



Santa Cruz County Regional  
Transportation Commission's

**BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**Minutes - Draft**

**Monday, October 20, 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:**

Kem Akol, District 1  
David Casterson, District 2, Chair  
Jim Cook, District 2 (Alt.)  
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  
Leo Jed, CTSC, Vice-Chair  
Emily Glanville, Ecology Action/Bike to Work

**Staff:**

Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner  
Luis Mendez, RTC Deputy Director

**Guests:**

Maria Esther Rodriguez, City of Watsonville PW  
Jack Sohriakoff, County of Santa Cruz PW  
Theresia Rogerson, Community Traffic Safety  
Coalition  
Scott Robins, Resident

**Unexcused Absences:**

Piet Canin, Ecology Action/Bike-to-Work (Alt.)

**Excused Absences:**

Carlos Garza, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)  
Gary Milburn, City of Scotts Valley (Alt.)  
Holly Tyler, District 1 (Alt.)  
Myrna Sherman, City of Watsonville  
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)  
Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola (Alt.)  
Lex Rau, City of Scotts Valley

**Vacancies:**

District 4 and 5 – Alternates  
City of Watsonville – Alternate

3. Announcements – Cory Caletti reported that the County of Santa Cruz and the City of Watsonville adopted the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST) Network Master Plan and that Congressman Sam Farr is scheduled to attend the November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 RTC meeting to accept an award of excellence for the MBSST Master Plan and his championship of the project. Luis Mendez

provided an update of the status of demolition of the La Selva Beach trestle and time frame for assembly of the new bridge.

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

6. Accepted draft minutes of the August 11, 2014 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
7. Accepted summary of Bicycle Hazard reports
8. Accepted Bicycle Committee roster
9. Accepted letter from the RTC Bicycle Advisory Committee to County of Santa Cruz Planning Department regarding the Draft Sustainable Santa Cruz Plan
10. Accepted letter from RTC's Executive Director to County of Santa Cruz Planning Department regarding the Draft Sustainable Santa Cruz Plan
11. Accepted letter from RTC staff and the Bicycle Advisory Committee to the California Coastal Conservancy in support of the Twin Lakes Beachfront Improvement Project grant request
12. Accepted letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee to the RTC in appreciation of the rail trail project and collaborative fundraising efforts with the Land Trust of Santa Cruz and Friends of the Rail and Trail
13. Accepted news update from the California Bicycle Coalition regarding reform of the California Traffic Control Devices Committee and a new traffic sign notifying motorists of the new Three-Foot-for-Safety law
14. Accepted update on the Passenger Rail Study

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

15. Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claims from the County of Santa Cruz for the Aptos Village Plan Improvement Project, bike lane maintenance, and for a portion of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network – Jack Sohriakoff, County of Santa Cruz Public Works, presented a summary of the TDA allocation requests and responded to questions regarding improved connections to the Twin Lakes Beach Front via the Harbor. Shortcomings were identified and an Ad-Hoc Committee was formed to investigate improved connectivity in the area. Ad-Hoc Committee volunteers include Bill Fieberling, Will Menchine, Peter Scott and Kem Akol. Additionally, another ad-hoc committee was formed to investigate signage and pavement markings in the unincorporated county consisting of Leo Jed, Kem Akol and Amelia Conlen. A motion was made (Fieberling/Ward) to move the staff recommendation and recommend that the RTC approve the County's TDA claim with Akol, Casterson, Scott, Conlen, Hyman, Jed and Glanville voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition. A request was also made to have the County of Santa Cruz provide yearly metrics of the type, location and mileage of the various

bike maintenance and minor improvements funded through the TDA allocation. Jack Sohriakoff indicated that he would investigate the County's ability to provide such information.

16. Update on County of Santa Cruz bicycle and pedestrian projects – Jack Sohriakoff, County of Santa Cruz Public Works provided an overview of the multiple roadway projects in the works that either involve a bicycle component or impact bike facilities. Discussion focused on ways to improving connection from the City of Santa Cruz to the San Lorenzo Valley community. An ad-hoc committee consisting of Will Menchine, Peter Scott, Kem Akol and Theresia Rogerson was formed to review the San Lorenzo Valley Trail Feasibly Study and identify possible short and long term bicycle and pedestrian projects.
17. Update on Harkins Slough Rd/Highway 1 Improvement Project including plans for a pedestrian/bicycle bridge – Maria Esther Rodriguez, City of Watsonville Assistant Public Works Director, provided a summary of the evolution and status of the Highway 1/Harkins Slough Road Interchange project and the recent change to include a bicycle/pedestrian bridge crossing.
18. Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Acquisition and Funding – Luis Mendez, RTC Deputy Director, provided a summary of utility and community obligations associated with purchase of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line as well as the many benefits of system preservation. He also provided an overview of current rail services in the region and future connections that are being planned. Mr. Mendez answered questions and received feedback from Committee members who felt that the RTC should be more pro-active regarding dissemination of the variety of benefits of future passenger and freight rail service.
19. 2012 Bicyclist Injuries and Fatalities for Santa Cruz County Report and 2014 Bicycle Safety Observation Study – Theresia Rogerson, HSA Community Traffic Safety Coalition Program, summarized the reports provided in the packet and received feedback regarding potential improvements in reporting format.
20. Review and provide input into Draft “Guidelines to Protect the Safety of Bicyclists, Pedestrians and Disabled Travelers During Road Construction” – postponed to December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
21. Pacific Metro Station public outreach meetings and schedule – Bicycle Advisory Committee members Amelia Conlen and David Casterson reported on the recent public workshop they attended for the plan for a new Pacific Metro Station and their presentation of the Bicycle Advisory Committee's interest in a bike station and other bike related amenities.
22. Member updated related to Committee functions – None
23. Adjourned: 8:30 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014**, 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