



Santa Cruz County Regional  
Transportation Commission's

**BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**Minutes - Draft**

**Monday, August 11, 2014**

**6:00 p.m. to 8:30 pm**

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

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions

**Members Present:**

Piet Canin, Ecology Action/Bike-to-Work (Alt.)  
David Casterson, District 2, Chair  
Amelia Conlen, District 4  
Bill Fieberling, City of Santa Cruz  
Leo Jed, CTSC  
Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola (Alt.)  
Will Menchine, District 3 (Alt.)  
Lex Rau, City of Scotts Valley  
Andy Ward, City of Capitola, Vice-Chair  
Peter Scott, District 3

**Staff:**

Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner

**Guests:**

Paia Levine, County of Santa Cruz

**Unexcused Absences:**

**Excused Absences:**

Kem Akol, District 1  
Jim Cook, District 2 (Alt.)  
Carlos Garza, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)  
Emily Glanville, Ecology Action/Bike to Work  
Rick Hyman, District 5  
Gary Milburn, City of Scotts Valley (Alt.)  
Holly Tyler, District 1 (Alt.)  
Myrna Sherman, City of Watsonville  
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)

**Vacancies:**

District 4 and 5 – Alternates  
City of Watsonville – Alternate

3. Announcements – Cory Caletti, RTC Senior Transportation Planner announced the Active Transportation Program projects recommended for approval for Santa Cruz County; that on Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, the Three Feet for Safety Act will take effect; and that RTC intends to conduct mode split counts at 10 locations in October.
4. Oral communications – Will Menchine and Bill Fieberling requested a discussion of a trail without rail project. Chair Casterson indicated that this should be discussed under Item #21. Amelia Conlen provided "3 Feet for Safety" stickers. Leo Jed provided an update on Caltrans' rumble strip project. Will Menchine discussed a recent public workshop for the Highway 1/9 intersection improvements.

5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – None

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion (Fieberling/Canin) to approve the consent agenda passed unanimously with members Casterson, Scott, Conlen, Rau, Fieberling, Ward, Jed and Canin voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.

6. Accepted draft minutes of the April 7, 2014 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
7. Accepted Bicycle Advisory Committee roster
8. Accepted letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee regarding comments on the *Draft Regional Transportation Plan*
9. Accepted letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee in support of the City of Scotts Valley's Active Transportation Program grant application
10. Accepted letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee in support of the Santa Cruz County Health Service Agency's Active Transportation Program grant application
11. Accepted letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee in support of the City of Watsonville's rail trail Active Transportation Program grant application
12. Accepted letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee in support of the City of Watsonville's Pajaro Valley High School trail connector Active Transportation Program grant application
13. Accepted Memorandum from Caltrans to Highway Design Manual Holders announcing design flexibility in multi-modal projects
14. Accepted News Release announcing Caltrans' backing of innovative street design guides to promote bicycling and walking
15. Accepted News Release regarding California's ranking as a Bicycle Friendly State
16. Accepted announcement from the American Planning Association's Northern Chapter regarding the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Master Plan's selection for an Award of Excellence

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

17. *Sustainable Santa Cruz County Plan Public Draft* – Paia Levine of the Santa Cruz County Planning Department presented the draft plan and led a discussion. A motion was made (Jed/Scott) to send a letter asking the County to add the following to the plan: 1) greater emphasis on the "rail trail" as a mechanism by which to provide a safe, car-free, and accessible bike/ped transportation option, including a more prominent discussion of the benefits of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line; 2) quantification of the attributes listed in Table 5:3 in order to provide a basis for future evaluation and assessment; and 3) discussion of "the 6 Es" of supporting expanded bicycle use and safety: engineering, education, enforcement, encouragement, evaluation, and equality. The motion includes appreciation for the plan's prioritization of bicycling on Brommer St, inclusion of better bike facilities like on Brommer St and Soquel Drive, and recommended use of innovative facilities like buffered bike lanes and

cycle tracks. The motion passed unanimously with Casterson, Scott, Conlen, Rau, Fieberling, Ward, Jed and Canin voting in favor.

18. Bicycle Advisory Committee Effectiveness – A discussion was led by Bicycle Advisory Committee members Leo Jed and Amelia Conlen. After the discussion, a proposal was accepted by the Committee to agendize twice a year a “Projects Check-in and Committee Outreach” item in order to establish a list of projects of interest, assign follow-up tasks, and check-in regarding progress. It was decided that December and April/May of each year would be appropriate times.
19. Update on Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network – Cory Caletti, RTC Senior Transportation Planner, updated members on the many recent trail related activities. A motion was made (Jed/Canin) to send a letter of support to the RTC in appreciation for the forward progress on the rail trail projects and for successfully pursuing public-private partnerships and collaborations. The motion passed unanimously with Casterson, Scott, Conlen, Rau, Fieberling, Ward, Jed and Canin. Peter Scott and Bill Fieberling departed the meeting.
20. Use of Rosenberg's Rules of Order – Cory Caletti, RTC Senior Transportation Planner, announced that the RTC adopted new rules of order for conduct of meetings. Members were encouraged to read them.
21. Member updates related to Committee functions – Discussion continued about the rail trail and about the lack of assessment of what it would take to rail bank the line as previously requested. A motion was made (Menchine/Jed) to request that information be provided by the RTC Executive or Deputy Director regarding the logistical process for rail banking including legal and financial ramifications of discontinuing pursuit of any rail operation and repayment of the funds acquired from Proposition 116 through the California Transportation Commission for rail line purchase. The motion passed with Casterson, Menchine, Jed and Rau voting in favor. Conlen, Ward and Canin voted in opposition.
22. Adjourned: 8:50 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 20, 2014**, (note special date due to Columbus Day Holiday) from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm 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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