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BICYCLE COMMITTEE MINUTES – January 7, 2008

Members Present:

Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola, Chair
Leo Moll, District 2
David Casterson, District 2 (Alt.)
Jim Langley, CTSC
Kem Akol, District 1
Gary Milburn, City of Scotts Valley
Andy Ward, City of Capitola (Alt)
Peter Scott, District 3
Elaina Ramer, Bike to Work
Rebecca Fotu, City of Watsonville
Bill Fieberling, City of Santa Cruz

Staff:

Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner
Rachel Moriconi, Sr. Transportation Planner
Kim Shultz, Senior Transportation Planner

Excused Absences:

Carlos Garza, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)
Saskia Lucas, Bike To Work (Alt)
William Menchine, District 3 (Alt)
Lex Rau, City of Scotts Valley (Alt)
Ben Vernazza, District 4
Rick Hyman, District 5
Michael Lewis, District 1 (Alt)

Unexcused Absences:

Vacancies:

District 4 and 5 – Alternates

Guests:

Bill LeBon, Citizen
David Kuperman, Caltrans
John Golder, Citizen
Leo Jed, Citizen

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Kostelec welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Introductions:** Introductions were made.
3. **Oral Comments/Announcements:**
Cory Caletti informed the Bicycle Committee that the City of Santa Cruz will receive a Silver Level Bicycle Friendly Community award from the League of American Bicyclists on January 22, 2008 and invited members to attend.

Cory Caletti announced that due to the meeting's full agenda, the County Redevelopment Agency's (RDA) presentation was moved to the February meeting. However, the RDA will hold a meeting for East Cliff Drive/Twin Lakes Beach Front Project on Thursday, January 10, 2008 and she encouraged Bicycle Committee members to attend and provide input if interested.

John Golder, Felton area resident, introduced himself and addressed his concern regarding the Bay Street reservoir demolition project adding additional local traffic (primarily big trucks) possibly impacting safe bicycle travel.

4. **Additions and Deletions to the Agenda - None**

5. **Approved Consent Agenda** (Fieberling/Milburn)

- 5.1 Approved Bikes Secure Applications from People's Coffee and Santa Cruz Center for Traditional Medicine
- 5.2 Accepted Feedback from the League of American Bicyclists on the City of Santa Cruz's Bicycle Friendly Community Application
- 5.3 Accepted Letters from the Bicycle Committee to Caltrans in Support of the City of Santa Cruz's Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) Applications, to Coastal Commission Regarding Support for the East Cliff Drive Reconstruction Project, to the Regional Transportation Commission Regarding Open House Appreciation and to the City of Santa Cruz in Support for the San Lorenzo River Bike/Pedestrian Bridge
- 5.4 Accept Draft 2008 Meeting Schedule and Featured Jurisdictions/Topics – moved to the regular agenda
- 5.5 Accepted Bicycle Hazard Report
- 5.6 Accepted Roster

REGULAR AGENDA

- 5.4 **Accept Draft 2008 Meeting Schedule and Featured Jurisdictions/Topics** - Cory Caletti informed members that the meeting scheduled for October 2008 falls on Columbus Day, October 13th. A motion (Milburn/Langley) to hold the meeting on October 20th, 2008 was passed unanimously.

6. **Accept Correspondence Regarding Requests for Highway 9 Bike/Pedestrian Improvements (including Bicycle Hazard Reports and Pedestrian Access Reports) and Receive Presentation from William LeBon**

John Golder and William Lebon made a presentation using maps that identified the area of concern, a portion of Highway 9 close to Felton. They are advocating for improved safety along the Highway 9 corridor from Felton to Boulder Creek as the primary focus area. In their presentation obstacles faced by cyclists and pedestrians were shown and the area near the south entrance of Henry Cowell State Park was identified as the biggest problem. They asked for the Bicycle Committee's assistance to include Highway 9 from South Felton to North Boulder Creek in the Santa Cruz County Bike Plan. After a discussion about proposed improvements, a motion was made (Ramer/Fieberling) to recommend to the County of Santa Cruz that they incorporate a project into their Bicycle Plan for bike facility improvements from South Felton to North Boulder Creek primarily but also for the entire stretch of Highway 9. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Highway 1 HOV Lanes Project Update – Presentation from Kim Shultz, RTC Senior Transportation Planner**

