

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 appointments to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's Bicycle Committee:

1. Casey O'Brien (voting) and Bob Montague (alternate) to represent the City of Watsonville; and
 2. Penni Bengtson (alternate) to represent Supervisorial District 5.
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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.

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 2](#).

The Bicycle Committee currently has five vacancies representing the City of Watsonville (voting and alternate), the City of Scotts Valley (alternate), Supervisorial District 4 (alternate), Supervisorial District 5 (alternate).

DISCUSSION

Staff has been working to recruit applicants to fill vacancies on the Bicycle Committee through personal outreach as well as English and Spanish language ads in the Santa Cruz Sentinel, Register-Pajaronian and La Ganga publications. Interested applicants attended a Bicycle Committee meeting and then provided applications to fill vacancies for voting and alternate seats representing the City

of Watsonville and for the alternate seat representing District 5. Their letters and applications were forwarded to Commissioners Rivas and Stone, respectively, for nomination.

All applicants have been nominated for appointed by the respective Commissioners as either voting or alternate members as indicated in the attached nomination letters (Attachment 3). All applications are also included with personal information redacted (Attachment 4).

On July 25th, staff was informed by Mr. O'Brien that he was recently selected to be the new Principal for Aptos High School and is leaving his post as Principal of Lakeview Middle School. Mr. O'Brien lives in Corralitos and requested that he continue being considered for the Bicycle Committee as a representative of the City of Watsonville because he has a vested interest in the community.

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission appoint voting and alternate representatives to the Bicycle Committee for the City of Watsonville and District 5 as nominated by Commissioners Rivas and Stone, respectively.

SUMMARY

Vacant seats on the Bicycle Committee exist for the City of Watsonville and Supervisorial District 5. Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission appoint the following applicants as nominated by Commissioners Rivas and Stone, respectively:

- 1) Casey O'Brien (voting) and Bob Montague (alternate) to represent the City of Watsonville; and
- 2) Penni Bengtson (alternate) to represent Supervisorial District 5.

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

Attachment 2: Draft Bicycle Committee Roster

Attachment 3: Appointment letters from Commissioners Rivas and Stone

Attachment 4: Applications from Bob Montague, Casey O'Brien and Penni Bengtson