

AGENDA: April 3, 2008

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

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission make the following reappointments to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's Bicycle Committee:

1. Gary Milburn (voting) and Lex Rau (alternate) to represent the City of Scotts Valley; and
 2. Daniel Kostelec (voting) and Andrew Ward (alternate) to represent the City of Capitola.
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BACKGROUND

Seats on the Regional Transportation Commission's Bicycle Committee correspond to City and Supervisorial District seats on the Regional Transportation Commission. Commissioners may nominate individuals for Commission consideration. Two additional seats for Bike to Work and the Community Traffic Safety Coalition also exist and appointments are made by the respective agency. Seats for three-year terms on the Bicycle Committee expire on a rotating basis so not all positions expire at one time. This March, City of Scotts Valley and City of Capitola positions expired.

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](#)). A draft roster is also included as [Attachment 3](#).

DISCUSSION

The City of Scotts Valley and the City of Capitola's seats on the Bicycle Committee expired in March, 2008. Current members and alternates on the Bicycle Committee for both seats indicated interest in reappointment and their letters and applications were forwarded to Commissioners Johnson and Nicol.

Bicycle Committee Appointments for the Cities of Scotts Valley and Capitola

For the City of Scotts Valley, voting member Gary Milburn and alternate member Lex Rau indicated interest in reappointment. Gary Milburn has served on the Bicycle Committee since 1997 and since last year, has also served as Vice Chair. Lex Rau was appointed to the Bicycle Committee last year and has served in the alternate position since that time.

For the City of Capitola, voting member Daniel Kostelec and alternate member Andrew Ward indicated interest in reappointment. Daniel Kostelec has served on the Bicycle Committee since 2002, served as Vice Chair in 2004 and as Chair since 2005. Andrew Ward was appointed to the Bicycle Committee in 2005 and has served as alternate since that time.

All applicants have been nominated for reappointed by the respective Commissioners as either voting or alternate members as indicated in the attached nomination letters ([Attachment 2](#)). A draft Bicycle Committee Roster is also attached ([Attachment 3](#)).

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission reappoint the existing voting and alternate Bicycle Committee representatives for the cities of Scotts Valley and Capitola as nominated by Commissioners Johnson and Nicol.

The City of Watsonville Bicycle Committee Vacancies

Bicycle Committee representation from the City of Watsonville has been difficult to maintain. A voting member appointed in January, 2008 recently resigned and staff is working to fill vacancies for voting and alternate positions through ads in the Santa Cruz Sentinel, Register-Pajaronian and La Ganga publications. Staff is publicizing the vacancy in English and Spanish. Staff welcomes any suggestions or referrals to interested parties.

SUMMARY

Seats on the Bicycle Committee for the City of Scotts Valley and the City of Capitola expired at the end of March, 2008. Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission make the following reappointments as nominated by Commissioners Johnson and Nicol:

- 1) Gary Milburn (voting) and Lex Rau (alternate) to represent the City of Scotts Valley; and
- 2) Daniel Kostelec (voting) and Andrew Ward (alternate) to represent the City of Capitola.

Attachment 1: *SCCRTC Rules and Regulations*: Exhibit 4 – Bicycle Committee

Attachment 2: Appointment letters from Commissioners Johnson and Nicol

Attachment 3: Draft Bicycle Committee Roster