle Coordinator’s Report**

Cory Caletti, staff to the Bicycle Committee, explained the need for this agenda item for staff to inform Committee members regarding issues not on the agenda but relevant to the Committee’s ongoing work. She went on to provide an update on the Bikes Secure Program funding status. The grant is being spent down and will expire October 31, 2006. RTC staff will request an extension for any remaining monies. Cory Caletti also briefed members to an effort by Caltrans to identify all rides, events, and bicycle organizations in Santa Cruz County. She updated the chart with information she had available but requested members add any information she might have missed. Finally, she noted that one vacancy currently exists and that re-elections will be held in March.

12. **Featured Jurisdiction: City of Santa Cruz Redevelopment Agency (RDA) – Presentation from Joe Hall, Assistant Director**

Joe Hall provided an insightful summary of the RDA’s projects including a presentation on the San Lorenzo River Crossing Bridge (parallel to Highway 1) which is fully funded, undergoing design work and scheduled for construction in summer of 2007. He noted that the Highway 1 underpass connection to the Tannery/River Street area is also under design but is not funded. Members discussed the importance of this project in light of the housing development planned at the Tannery Arts property. Joe Hall announced that he will be retiring at the end of December and Jim Burr will shepherd these projects forward. Some discussion also followed regarding future connections to the rail/trail and the need for an integrated management system of the river levee bike/pedestrian facilities.

13. **Problems and Solutions Identified by the Transportation Funding Task Force – Presentation from Karena Pushnik, RTC Senior Planner**

Karena Pushnik provided the background to the Transportation Funding Task Force (TFTF) mission, conveners, membership, frequency of workshops and the nature and method of public input provided. The open ended workbook questions posed and answered by TFTF members and the community at large yielded a large number of responses regarding transportation problems and solutions for Santa Cruz County. These responses were compiled, organized, released to TFTF

members, the RTC, its Committees, and the community. The TFTF will meet again in September for a funding workshop to better understand how transportation funding works with the ultimate goal of identifying funding sources and projects agreeable to the majority of the TFTF.

The Bicycle Committee discussed the significance of the identified problems and solutions especially in light of already programmed projects. Members reached consensus that they would like to have this issue agendaized for the next meeting and review at that time the TFTF problem/solution list in light of local jurisdictions' bicycle plans, the Regional Transportation Plan and other planning and programming documents. Staff will provide these documents for the next meeting. Staff will also bring the list of bicycle problems/solutions categorized by jurisdiction if it is available at that time.

14. **Project Tracking/Subcommittee Tasks:** Oral Reports (actions may be taken at the meeting)

a. **City of Santa Cruz Project Tracking:** Fieberling/Garza – Bill Fieberling reportate that Soquel Avenue bike lanes are to go into construction in the next couple of months.

b. **City of Capitola Project Tracking:** Kostelec/Ward – Daniel Kostelec reported that the City of Capitola awarded a bid for bike lane striping and it's scheduled to start in 2 weeks. He also reported on his continued work on a bike parking facility ordinance and noted that City of Capitola staff is proposing an ordinance similar to the County of Santa Cruz's.

c. **City of Scotts Valley Project Tracking:** Anderson/Milburn – Gary Milburn indicated that the City of Scotts Valley responded to the Bicycle Committee's request for a bike stencil on Scotts Valley Drive turning left onto Glenwood Drive. Cory Caletti added that the City bought a stencil for similar needs in the future. A motion was made (Milburn/Canin) to write Caltrans and the City of Scotts Valley a thank you letter. The motion passed unanimously. Gary Milburn went on to note that the City of Scotts Valley is working on providing bicycle lanes on both sides of Hacienda Drive and will repave Mount Herman Drive soon.

d. **City of Watsonville Project Tracking:** Sawhill/Dalbey – no report was provided.

e. **County of Santa Cruz Project Tracking:** Akol – no report was provided.

f. **Bike To Work Update:** Canin/Lucas – Piet Canin reported that the Fall Bike to Work event is scheduled for Thursday, October 5th. He reported that the Santa Cruz Transportation Management Association hired another Bike to Work Coordinator and that he is looking for new schools to participate in the event.

g. **CTSC Update:** Langley/Rogerson – no report was provided.

h. **UCSC:** Dalbey/Benhari – Mike Dalbey reported that UCSC will hold additional public meeting on the Draft Bicycle Plan during the fall quarter.

i. **Rail Acquisition:** Dalbey/Moll – Leo Moll updated members on the progress of the Rail Acquisition project noting that there was no significant movement. He wondered if there was an updated timeline and staff indicated that she will investigate that.

j. **Wilder Ranch Path:** Canin/Akol/Garza/Menchine – no report

k. **Sanctuary Scenic Trail:** Canin/Vernazza – Ben Vernazza summarized a brief update he provided at the June meeting.

l. **Transportation Funding Task Force:** covered as part of earlier item.

m. **San Lorenzo Valley Trail Committee:** Akol/Canin – Members noted that the Final San Lorenzo Feasibility Study recommends projects out of the County of Santa Cruz’s jurisdiction.

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cory Caletti". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small mark above the 'i' in "Caletti".

Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner/Bicycle Coordinator