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BICYCLE COMMITTEE MINUTES – May 12, 2007

Members Present:

Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola, Chair
Leo Moll, District 2
David Casterson, District 2 (Alt.)
Peter Scott, District 3
Rick Hyman, District 5
Bill Fieberling, City of Santa Cruz
Elaina Ramer, Bike To Work
Jim Langley, CTSC
William Menchine, District 3 (Alt.)
Lex Rau, City of Scotts Valley (alt)

Staff:

Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner
Karena Pushnik, Senior Transportation Planner

Excused Absences:

Carlos Garza, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)
Saskia Lucas, Bike To Work (Alt)
Gary Milburn, City of Scotts Valley, Vice-Chair

Unexcused Absences:

None

Vacancies:

District 4 and 5 – Alternates
City of Watsonville – Member & Alternate

Guests:

Steve Jesberg, City of Capitola
Virginia Low, Mission Pedestrian
Gary Harrold, Applicant
Rebecca Fotu, Applicant

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Kostelec welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Introductions:** Introductions were made.
3. **Oral Comments/Announcements:**

A member shared pictures of bicycle facilities in France.

Cheryl Schmitt discussed the incident of the protest bike ride on Friday, May 9th.

A member mentioned the Complete Streets bill that was introduced in Congress recently and a comparable bill was also introduced in the House of Representative.

Micah Posner reminded members of the free breakfast for Thursday, May 15th for Bike-to-Work Day and that Saturday, May 17th is Rail and Trail Day.

Cory Caletti passed an updated Bicycle Committee roster among members requesting that they confirm that their contact information is current.

4. **Additions and Deletions to the Agenda**

Item 7 will be taken before item 6 this evening.

5. **Approved Consent Agenda** (Milburn/Langley)
 - 5.1 Approved April 14, 2008 Bicycle Committee Meeting Minutes (pages 3-6)
 - 5.2 Accepted Highlights from the May 1st, 2008 RTC Meeting (pages 7-8)
 - 5.3 Accepted Correspondence from the Bicycle Committee to the City of Santa Cruz regarding Mission Street bicycle safety improvements (page 9)
 - 5.4 Accepted Bicycle Hazard Report (page 10)
 - 5.5 Accepted 2008 Meeting Schedule and Featured Jurisdictions/Topics (page 11)
 - 5.6 Accepted Roster
 - 5.7 Approved Bikes Secure Application from Saint Francis Soup Kitchen (pages 13-17)
 - 5.8 Accepted second Federal Safe Routes to School grant cycle announcement (page 18)

6. **Featured Jurisdiction: California Highway Patrol – Oral Presentation from Grant Boles, Public Information Officer (pages 19-21)**

Officer Boles discussed how the complaint process works for cyclists and motorists and the importance of providing the CHP with accurate and thorough information to help relieve problems based on data collected and received by the CHP. He mentioned that new CHP officers from the academy get their training from the office he works from and said that he promotes bicycle safety and sharing the road programs. Officer Boles said that the CHP give presentations to commercial vehicle companies such as FedEx, UPS, and the County of Santa Cruz discussing traffic safety, sharing the road and the number of cyclists in the county. He mentioned that the CHP offers an education program, free of charge, to all commercial vehicle companies and mentioned that the CHP is willing to tailor their program to include information about cyclists and how commercial vehicles can share the road with cyclists.

A member of the public voiced his thanks for Officer Boles attending this meeting, sharing information and a general thank for the job that the CHP does to protect and serve the public.

A member asked about the Right Turn Program that had been discussed in the past by Captain Manriquez and Officer Boles commented saying that this was more of public service awareness and not a specific program for right hand turns along the Mission Street corridor.

7. **City of Santa Cruz Mission Street/King Street Bicycle Safety Update – Oral Report from Cheryl Schmitt, City Bike/Pedestrian Coordinator**

Cheryl Schmitt informed members that the City of Santa Cruz hired John Ciccarelli as a consultant to design improvements for King Street as a bike boulevard. She discussed ways that a bike boulevard could be designed for use. She has supplied John with data that will help develop the bike boulevard. Cheryl mentioned that John will be at the City of Santa Cruz Transportation Commission meeting on Wednesday, May 14th, 7:00 pm to present his impression of King Street to solicit ideas from the Commission. Cheryl said that the City of Santa Cruz is proposing a community meeting with bike installation ideas tentatively scheduled on Thursday, June 5, 2008 at 7:00 pm at The First Presbyterian Church on the corner of Mission and Highland Streets.

Cheryl presented bicycle signage options for Mission Street that will inform motorists and cyclists of behaviors to be expected of one another to create a safer corridor. Cheryl said of the many options proposed during the past couple of weeks, three are being considered and those options were presented to members as a handout. The handout gives an indication of what the support is by Caltrans, the Santa Cruz Police Department, the Santa Cruz Public Works Department, and People Power and that all entities are trying to reach a consensus of what sign will be acceptable and suit the need. She said that she had been in a meeting on Friday afternoon, May 9th that was attended by City of Santa Cruz Public Works and Police Department, Caltrans, Theresia Rogerson, Micah Posner, Piet Canin so that consensus could be reached on the signage. Consideration of and recommendation for signage will go to the Santa Cruz City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 13th at 7:00 pm.