Kim Shultz shared Highway 1/High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Project updates with the Bicycle Committee. He stated that as part of the supplemental funding and re-scoping of project activities staff and consultants are considering the possibility of conducting a feasibility study of a longitudinal bicycle/pedestrian path paralleling Highway 1 within or just outside the existing right-of-way. To show what can be accomplished, Cory Caletti

shared with the Bicycle Committee photographs of the Stevens Creek Trail which is parallel to Highway 101 and Highway 85 and is a great example of a highway facility that incorporated a bicycle and pedestrian network in its planning and implementation. She indicated that she viewed the photographs through a virtual tour on the Friends of the Stevens Creek Trail site (http://davisfields.com/sct_tour/) where members may view them also. A motion was made (Langley/Akol) to write a letter to the Commission in support of including a bike/pedestrian feasibility study into the Highway 1/HOV Lane Project scope of work. The motion passed with Gary Milburn voting in opposition.

8. Draft 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program – Presentation from Rachel Moriconi, RTC Senior Transportation Planner

Rachel Moriconi stated that one of the duties of the RTC is to select projects to receive a variety of State and Federal funding sources and list those projects in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program. She informed the Bicycle Committee that there is \$5.4 million in State Transportation Improvement Program funds available for programming to projects through fiscal 2012/2013. She said that at the November 2007 meeting the Commission issued a call for projects to local jurisdictions and other entities asking what their needs were and the Commission received 15 funding requests that are listed in the Bicycle Committee packet. A motion was made (Akol/Ramer) to recommend to the Commission approval of the list of projects described in the packet. The motion failed. After discussion of the various projects, another motion was made (Ramer/Langley) to support projects that include bicycle elements, like San Lorenzo Bike/Pedestrian Bridge and the Freedom Boulevard Rehabilitation Project, and recommend that local projects that do not include bicycle facilities incorporate such amenities. The motion passed with Leo Moll opposing.

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

- a) City of Santa Cruz Project Tracking: Fieberling – Members discussed the recent death of a bicyclist riding a fixed gear bike on East Cliff Drive that involved a right turning truck. Jim Langley reported that he sent a letter to the Santa Cruz Sentinel regarding truck and bicycle collisions. Members discussed and deliberated safe cycling practices, the need for greater motorist and truck driver education and improved bicycle facilities in the county. Elaina Ramer indicated that there would be a memorial ride soon and she would forward the information regarding the details.
- b) City of Capitola Project Tracking: Kostelec – Bill Fieberling reported that due to the installation of a PG&E gas line , it is difficult to ride in the bike lane by the Rispin Mansion on Wharf Road. Chair Kostelec reported that after the project is completed new asphalt will be laid on the bike lane.
- c) City of Scotts Valley Project Tracking: Milburn – Nothing to report at this time.
- d) City of Watsonville Project Tracking: – Nothing to report at this time.
- e) County of Santa Cruz Project Tracking: Akol – Nothing to report at this time.
- f) Bike to Work Update: Ramer – Nothing to report at this time.
- g) CTSC Update: Langley – Jim informed the Bicycle Committee that there have been 211 pedestrian presentations and 138 bicycle presentations to high school students. He said that in 2007, 1590 children were reached through a total of 73 presentations.

He also mentioned that the bicycle traffic school is up and running and the first class will be held on January 28, 2008.

- h) UCSC: Scott – Peter Scott reported that Cory Caletti, Cheryl Schmitt and Larry Pageler will meet with him to discuss the secure bicycle parking in the City of Santa Cruz and on the UCSC campus.. In response to a question, Cory Caletti explained that the UCSC bike plan must be included in the City of Santa Cruz's bike plan. She anticipates draft Bicycle Plans coming to the Bicycle Committee for review by September, 2008. The Bicycle Plans will be sent to Caltrans by December 1, 2008 to meet the next Bicycle Transportation Account funding cycle.
- i) Rail Acquisition: Moll – Nothing to report at this time but Cory Caletti informed members that there will be a report presented by Deputy Director Luis Mendez at the February Bicycle Committee meeting.
- j) Legislative Tracking: Kostelec – Discussed earlier in the meeting.
- k) Sanctuary Scenic Trail: Vernazza – Nothing to report at this time.
- l) Transportation Funding Task Force: Casterson – The TFTF Committee completed its work. Cory Caletti informed members that at their January 10, 2008 meeting, the RTC will consider the recommendations of the Task Force, along with two other proposals. Commission approval of one of the proposals is being sought in order to put a sales tax measure on the November 2008 ballot.
- m) Committee Effectiveness: Casterson – Nothing to report at this time.
- n) Technical Subcommittee: Menchine – Nothing to report at this time.
- o) Media Monitor: Akol – Nothing to report at this time.

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:

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