



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

**BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**MEETING  
MINUTES  
Monday, July 8, 2024  
5:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

This meeting was held in person at the RTC Offices, 1101 Pacific Ave, Suite 250, Santa Cruz.  
Remote participation was via Zoom and followed AB 2449 requirements.

1. Call to Order: Chair Anna Kammer called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.
2. Introductions

**Members Present, in Person:**

Scott Roseman, District 1  
Aaron Robinson, District 2  
Sally Arnold, District 3  
Anna Kammer, District 4 (Chair)  
Theresia Rogerson, Dist. 5 (Alt.)  
Paula Bradley, City of Capitola  
Matt Farrell, City of Santa Cruz  
Matt Miller, Ecology Action  
Kelly Curlett, CTSC (Alt.)

**Members Remote, Voting under Just  
Cause or Emergency:**

**Staff:**

Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner  
Maxwell Friedman, Transportation Planner  
Brianna Goodman, Transportation Planner  
Sarah Christensen, Sr. Transportation Engineer

**Members Remote, Not Voting:**

Rick Hyman, District 5  
Leo Jed, CTSC

**Unexcused Absences:**

Gina Cole, City of Watsonville (Vice Chair)

**Excused Absences:**

Corrina McFarlane, District 1 (Alt.)  
John Hunt, District 2 (Alt.)  
Peter Scott, District 3 (Alt.)  
Steven Jonsson, District 4 (Alt.)  
Drew Rogers, City of Watsonville (Alt.)  
Jennifer Villegas Moreno, Ecology Action (Alt.)  
Jae Riddle, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)

**Vacancies:**

City Capitola – Alternate  
City of Scotts Valley – Primary  
City of Scotts Valley – Alternate

**Guests:**

Ben Vernazza  
Johanna Lighthill  
Gregory Becker

3. Considered any AB 2449 requests by voting members to participate remotely.
4. Staff announcements  
None
5. Oral communications

Ben Vernazza gave public comment on Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail expressing concerns with the overall safety of the planned width of the trail.

Johanna Lighthill gave public comment on behalf of Seacliff Improvement Association to spread awareness for their event on Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup> to increase awareness of bicycle and safety challenges in the area.

Gregory Becker gave public comment on past public opinion relating to a 2020 survey on rail service.

6. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas  
Staff announced that oral communications of public comment was posted to the webpage under Handout for Item 5 along with the regular agenda.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

7. Approved draft minutes of the May 13, 2024, Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting.
8. Received Summary of Hazard Reports
9. Recommended to the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) the nomination of new committee appointment
10. Accepted and received Letter of Support for RTC ATIIP Application

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Roseman/Farrell).

Passed unanimously with Scott Roseman, Aaron Robinson, Sally Arnold, Anna Kammer, Theresia Rogerson, Paula Bradley, Matt Farrell, Matt Miller, and Kelly Curlett voting in favor.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

11. Updates related to Committee functions (oral updates)  
Matt Miller discussed recent trip to The Netherlands hosted by Ecology Action to better understand their bicycle infrastructure. He stated that Ecology Action is preparing a presentation and short documentary on the trip.

Anna Kammer reported that B-Cycle is now in in North County, and they are going to hold off their rollout south of Aptos until next Spring. They are waiting to release B-Cycle in south county to wait for a \$7 million dollar mobility grant from California Air Resources Board targeted at improving mobility in Watsonville. B-Cycle is also trying to determine optimal bike share station placement.

Theresia Rogerson voiced support for hazard reports in identifying unsafe locations to improve said locations before a collision can take place.

12. Climate Adaptation Vulnerability Assessment (CAVA) and Transportation Priorities Milestone Update from RTC staff

Brianna Goodman, Transportation Planner (Presentation)

Staff described the metrics used for prioritization, demonstrated online outreach portal for feedback for CAVA, and gave updates on the state of the plan.

Committee members were impressed by the updates and may offer feedback online as individuals but did not offer their priorities during the item.

13. Zero Emission Passenger Rail & Trail Project (ZEPRT) update from RTC staff Sarah Christensen, Sr. Transportation Engineer (Presentation)

Staff presented updates on the current state of Zero-Emission Passenger Rail and Trail Project. The project has moved into the second milestone phase in which rail vehicle types and a first alignment are being considered. Community engagement has been conducted to garner feedback on the two previous topics.

Committee members provided feedback regarding the first alignment of ZEPRT. Committee members mentioned that they would like to see the fewest diversions possible through acquiring additional ROW or whatever it takes to mitigate diversions for safe cycling, with several mentioning the 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue area in particular. Members voiced the desire for the trail to be kept as close to the rail line as possible, while acknowledging cost and environmental concerns, and stated that diversions would need to be fully protected from motor vehicles. Members also commented that the trail should connect to Monterey County, commented that financial feasibility of the project is critical, and suggested the consideration of advanced bicycle parking facilities at stations similar to but at a smaller scale than what can be found in The Netherlands.

Committee members provided feedback for ZEPRT vehicle types stating that they would like to support whichever vehicle is most accessible to cyclists.

14. Adjourn 8:00

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Bicycle Committee meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2024, from 5:30pm to 8:00pm at the RTC Offices. Members of the public and non-voting Committee alternates may join remotely.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:  
Maxwell Friedman, Transportation Planner