



**Santa Cruz County Regional
Transportation Commission's**

BICYCLE COMMITTEE

Minutes - Draft

Monday, November 18, 2013

6:00 p.m.

**RTC Office
1523 Pacific Ave
Santa Cruz, CA 95060**

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions

Members Present:

Kem Akol, District 1
David Casterson, District 2, Chair
Peter Scott, District 3
Will Menchine, District 3 (Alt.)
Amelia Conlen, District 4
Rick Hyman, District 5
Bill Fieberling, City of Santa Cruz
Andy Ward, City of Capitola, Vice-Chair
Gary Milburn, City of Scotts Valley (Alt.)
Myrna Sherman, City of Watsonville
Rob Straka, Ecology Action/Bike to Work
Piet Canin, Ecology Action/Bike-to-Work (Alt.)
Leo Jed, CTSC
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)

Staff:

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

Unexcused Absences:

Excused Absences:

Holly Tyler, District 1 (Alt.)
Carlos Garza, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)
Lex Rau, City of Scotts Valley
Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola (Alt.)

Guests:

Steve All, Citizen, State of CA
Jim Cook, District 2 resident
Bryan Largay, District 5 resident
Claire Fliesler, SCMTD
Elliott Crowder, La Selva Beach resident

Vacancies:

District 2, 4 and 5 – Alternates
City of Watsonville – Alternate

3. Announcements – Cory Caletti, RTC staff, announced that guest Jim Cook has been nominated by Commissioner Friend to serve as the District 2 alternate representative on the Bicycle Committee.
4. Oral communications – Steve All provided a CD of CycleNet version 1.4. Piet Canin provided a short recap of the November California Bicycle Coalition's Bicycle Summit and the Coalition's goals.
5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – None

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Jed/Fieberling) to approve the consent agenda as amended passed unanimously.

6. Accepted final minutes of the September 23, 2013 Bicycle Committee meeting
7. Approved draft minutes of the October 21, 2013 Bicycle Committee
8. Accepted summary of Bicycle Hazard Reports
9. Accepted resignation correspondence from Bicycle Committee District 2 alternate Eric Horton
10. Accepted follow-up email to Caltrans regarding bicycle improvement needs on Caltrans right-of-way that were addressed at the September 23, 2013 meeting and further discussed at the October 21, 2013 meeting
11. Accepted follow-up information from Committee member Rick Hyman on Caltrans' Complete Streets policies discussed at a previous meeting

REGULAR AGENDA

12. Draft *2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program*, including funding recommendations for State Transportation Improvement Program, Regional Surface Transportation Program and Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST) Network - Rachel Moriconi, RTC Senior Transportation Planner, summarized the preliminary staff recommendations for the *2014 RTIP*. Members discussed the MBSST projects for which applications were submitted and moved (Akol/Fieberling) to support the preliminary staff recommendation, including \$200,000 for the County of Santa Cruz Twin Lakes Beachfront project, with the following changes: 1) provide \$4,060,000 in funding for the City of Santa Cruz's project; 2) not fund the City of Watsonville's "Rail Trail Construction – Walker Street" project; 3) remove the requirement for the City of Watsonville to secure funds for connections over Lee Road prior to release of construction funds for the "Rail Trail: Lee Road, 400 feet" project and provide \$1,040,000 for that project. The motion passed unanimously. While not recommending funding for the segment from 7th Avenue to El Dorado, some Committee members expressed support and hope that the County will pursue that project in the future in coordination with State Parks.

After discussion about State Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Surface Transportation Program funding applications, members elected to offer recommendations on projects of unanimous support rather than recommendations on specific projects to not fund. A motion (Hyman/Scott) was made to recommend providing \$400,000 to the City of Santa Cruz for the Branciforte Bike/Pedestrian Bridge, by not funding other longer term projects; \$150,000 to the Broadway-Brommer/Arana Gulch Path; and \$30,000 to Ecology Action for the South County Youth Bike Safety Training program. The motion passed unanimously with direction to the Chair to attend the December 5th meeting and speak to the importance of closing critical gaps in the bike/pedestrian network which funding the recommended projects will enable.

13. Santa Cruz METRO's Pacific Station redesign plans, partnership with the City of Santa Cruz, and timeline were summarized by Claire Fleisler, METRO Junior Transportation Planner. Committee members made suggestions including, but not limited, to the following: show connectivity to transit routes and centers outside Santa Cruz through maps; encourage bicycle use by providing racks and lockers in clusters and throughout; encourage installation of bicycle friendly amenities like bicycle showers and/or bicycle station; include way finding signage; provide wi-fi; consider reservations for bike spots on buses and providing bike stations next to buses in the event racks are full and a bike needs to be left behind; and provide overflow designs for bikes inside buses.

14. Member update related to Committee functions – Kem Akol indicated that he met with fellow Harbor bike connection improvement ad-hoc committee members to tour the area, identify drainage problems, key gaps, and brainstorm recommendations. Cory Caletti indicated that the City of Santa Cruz will be attending a future meeting to provide information on the Harbor bridge retrofit project and address bicycle connectivity needs.
15. Adjourned: 8:20 PM

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 9, from the special time of 6:00pm to 8:30pm at the RTC office, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:

Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner

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