

TO: Regional Transportation Commission
FROM: Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner
RE: Bicycle Committee Membership Appointments

RECOMMENDATION

The Bicycle Committee and staff recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission accept the following appointments to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's Bicycle Committee, as indicated below:

1. Kem Akol (voting) and Michael Lewis (alternate) to represent the County of Santa Cruz, District 1;
 2. Peter Scott (voting) and William Menchine (alternate) to represent the County of Santa Cruz, District 3;
 3. Rick Hyman (voting) to represent the County of Santa Cruz, District 5;
 4. Lex Rau (alternate) to represent the City of Scotts Valley; and
 5. Elaina Ramer (voting) and Saskia Lucas (alternate) to represent the Bike to Work Program.
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BACKGROUND

Five Bicycle Committee appointments and their corresponding alternate appointments expired in March 2007. Voting and alternate positions on the Bicycle Committee are filled by Commissioners' appointments while the Bike to Work Program appoints its own representatives, which must then be accepted by the Commission.

The Bicycle Committee's description, role and membership are shown on the *2004 Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Rules and Regulations* (see [Attachment 1](#)).

DISCUSSION

A number of current members and alternates on the Bicycle Committee indicated their interest in reappointment and their letters and applications were forwarded to the Commissioner whose District or City they represent. Kem Akol has served as the County of Santa Cruz, District 1 representative since 1993 and Michael Lewis has served as his alternate since 2005. Peter Scott is a new applicant while William Menchine has been serving on the Committee since 2002. Rick Hyman has been serving on the Bicycle Committee as the District 5 representative since 1989. Lex Rau applied to represent the City of Scotts Valley as the alternate member thereby filling a vacancy mid-term. The City of Watsonville has seen both representatives resign at the end of the current term and staff has received no applications from interested members, to represent that jurisdiction. Staff has been working to fill the vacancy, has been in

communication with Commissioner Rivas, and welcomes any suggestions or referrals to interested parties.

All applicants have been appointed by the respective Commissioners as either voting or alternate members as indicated in the attached Draft Bicycle Committee Roster ([Attachment 2](#)). Piet Canin, Bike to Work Program Director, appointed Elaina Ramer, a new applicant, as the agency's voting representative and Saskia Lucas to serve as alternate. All appointment letters are attached ([Attachment 3](#)).

The Bicycle Committee and staff recommend that the Commission accept the appointments made by respective Commissioners for seats representing their districts or jurisdictions. The Bicycle Committee and staff recommend that the Commission accept the Bike to Work appointment for voting member and alternate. All appointments are to complete full three year terms.

SUMMARY

Seats on the Bicycle Committee for the City of Scotts Valley, County of Santa Cruz Districts 1, 3 and 5, and the Bike to Work Program expired at the end of March, 2007. The Bicycle Committee and staff recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission accept the following appointments:

- 1) Kem Akol, Michael Lewis, Peter Scott, William Menchine, Rick Hyman to serve on new, three-year terms for either voting or alternate seats as indicated;
- 2) Lex Rau to represent the City of Scotts Valley as an alternate to complete the current term;
- 3) Elaina Ramer and Saskia Lucas to serve as the Bike to Work Program voting and alternate member, respectively.

[Attachment 1](#): *SCCRTC Rules and Regulations*: Exhibit 4 – Bicycle Committee

[Attachment 2](#): Appointment letters from Commissioners and Bike to Work Program Director

[Attachment 3](#): Draft Bicycle Committee Roster

[Attachment 4](#): Application from New Applicants:

Peter Scott, County of Santa Cruz District 3

Elaina Ramer, Bike to Work

Lex Rau, City of Scotts Valley