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BICYCLE COMMITTEE AGENDA – February 12, 2007

Members Present:

Rick Hyman, District 5
David Casterson, District 2 (Alt.)
Gary Milburn, City of Scotts Valley
Kem Akol, District 1, Vice-Chair
Michael Lewis, District 1 (Alt.)
Leo Moll, District 2
Bill Fieberling, City of Santa Cruz
Ben Vernazza, District 4
Andy Ward, City of Capitola (Alt.)
Will Menchine, District 3
Piet Canin, Bike To Work
Theresia Rogerson, CTSC (Alt.)

Staff:

Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner

Excused Absences:

Carlos Garza, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)
Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola, Chair
Saskia Lucas, Bike To Work (Alt)
Bruce Sawhill, City of Watsonville
Jim Langley, CTSC

Unexcused Absences:

None

Vacancies:

District 3, 4 and 5 – Alternates
City of Scotts Valley – Alternate
City of Watsonville – Alternate

Guests:

Corinne Hyland, Community Traffic Safety Coalition
Majid Yamin, City of Scotts Valley

1. **Introductions** were made. Vice-Chair Akol welcomed everyone.
2. **Oral Comments/Announcement:** Cory Caletti announced that she received an email from Mike Dalbey after the packet was sent out announcing his resignation. Cory Caletti indicated that she forwarded a Bicycle Committee recruitment announcement to the Santa Cruz Sentinel and has been receiving quite a few inquiries in the attempt to fill all vacancies. This item will be brought to the Bicycle Committee after Commissioners make their appointments.
3. **Changes to the Agenda:** Minutes of the December 11, 2006 Bicycle Committee were pulled and postponed to the March meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA (Fieberling/Milburn)

4. **Accepted Highlights of the January 11, 2007 RTC Meetings**
5. **Pulled Minutes of the December 11, 2006 Bicycle Committee Meeting.** The item was postponed to the following meeting.
6. **Accepted Miscellaneous Correspondence and Information Items.** Bill Fieberling commented favorably on the letter written to the City of Santa Cruz regarding West Cliff Drive. Members also discussed the new Soquel Avenue bike lanes and improvements the contractor should make before the project is completed. Staff and the Chair recommended that this issue be discussed under the City of Santa Cruz Project Tracking item on the agenda.

7. **Accepted Bicycle Hazard Reports**
8. **Accepted Handouts from Previous Meeting**
9. **Accepted Bicycle Committee Roster**
10. **Accepted 2007 Meeting Schedule**
11. **Accepted Resignations from Ted Benhari and Gina Tufo and Upcoming Reappointments**
12. **Approved Bike Secure Application from New Brighton Middle School**

REGULAR AGENDA

13. Hacienda Ave Striping Plans – Oral Presentation from Majid Yamin, City of Scotts Valley Public Works

Majid Yamin stated that the Hacienda bike lane and sidewalk project from Glenwood Drive to Casa Way was almost ready for construction. He mentioned that RTC staff, in reviewing project striping plans, pointed out that cross walks needed to be added. He indicated that he brought the plans to the Committee for further review before moving forward. Majid Yamin indicated that funding for the project is being sought from the Safe Routes to School program. A motion was made (Milburn/Fieberling) to write a letter of support to Caltrans for the City of Scotts Valley Safe Routes to School application. Rick Hyman felt he could not support the motion as it stood because he didn't know what other jurisdictions had applied for funding and would prefer to rank competing projects for the Safe Routes to School program funds. An amendment was made and accepted by Milburn and Fieberling to write a letter of support for all Santa Cruz County projects submitted by local jurisdictions and non-profits such as the Santa Cruz Area Transportation Management Association. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Community Traffic Safety Coalition FY 07-08 Transportation Development Act Funding Request – Presentation from Corinne Hyland, CTSC

Corinne Hyland presented the annual TDA funding request and the FY 07-08 work plan. She summarized the Coalition's activities by highlighting four projects and timelines. She explained that many Coalition projects are being implemented in two phases during the current and the next fiscal year. Each project contains an evaluation component. The projects she highlighted include: 1) implementation of construction safety guidelines; 2) conducting traffic calming tests; 3) implementing a walk to school program at three schools with assistance from Bike to Work; and 4) developing and implementing a bicycle traffic school program with the local court system. Members discussed the possibility of implementing bicycle boulevards, Sharrows (Shared Lane Pavement Markings) and traffic circles and use such facilities as traffic calming measures. Corinne Hyland indicated that any facility improvements would involve local jurisdictions who would need to grant permission and be active partners. Members asked how schools were nominated to be part of the Walk to School program. Corinne Hyland responded by saying that she needed buy in from the school's Principal and parental support. One of the schools that the program will target is Main Street Elementary School in Watsonville. The progress and effectiveness of the Construction Safety Guidelines Program was also discussed with Ms. Hyland reporting that she wrote and distributed a press release in January regarding how motorists should drive in construction safety zones. She reported that the news release resulted in no news stories but after some Bicycle Committee discussion and brainstorming, Ms. Hyland agreed to bring the item to the Commission's March ITAC meeting. A motion was made (Akol/Canin) to recommend to the RTC approval of the TDA allocation request for \$100,000 for FY 07/08. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Bike to Work FY 07-08 Transportation Development Act Funding Request – Presentation from Piet Canin, Santa Cruz Area Transportation Management Association

