



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

**MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 14, 2025
5:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

This meeting was held in person at the Aptos Branch Library, 7695 Soquel Dr, Aptos, CA.
Remote participation was via Zoom and followed AB 2449 requirements.

1. Call to Order: Chair Anna Kammer called the meeting to order at 5:47 pm.

2. Introductions

Members Present, in Person:

Scott Roseman, District 1
Aaron Robinson, District 2
Sally Arnold, District 3
Anna Kammer, District 4 (Chair)
Rick Hyman, District 5
Theresa Rogerson, Dist. 5 (Alt.)
Paula Bradley, City of Capitola
Matt Farrell, City of Santa Cruz
Bill Arnold, City of Scotts Valley
Gina Cole, City of Watsonville (Vice Chair)
Matt Miller, Ecology Action
Kelly Curlett, CTSC (Alt.)

Members Remote, Voting under Just Cause or Emergency: None

Staff:

Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner
Max Friedman, Transportation Planner

Members Remote, Not Voting:

Corrina McFarlane, District 1 (Alt.)
Alex Santiago, District 3 (Alt.)
Leo Jed, CTSC

Unexcused Absences: None

Excused Absences:

Steven Jonsson, District 4 (Alt.)
Jae Riddle, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)
Jennifer Villegas Moreno, Ecology Action (Alt.)

Vacancies:

District 2 - Alternate
City Capitola - Alternate
City of Scotts Valley - Alternate
City of Watsonville - Alternate

Guests:

Claire Gallogly, City of Santa Cruz
Rebecca Downing, RTC Commissioner
Jack Brown, Member of the public
Johanna Lighthill, Member of the public
Ari Newby, Member of the public
Ron Goodman, Member of the public

3. Considered any AB 2449 requests by voting members to participate remotely: None.

4. Staff announcements: The dates for the equity training changed to 4/23 and 4/24.

5. Oral communications

Gina Cole announced recent and upcoming Watsonville group rides. Rebecca Downing promoted A Week Without Driving, an event where elected and appointed officials are

asked to take alternative transportation to better understand the needs of those who commute through alternative modes. Jack Brown noted that the RTC hazard report form was not functioning properly.

6. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas: Staff announced the handout for item 5.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Approved minutes of the March 17, 2025, Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting as amended.
8. Received Summary of Hazard Reports
9. Recommended the RTC approve the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claim for the FY 25/26 Vision Zero Program from the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency
10. Accepted the nomination of new Bicycle Advisory Committee appointments

A Committee member requested a correction to the minutes and a Committee member commended the County Vision Zero Program.

A motion was made (Roseman/Farrell) to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously with Roseman, Robinson, Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Bradley, Farrell, Cole, Miller, and Curlett voting in favor.

REGULAR AGENDA

11. Presentation on Netherlands Cycling Trip - Matt Miller, Ecology Action

Matt Miller gave a presentation on a trip organized by Ecology Action in which elected officials and government employees in Santa Cruz County visited the Netherlands in 2024 to learn about and experience their bicycle infrastructure, transportation network planning approach, all-age target user approach, and how to employ lessons learned to advance innovative local projects.

12. Review and provide input on Bay Corridor Design Project – Claire Gallogly, City of Santa Cruz

Claire Gallogly presented the Bay Corridor Project, a comprehensive initiative to develop a complete street connecting West Cliff Drive to the University of California, Santa Cruz. The project is currently at 10% design. The project includes pedestrian, bicycle, and transit improvements along Bay Street/Drive. She sought Committee input on several elements. She clarified that the City is creating concept-level plans for roundabouts but is not constructing them as part of this project. The project is intended to be ready for construction to coincide with adjacent Caltrans work at the

Mission St/Bay St intersection. She clarified that any proposed turn restrictions for motor vehicles would allow bicyclists to pass.

Individual Committee members provided the following feedback and questions:

- The school bus pull-out should instead be an in-lane stop like the METRO bus stops.
- Concerns were expressed about vehicle speeds on Escalona Drive, particularly for cyclists navigating downhill traffic, and about mixing pedestrians and fast e-bike riders in an intersection “scramble” phase.
- Commendation of aspects of the project, including improved connections from lower California Avenue to the rail trail, bus stop improvements, left-turn restrictions at side streets, and the proposed treatment at the Bay St/California Ave intersection.
- Existing bike lanes on Bay Street south of California Ave are generally adequate as is, and proposed improvements there will somewhat duplicate the investment in the rail trail. Concerns were raised about the proposed two-way bikeway (cycle track) being only 8 feet wide in some areas, including limited maneuverability due to raised curbs, potential conflicts with oncoming bicycles—particularly e-bikes—and the need for multiple street crossings. Retention of a bike lane on the opposite side of the street from the two-way bikeway was requested.
- Recommendations were provided for additional bike markings for the King St/Bay St intersection, installing a robust crossing at Seaside Street, incorporating traffic calming measures, considering bike-specific signal phases only at certain times of day, and considering sidewalk widening in front of the school, provided that the northbound bike lane is preserved.

Public member Ron Goodman commented that there is a need for further data collection to better understand pedestrian and bicycle behaviors, particularly among school-aged children who may not consistently follow traffic laws and at the signalized intersections.

13. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is a special meeting scheduled for May 12, 2025, 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:
Max Friedman, Transportation Planner