



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

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes - Draft

Monday, April 13, 2015

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

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

1. Call to Order: 6 pm
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
Melissa Ott, City of Santa Cruz
Lex Rau, City of Scotts Valley
Leo Jed, CTSC, Vice-Chair
Emily Glanville, Ecology Action/Bike to Work

Staff:

Cory Caletti, Sr Transportation Planner
Grace Blakeslee, Sr Transportation Planner
Planner
Karena Pushnik, Sr Transportation Planner

Unexcused Absences:

Excused Absences:

Gary Milburn, City of Scotts Valley (Alt.)
Holly Tyler, District 1 (Alt.)
Myrna Sherman, City of Watsonville
Piet Canin, Ecology Action/Bike-to-Work (Alt.)
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)
Andy Ward, City of Capitola
Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola (Alt.)
Bill Fieberling, City of Santa Cruz

Vacancies:

District 4 and 5 – Alternates
City of Watsonville – Alternate

Guests:

Jo Fleming, City of Scotts Valley consultant
Scott Hamby, City of Scotts Valley Public Works
Veronica Elsea, Pedestrian Safety Work Group
Lynn Lauridsen, County Health Services Agency
Theresia Rogerson, County HSA, CTSC
Claire Fliesler, City of Santa Cruz Planner
Steve All – Citizen of the State of California

3. Announcements – Cory Caletti announced that the Cities of Santa Cruz and Capitola adopted the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Trail Network Master Plan and that the RTC received notice that a grant application is a finalist for a north coast rail trail project. The RTC will be notified by the end of June if the grant will be awarded.

4. Oral communications – Leo Jed announced that comments are due for Caltrans' California Transportation Plan 2040 by April 20th, 2015. Kem Akol announced that much work is underway at the Santa Cruz Wharf roundabout project. Emily Glanville announced the many upcoming activities planned for this spring's Bike to Work Week to be held between Friday, May 1st and Friday, May 8th. Karena Pushnik announced that the RTC is teaming with Ecology Action for a volunteer rail clean-up event during Bike to Work Week. Grace Blakeslee announced an upcoming Unified Corridor Plan workshop; Theresia Rogerson solicited volunteers for the spring bicycle and pedestrian observation study to take place mid-May to mid-June; and Rick Hyman announced that 2015 marks the Bicycle Advisory Committee's 40th anniversary and suggested a celebratory get together.
5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

6. Accepted draft minutes of the February 9, 2015 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
7. Accepted summary of Bicycle Hazard reports
8. Accepted Bicycle Advisory Committee roster
9. Accepted Draft 2015 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting schedule and tentative agenda items
10. Accepted letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee to the County Public Works recommending green bike lanes at interchanges
11. Accepted letter from the Community Traffic Safety Coalition to County Public Works in support of Green Lane Treatments at Freeway Interchanges in Santa Cruz County
12. Accepted February 9, 2015 Santa Cruz Sentinel Article *"Advocates proposing green lanes at freeway intersections"*
13. Accepted project update on the RTC's Unified Corridors Plan and consider participating in a survey and upcoming workshop
14. Approved recommendation that the RTC approve the FY 15/16 Transportation Development Act funding request for \$50,000 from Ecology Action for the agency's yearly Bike to Work program
15. Approved recommendation that the RTC approve the FY 15/16 Transportation Development Act funding request for \$100,000 from the County Health Services Agency for the Community Traffic Safety Coalition and Ride 'n Stride education program

REGULAR AGENDA

16. Office Elections – Cory Caletti thanked Chair Casterson and Vice-Chair Jed for their service for the past year A motion was made (Jed/Scott) to elect David Casterson for the Chair position for another one-year term. The motion passed unanimously with members Akol, Casterson, Scott,

Conlen, Hyman, Ott, Rau, Jed and Glanville voting in favor; no votes were cast in opposition. Another motion was made (Glanville/Conlen) to elect Leo Jed for another one-year terms as Vice-Chair. The motion passed unanimously with members Akol, Casterson, Scott, Conlen, Hyman, Ott, Rau, Jed and Glanville voting in favor; no votes were cast in opposition.

17. Receive an introduction of a new member, an update on reappointments, and a comment from the public on a reappointment recommendation – Cory Caletti announced the reappointments made at the RTC's April meeting for expired Bike Committee member and alternate terms. Melissa Ott, the newly appointed voting member representing the City of Santa Cruz, introduced herself.
18. "What Bicyclists and Pedestrians Want Each Other to Know" brochure proposal – Veronica Elsea, Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC) member and Karena Pushnik, RTC Senior Transportation Planner discussed a brochure that the E&D TAC produced modeled after the RTC's "What Bicyclists and Motorists Want to Know About Each Other" brochure geared towards pedestrian and motorist interfaces. Veronica Elsea, on behalf of the E&D TAC's Pedestrian Safety Work Group, recommended a similar brochure geared towards bicyclists and pedestrians. After some discussion, all agreed that one tri-mode brochure geared towards all three user groups be developed. Emily Glanville volunteered to work on that with Veronica. A draft will be brought back to the Bicycle Advisory Committee for consideration once available.
19. City of Scotts Valley proposed bicycle projects – The City of Scotts Valley Public Works Director Scott Hamby and consultant Jo Fleming soliciting ideas and feedback regarding Active Transportation Plan (ATP) projects that Scotts Valley should consider for grant applications. Various gaps in the bike network identified in the City of Scotts Valley Bicycle Plan were discussed, as well as additional needs for protected bicycle lanes, improved traffic actuation, improvements to Glen Canyon and Mt. Hermon Roads. New proposed routes were also considered.
20. Santa Cruz County Bicycle Route Signage Program: Draft 2015 Implementation Plan – Grace Blakeslee, RTC Senior Transportation Planner provided a presentation and summary of the draft implementation plan, solicited feedback and recommended that the Bicycle Committee recommend that the RTC adopt the draft plan at the May, 7th, RTC meeting. Members discussed the different routes proposed and suggested fine-tuning of the routing. A motion (Hyman/Scott) was made to recommend that the RTC adopt the Final 2015 Implementation Plan after incorporation of minor refinements. Member of the public Steve All provided a history of the "CycleNet" bike route numbering protocol that he designed and recommended that the numbering system be used for the signs (instead of the proposed destination based signs) and as route identification. Members and staff discussed the benefits and drawbacks of that system. The motion passed unanimously with members Akol, Casterson, Scott, Conlen, Hyman, Ott, Rau, Jed and Glanville voting in favor; no votes were cast in opposition.
21. Project check-ins and report out on Committee members' outreach –Will Menchine and Peter Scott discussed meetings with Commissioners Coonerty and McPherson regarding improvements suggested by the Committee and will be attending a follow-up meeting with County Public Works staff. Amelia Conlen discussed the ATP application that the City of Watsonville will submit to complete the segment of the rail trail within Watsonville (identified in the MBSST Master Plan as Segment 18). The Harbor bike improvements ad-hoc committee discussed various options for increased bike access and will present a written recommendation to the Committee after a follow-up meeting. Kem Akol also discussed the tie-in of such improvements to a grant that the County of Santa Cruz will be pursuing for the rail trail project between the Harbor and 17th Ave or 7th to 17th Avenue.

22. Member updates related to Committee Functions – Leo Jed provided legislative updates amending bicycle infraction diversion programs, the 3 foot passing law, reflectors and lighting requirements, cycletrack designs, and level of service definitions. He will provide further updates as bills move and are amended through the legislature.

23. Adjourned – 8:32 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 8, 2015**, 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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