Piet Canin introduced Bike to Work’s FY 07-08 TDA allocation request by providing a brief history of the Commission support of the program through TDA funding dating back to 2000 and noted the substantial increase in program participation since that time. He pointed out that Bike to Work is requesting a 3% cost of living increase from the Commission and that the request had been approved by the Budget & Administration/Personnel Committee. He also discussed the success of the annual Spring Bike Week and the Fall Bike to Work programs. Piet Canin summarized a new program Bike to Work is spearheading at four elementary and high schools throughout the county intended to track how many miles kids bike or walk to school and the positive implications on the environment, health, finances and the community. A motion was made (Milburn/Moll) to recommend to the RTC approval of the Bike to Work TDA allocation request for \$41,200. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Proposed Workshop for the Bicycle Committee by John Ciccarelli, Bicycle Planning and Design Expert and Owner of Bicycle Solutions

Cory Caletti summarized a bicycle facilities design workshop she attended that was taught by John Ciccarelli who is a recognized leader in bicycle planning education and technical standards. Cory Caletti suggested bringing John to Santa Cruz to conduct a workshop with the Bicycle Committee for a half-day or a full day. Seminar dates and times were proposed and discussed. Cory Caletti requested that a sub-committee be formed to work with her and John Ciccarelli to develop the agenda for the workshop. Rick Hyman, Gary Milburn, David Casterson and Will Menchine volunteered to serve on such a subcommittee.

17. Monterey County’s Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Master Plan – Oral Report from Piet Canin and Ben Vernazza

As the Bicycle Committee’s representatives to the MBSST Task Force, Piet Canin and Ben Vernazza updated members on Monterey County’s MBSST Master Plan, construction plans, trail alignments, jurisdictions and costs involved. Cory Caletti updated members about the Santa Cruz portion of the MBSST Network and mentioned that she and Tegan Speiser are co-managers of the project and are currently developing a Draft Request for Proposals for a consultant to undertake a similar Master Planning process for Santa Cruz county. She stated that the plan is to release the RFP in April or May, 2007 and have a consultant on board by August to begin work. Cory Caletti also said that the draft RFP was going to the Budget & Administration/Personnel Committee in April 2007 and to the RTC in May for the final review before being released. She indicated that the deadline for comments on Monterey County’s Draft Master Plan was February 15, 2007.

18. Legislative Update – Accept RTC’s Legislative Agenda and Consider Action on AB60 (aka The 3 Foot Buffer Zone Bill)

Item tabled until the next Bicycle Committee meeting.

19. Potential Bike/Pedestrian Path Adjacent to Highway 1 – Discussion

Item tabled until the next Bicycle Committee meeting.

20. Project Tracking/Subcommittee Tasks: Oral Reports

a. **City of Santa Cruz Project Tracking: (Fieberling/Garza)**

Michael Lewis indicated that he would appreciate receiving an update soon on the schedule for the Capitola Road & Soquel Avenue intersection improvement project. Gary Milburn expressed concern about the upcoming Santa Cruz City Council meeting where a discussion is scheduled about permanently closing the gate at the end of Kennan Street between Ocean Street and the San Lorenzo

riverway. This action is prompted by the property owner who is threatening to remove the Section 8 low income housing stipulation of the development should the City not agree to the gate closure. A motion was made (Milburn/Fieberlin) to write a letter to the Santa Cruz City Council recommending that they not allow closure of the gate. The motion passed unanimously.

b. City of Capitola Project Tracking: (Kostelec/Ward)

Andy Ward informed the committee that the experimental barriers on Wharf Road between the street and bike lanes have been removed.

e. County of Santa Cruz Project Tracking: Kem Akol announced that the alternate access gate to Wilder Ranch that the Committee has been lobbying for has opened.

l. Transportation Funding Task Force: David Casterson outlined the Summary of Draft Plan Alternatives developed by the Transportation Funding Task Force and the proposed plan costs. Members discussed the particular plans. Cory Caletti clarified that the \$55 million shown in the summary included the local jurisdiction bike plan totals and an estimation for the City of Watsonville (which does not have a bicycle plan) recommended by the Bicycle Committee. Piet Canin commented that the Safe School Routes should really be called Safe Routes to School and that the \$2 million proposed for Transportation Demand Management projects and the Transportation Management Associations is not sufficient. Kem Akol commented that it would not be fair to tax the general public for user related costs and that he'd rather see a gas tax, vehicle registration tax or bigger developer fees.

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 9:20pm

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:

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