



**Santa Cruz County Regional
Transportation Commission's
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Minutes - Draft

**Monday, June 8, 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
Peter Scott, District 3
Will Menchine, District 3 (Alt.)
Amelia Conlen, District 4
Bill Fieberling, City of Santa Cruz
Andy Ward, City of Capitola
Daniel Kostelec, City of Capitola (Alt.)
Leo Jed, CTSC, Vice-Chair
Emily Glanville, Ecology Action/Bike to Work

Staff:

Cory Caletti, Sr Transportation Planner
Rachel Moriconi, Sr Transportation Planner
Tegan Speiser, Sr Transportation Planner
Nathan Luedtke, Transportation Technician

Unexcused Absences:

Lex Rau, City of Scotts Valley

Excused Absences:

Gary Milburn, City of Scotts Valley (Alt.)
Holly Tyler, District 1 (Alt.)
David Casterson, District 2, Chair
Jim Cook, District 2 (Alt.)
Rick Hyman, District 5
Melissa Ott, City of Santa Cruz
Myrna Sherman, City of Watsonville
Piet Canin, Ecology Action/Bike-to-Work (Alt.)
Jim Langley, CTSC (Alt.)

Vacancies:

District 4 and 5 – Alternates
City of Watsonville – Alternate

Guests:

Michelle Shippen, Community member

3. Announcements – Cory Caletti provided an update on the RTC's application to the Federal Lands Access Program for a north coast rail trail project; the adopted Santa Cruz County Bike Route Signage Program and Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant application; another recent award of excellence for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST) Network Master Plan; the County's TIGER and ATP grant applications for a Live Oak rail trail project; and Watsonville's ATP grant application to complete the City of Watsonville's rail trail project.

4. Oral communications – Amelia Conlen reported that the City of Capitola will be considering allocating Capital Improvement Program funding for green bike lanes at three interchanges. A request was made to agendize a future discussion on green lane treatments.
5. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – None. Comments included acknowledgements of Rick Hyman's well crafted comments on the Unified Corridor Plan and Ecology Action's Bike Smart! South Santa Cruz County Youth Safety Training. A request was made for staff to inquire further into a hazard report that was submitted on 4/18/15 by Piet Canin.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

6. Accepted draft minutes of the April 13, 2015 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
7. Accepted summary of Bicycle Hazard reports
8. Accepted Bicycle Advisory Committee roster
9. Accepted Comments on the Unified Corridors Plan submitted by Committee member Rick Hyman
10. Accepted Ecology Action's Bike Smart! South Santa Cruz County Youth Safety Training Final Report
11. Accepted letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee to Caltrans in support of the City of Watsonville's Active Transportation Program grant application for the Walker Street rail trail project
12. Accepted letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee to Caltrans in support of the City of Santa Cruz's Active Transportation Program grant application for the Branciforte Creek bicycle and pedestrian bridge project
13. Accepted letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee to Caltrans in support of the RTC's Active Transportation Program grant application for the Santa Cruz County Bike Route Signage Program
14. Accepted letter from the Bicycle Advisory Committee in support of the County of Santa Cruz's TIGER grant application for the Live Oak rail trail project

REGULAR AGENDA

15. Cruz511 Traveler Information Service – A presentation was provided by Nathan Luedtke, RTC staff with the assistance of Tegan Speiser, RTC Senior Transportation Planner, on the launch of the Cruz511 traveler information service and available resources. Members commended staff and provided feedback on possible improvements for mobile devices, content reduction and easier user interface.
16. Draft Passenger Rail Feasibility Study - Rachel Moriconi, RTC Senior Transportation Planner, provided a presentation on the draft study, asked for feedback and indicated that the public comment period has been extended to July 31st, 2015. Bike related priorities include bike access on trains; bike parking at stations including racks, lockers and possibly bike cages; and concerns

regarding possible negative impacts to implementation of the rail trail project. Members also had questions regarding ridership numbers and requested that staff bring a report to a future meeting summarizing public comments received and the subsequent changes made to the plan as a result, as well as additional info on how ridership projections were derived.

17. Santa Cruz Harbor and vicinity destinations- Ad-hoc committee member Kem Akol (on behalf of the committee comprised of himself, Scott, Fieberling and Menchine) provided a summary of concerns related to intermittent bike access within the Santa Cruz Harbor area and presented recommendations. After some discussion, a motion was made (Akol/Scott) to request that the RTC pursue development of a Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor transportation study specifically identifying bicycle and pedestrian interconnectivity improvements and two-way access to surrounding destinations including Arana Gulch, the City's bike lanes on Murray Street, the future rail trail, and Twin Lakes State Beach. The ad-hoc committee recommended that the RTC initiate this study as it's seen as a regional issue that would unify the 3 jurisdictions of the Port District, the City of Santa Cruz and the County of Santa Cruz. The motion passed unanimously with members Akol, Scott, Conlen, Fieberling, Ward, Jed and Glanville voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.
18. Member updates related to Committee functions – Various updates on minor projects were provided. A discussion was held regarding the Bicycle Advisory Committee's 40th anniversary and its evolution through various governmental departments and many accomplishments. A motion was made (Akol/Ward) to request that the RTC host an event in celebration of this long-standing committee in order to acknowledge 1) decades of bicycle advocacy and engagement, 2) the RTC's commitment to improving non-motorized transportation by dedicating staff resources to the Committee, 3) long list of accomplishments, 4) past staff and, 5) long-standing members who've dedicated countless volunteer hours. The motion passed unanimously with members Akol, Scott, Conlen, Fieberling, Ward, Jed and Glanville voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.
19. Adjourned – 8:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, August 10, 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