Micah Posner as a presenter for this item also asked that the Bicycle Committee stated his thanks for City Public Works and John Laird for keeping this issue in the public eye. He asked that Bicycle Committee members attend the meeting and support the figure 1 sign.

Members asked questions about sharrows, what the perception of taking the lane by a cyclist means with regard to passing and/or traveling the corridor, the color and frequency of signs along Mission Street and the color of the signs.

A motion (Akol/Ramer) was made to write a letter to the Santa Cruz City Council from the Bicycle Committee supporting the use of figures the #1 and #3 signs on Mission Street; and recommend an additional sign be added stating that "cars must changes lanes to pass cyclists"; and that more signs than proposed be installed along the corridor passes unanimously with one member abstaining.

An amendment to the motion (?/Akol) was made to remove the support for figure #1. The amendment fails.

A motion (Akol) was made to write an additional letter to the Santa Cruz City Council in support of some small capitol improvements at the corner of Sylvan Music Center but fails for lack of a second.

8. **Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Draft Request for Proposal for a Master Plan and Environmental Impact Report – Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner (pages 22-38)**

Cory Caletti informed members that this Draft Request for Proposals for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network is an umbrella project for the rail trail, the coastal trail, and the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail under the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network. She stated that the Commission will be releasing an RFP soon and that the RFP and scope of work has all the features that people are looking for. Cory said that Monterey County has already completed their master plan for this project and the Commission will be completing their master plan which will be a one to two year process. Cory mentioned the project timeline for releasing the RFP and hiring a consultant that could be found on page 30 of the packet. Cory said that members could call her on Wednesday, May 13th if they needed more detailed information pertaining to this item

and that the Commission is looking for comments by the Bicycle Committee by the end of business on the 13th as well.

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

9.a City of Santa Cruz Project Tracking: Fieberling/Hyman
Bill informed members that he has been able to input measurements into a program he has available to determine if city streets can accommodate bike lane striping. He said that he would return to the Bicycle Committee with information showing which streets within the city could be striped.

Rick Hyman informed members of a proposal that is on the City Council agenda for May 13th to make one block of Locust Street between Cedar and Center Streets one way to change the parking from parallel to diagonal and that diagonal parking will be put on one side of Union Street to add additional parking in both areas.

9.b City of Capitola Project Tracking: Kostelec/Ward
No report was provided.

9.c City of Scotts Valley Project Tracking: Milburn
No report was provided.

9.d City of Watsonville Project Tracking:
A representative will be appointed by Commissioner Rivas.

9.e County of Santa Cruz Project Tracking: Casterson
Cory spoke to Paul Rodriguez about the letter the Bicycle Committee sent regarding 9th Avenue requesting a sign saying "accept bikes". He said that there is no movement on it right now but the committee that met with County Redevelopment could make it happen with some prodding to Jack Sohriakoff.

Chair Kostelec spoke about the parking in the bike lane on Portola Avenue between 41st and 47th Avenues. Chair Kostelec said the Jack Sohriakoff told him that section will be repaved in fall, strip the bike lane and a shoulder lane and add pavement where it is now missing.

Cory Caletti wanted to recognize David Casterson for a story he wrote for People Power about his efforts to get sharrows on the Aptos Bridge and commend him for all the hard work he did to make that happen.

9.f Bike To Work Update: Ramer
Elaina spoke about the events happening during this week of Bike Week.

9.g CTSC Update: Langley
Jim stated that Kitty ? has reached her goal on the Ride and Stride program for this year and that Mary ? was helping Soquel Elementary School with their walk to school event on May 23rd.

Theresia Rogerson that for the OTS program the bicycle observation survey coming up in May and June as it does each year and that she has a sign up sheet for those who might be interested in volunteering.

- 9.h UCSC: Scott
Peter Scott shared information with the Bicycle Committee that UCSC is on track with their bike plan that will coordinate with the City of Santa Cruz bike plan and another meeting was suggested that could include Cory Caletti, Cheryl Schmitt and others that could help with the fine tuning that might help with the meshing of the UCSC bike plan with the City's bike plan and that they could possibly meet in late July or early August. Peter also said that a celebratory reception or party could be planned perhaps at the City Hall to acknowledge the work that everyone has done to make this happen after such a long period of time.
Cory asked Peter if the timing is good that at the next Bicycle Committee meeting that UCSC be invited to present and Peter agreed that would work well.
- 9.i Rail Acquisition: Moll
Cory said that the October date is still correct for the acquisition to take place.
- 9.j Legislative Tracking: Ward
Andy said that there were a couple pieces of legislation that the Bicycle Committee would be interested in and that if the committee is interested he would prepare more formal detail to present at a future meeting. Cory said that adding this as an agenda item for the next Bicycle Committee meeting would depend on what action is taken at the TPW meeting to be held on Thursday, May 15th.
- 9.k Sanctuary Scenic Trail: Vernazza/Fieberling
This item was discussed earlier in this evenings meeting.
- 9.l Committee Effectiveness: Milburn/Kostelec/Casterson/Menchine/Akol
No report was provided.
- 9.m Technical Subcommittee: Menchine/Ramer
No report was provided.
- 9.n Media Monitor: Akol
No report was provided.
- 9.o RTC Packet Monitoring Subcommittee: Hyman
This item was discussed during Legislative tracking.

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at ? p.m.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:

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